**Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.**

**Virtual Special Called Meeting**

**Thursday, August 20, 2020 4:00PM**

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**Board Members Present:**

Tony Garza – Treasurer

Jaime Gonzales – Secretary

Roel Villanueva- Member

David Garza – Member

Peggy Marie Chavez – Yanez - Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Fred Gonzalez – President

Joe Flores – Vice President

**EDC Staff Present:**

Melissa Ramirez – Executive Director

Rose Saenz – Administrative Coordinator

**City Staff Present:**

Mark Sossi – DCM Interim Attorney

**Others Present:**

Roberto Carrillo – Givilancz & Martinez

Frank San Martin – Hollis Rutledge and Associates

**1. Call Meeting to order**

Tony Garza called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

**2. Discusion and Action: Minutes for August 6, 2020 and August 13, 2020**

Jamie Gonzales motioned to approve the August 6, 2020 and August 13, 2020 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. Peggy Marie Chavez – Yanez abstained, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales, Roel Villanueva and David Garza voted aye.

**3. Discussion and Action: Financial Report for July 2020**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve the July 2020 Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

**4. Discussion and Action: FY18-19 Audit Corrective Action**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the FY18-19 Audit Corrective Action as presented. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**5. Discussion: FY20-21 Budget**

No Action

**6. Discussion and Action: Resolution Approving the Modification and Extension of the Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc. Junior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2016**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the Resolution Approving the Modification and Extension of the Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc. Junior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2016. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**7. Discussion and Action: Recommendations for Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant Program**

No Action

**8. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Marisa de Leon**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Marisa de Leon – DBA RGV Music Therapy and Wellness Center, LLC. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**9. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Raquel Pina**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $4,910 for Raquel Pina – DBA Amistad Adult Day Care. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

**10. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Martha Adame**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Martha Adame – DBA Elsy’s Jewelery. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

**11. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mario Dominguez**

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**12. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mario Dominguez, Jr.**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Mario Dominguez, Jr. – DBA The Smoking Oak. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**13. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Alejandrina Telles**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Alejandrina Telles – DBA Alejandrina S. Telles State Farm Ins. Agency. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**14. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Elida Rizo**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Elida Rizo – DBA Fancy Nails & Salon. Seconded by David Garza. Tony Garza abstained, Jaime Gonzales, Roel Villanueva, David Garza and Peggy Marie Chavez – Yanez voted aye.

**15. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Chris Desiga**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Chris Desiga – DBA Texas Express Lube. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**16. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Guadalupe Cano**

David Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Guadalupe Cano – DBA Moore’s Ride, Food and Concessions for not meeting the required application criteria. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**17. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Jaime Perez**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Jaime Perez – DBA South Texas Automart. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**18. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Jesse Ledesma**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Jesse Ledesma – DBA Ledesma 505. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**19. Discusion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Fidel Bonilla**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Fidel Bonilla – Pineda Enterprises LLC DBA Salinas Meat Market. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**20. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project Tree and Project Salsa and Section 551.071: pending legal issues with Project Residency and Project CL Healthcare 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 4:37 PM*

*The Board went into Open Session at 4:46 PM*

**21. Discussion and Action: item#20**

Roel Villanueva motioned to decline Project Tree as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

Project Salsa No Action

Jaime Gonzales motioned to have the DCM Attorney draft a modification and extension for Project Residency and Project CL Healthcare. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

**22. Adjournment:** 4:47 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 David Garza, Member

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Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez, Member