**Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.**

**Special Called Meeting**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:30AM**

**320 S. Ohio**

**Board Members Present:**

Fred Gonzalez – President

Joe Flores – Vice President

Tony Garza – Treasurer

Jaime Gonzales – Secretary

Roel Villanueva- Member

Manuel Garza– Member

David Garza – Member

**Board Members Absent:**

**EDC Staff Present:**

Rose Saenz – Administrative Coordinator

**City Staff Present:**

Anthony Trioni – DCM Interim Attorney

**Others Present:**

Roberto Carrillo - Givilancz & Martinez PLLC

**1. Call Meeting to order**

Fred Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM.

**2. Discussion and Action: Minutes for December 12, 2019**

Tony Garza motioned to approve the December 12, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye. David Garza abstained; he stated he is a new Board member and was not present at the December Board meeting.

**3. Discussion and Action: Financial Report for November 2019 and December 2019**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the November 2019 and December 2019 financials as presented. Seconded by Manuel Garza. All voted aye. David Garza abstained; he stated he is a new Board member and was not present at the December Board meeting.

**4. Discussion and Action: Election of Officers**

Tony Garza motioned to keep the current Officers. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

**5. Discussion and Action: Appointment to the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce**

David Garza motioned to keep Fred Gonzalez as the DCM appointment to the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Tony Garza.

**6. Discussion: Mercedes Light Industrial Park Fencing**

Joe Flores suggested to reject the job proposal provided by Mario Gonzalez.

**7. Discussion and Action: FY 17-18 Audit**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to table the FY 17-18 Audit as it is not finalized by the Auditors. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye. David Garza stated the Audit should be presented as soon as it is ready and would like to be present at the exit interview.

**8. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project L. Muro, Project R. Hiojosa, Project S. Pena and Section 551.071: pending legal issues Project Bertholf and on any regular agenda item requiring confidential, attorney-client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said item as needed.**

*The Board went into Executive Session at 12:09 PM*

*The Board went into Open Session at 1:43 PM*

**9. Discussion and Action: item #8**

Joe Flores motioned to have DCM Attorney review the contract payoff on Project L. Muro. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

David Garza motioned to proceed with Legal: Project Bertholf as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

Joe Flores excused himself; Sylvia Pena presented her project to the Board and was asked for additional collateral. Tony Garza motioned to proceed with Project S. Pena as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

Project R. Hinojosa: Tony Garza excused himself, No Action

**10. Adjournment:** 1:51 PM

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Fred Gonzalez, President Joe Flores, Jr., Vice President

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Tony Garza, Treasurer Jaime Gonzales, Secretary

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Roel Villanueva, Member Manuel Garza, Member

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David Garza, Member