**Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.**

**Virtual Special Called Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:30AM**

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**Board Members Present:**

Joe Flores – Vice President

Tony Garza – Treasurer

Jaime Gonzales – Secretary

David Garza – Member

Peggy Marie Chavez – Yanez - Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Fred Gonzalez – President

Roel Villanueva- Member

**EDC Staff Present:**

Melissa Ramirez – Executive Director

Rose Saenz – Administrative Coordinator

**City Staff Present:**

Mark Sossi – DCM Interim Attorney

**Others Present:**

Rachel Hinojosa – SS Auto Body Solutions

**1. Call Meeting to order**

Joe Flores called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

**2. Discussion and Action: October 8, 2020 Minutes**

David Garza motioned to table the October 8, 2020 Minutes pending corrections. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**3. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Dr. Barbara Baggerly – Hinojosa, $3,000 – DBA Leadership Empowerment Group**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**4. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Elizabeth de la Cerda, $3,000 – DBA Lyz’s Jewelry Box**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**5. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – San Juanita Gonzalez, $2,964.62 –DBA – Hairs ‘R’ Us**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**6. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mateo Diaz IV, $3,000 – DBA – 1008 Services LLC**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**7. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Amadia Gonzalez, $3,000 – DBA – Lullaby’s Daycare**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**8. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mateo Diaz IV, $5,000 – DBA – Treehouse Rehabilitation Center**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**9. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mateo Diaz IV, $5,000 – DBA – Next Level Wheel and Tire**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**10. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Mirelda Perales, $5,000 – DBA – Los Comales Restaurant**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**11. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Chandra Sanchez, $5,000 – DBA – Valor Fitness LLC**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**12. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Samantha Castaneda, $3,000 – DBA – South Texas Sunflowers Co.**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**12. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Donald Morales, $3,000 – DBA – Ta-Co-Madre**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**13. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – John Hinkle, $5,000 – DBA – Mid Valley Pharmacy LLP**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**14. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Heriberto Reynoso, $5,000 – DBA – Reybotics LLC**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**15. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Raul Cantu, $3,000 – DBA – Kool Stuff**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**16. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Raul Cantu, $3,000 – DBA – Kool Stuff**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**17. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Raquel Hinojosa, $3,000**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Raquel Hinojosa – DBA Raquel’s Daycare. Seconded by Tony Garza. Joe Flores, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales and Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez voted aye. David Garza voted Nay. David Garza stated for the record that the City Commission voted to approve the verbage for the grant to allow businesses in a residential setting but what the commission didn’t do was to remove the item from the press release which was one of the guidelines small businesses can not be a home based operation. Mark Sossi stated there is no reason not to approve as long as they are viable home based business and it would fall within the grant.

**18. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Jessica Pena, $3,000 – DBA – Bouncing Caterpillar**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant applications line items 3 through 18 with the exception of line item 17 to be discussed separately. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**19. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Luis Fernandez, $3,000**

Tony Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Luis Fernandez – DBA L&F Transport for not being in a commercial setting. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**20. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Dalia de la O Carr, $3,000**

Tony Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Dalia de la O Carr – DBA El Fenix Café for no quarterly reports, no sales tax reports and no taxes filed. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. Joe Flores, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales and Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez voted aye. David Garza voted Nay.

**21. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Andres A Casarez, $3,000**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Andres A Casarez – DBA Andy’s Auto and Truck Service for owing property taxes. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. All voted aye.

**22. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Karina Rivera, $3,000**

David Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Karina Rivera – DBA Mi Casa Restaurant for no business license and failed fire inspection. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. All voted aye.

**23. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Claudia Montoya, $3,000**

David Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Claudia Montoya – DBA Jojo’s for an incomplete application and no backup documentation. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**24. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Laura Luna, $3,000**

Tony Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Laura Luna – DBA Blue Moon Carwash for an incomplete application and no backup documentation. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**25. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Graciela C. Perez, $9,000**

David Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Laura Luna – DBA Gracie’s Hair & More, Brain Freeze and G&L General Services LLC for an incomplete application and no backup documentation. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

**26. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Christopher Desiga, $5,000**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Christopher Desiga – DBA Texas Express Lube for no quarterly reports, no 1099s and no tax returns. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**27. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Javier Moroles, $5,000**

Tony Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Javier Moroles – DBA Mercedes Dairy Queen for being over the employment cap of 15 with 19 current employees. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. Joe Flores, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales and Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez voted aye. David Garza voted Nay.

**28. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Catalina Mata, $5,000**

Tony Garza motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Catalina Mata – DBA Cathy’s Income Tax Service for being evicted. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. All voted aye.

**29. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Ashley Werbiski, $3,000**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to deny Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application for Ashley Werbiski – DBA Bailey Ambers Boutique for not being a separate business from her Photography business. Seconded by Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez. All voted aye.

**30. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project J. San Miguel and Section 551.071: pending legal issues 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 12:01 PM*

*The Board went into Open Session at 12:11 PM*

**31. Discussion and Action: item#30**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to release the lien for the trailer and collateralize the Kenworth with the borrower paying all the appropriate costs for Project J. San Miguel. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye. The author amended the motion to release the lien for the trailer and collateralize the 2012 Kenworth with the borrower paying all the appropriate costs for Project San Miguel. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**6. Adjournment:** 12:12 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