**Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.**

**Virtual Special Called Meeting**

**Thursday, October 8 , 2020 4:00PM**

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**Board Members Present:**

Fred Gonzalez – President

Joe Flores – Vice President

Tony Garza – Treasurer

Jaime Gonzales – Secretary

Roel Villanueva- Member

David Garza – Member

Peggy Marie Chavez – Yanez - Member

**Board Members Absent:**

**EDC Staff Present:**

Melissa Ramirez – Executive Director

Rose Saenz – Administrative Coordinator

**City Staff Present:**

Sergio Zavala – City Manager

Mark Sossi – DCM Interim Attorney

**Others Present:**

Rachel Hinojosa – SS Auto Body Solutions

**1. Call Meeting to order**

Fred Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**2. Discussion and Action: September 24, 2020 Minutes**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the September 24, 2020 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Joe Flores. David Garza abstained, Fred Gonzalez, Joe Flores, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales, Roel Villanueva and Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez voted aye.

**3. Discussion and Action: Consideration to amend the Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant Eligibility Criteria to include Businesses in a Residential Setting**

Tony Garza motioned to let the City amend and make the rule change on the Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant Eligibility Criteria to include Businesses in a Residential setting. Seconded by Joe Flores. Tony Garza amended his motion to approve the consideration to amend the Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant Eligibility Criteria to include Businesses in a Residential Setting and forward to City for final rule change. Seconded by Joe Flores. Fred Gonzalez, Joe Flores, Tony Garza, Jaime Gonzales, Roel Villanueva and Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez voted aye. David Garza voted nay. David Garza stated for the record that it was not the original motion that Tony Garza made. He first said to turn it over to the city let them decide, now we are endorsing this not the original motion and it is going against the original rules of this COVID 19. Mark Sossi stated the author amended the motion.

**4. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Manuela Garza, $3,000**

Tony Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Manuela Garza – Sackk’s Party Supplies & Gifts. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

**5. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Melva Escobar Pedraza, $3,000**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Melva Escobar Pedraza – DBA Mexican Advertising. Seconded by Tony Garza. All voted aye.

**6. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Juan Otero, $3,000**

Tony Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $3,000 for Juan Otero – DBA Yi & Ye’s Ice Cream. Seconded by David Garza. All voted aye.

**7. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Dora Garcia, $5,000**

David Garza motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Dora Garcia – DBA Jose’s Cafecito Courtyard Catering. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

**8. Discussion and Action: Mercedes Small Business Recovery Grant – Raquel Hinojosa, $5,000**

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve Mercedes Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant application in the amount of $5,000 for Raquel Hinojosa – DBA SS Auto Body Solutions. Seconded by David Garza. Tony Garza abstained, Fred Gonzalez, Joe Flores, Jaime Gonzales, Roel Villanueva, Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez and David Garza voted aye.

**9. Discussion and Action: Changing the Meeting Day and Time**

Joe Flores motioned to change the Meeting Day and Time to Wednesdays at 11:30am moving forward starting with the next meeting. Seconded by Jaime Gonzales. All voted aye.

**10. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project J. Martinez and Project Tree 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 4:29 PM*

*The Board went into Open Session at 4:48 PM*

**11. Discussion and Action: item#10**

Tony Garza motioned to defer loan payments for six months on Project J. Martinez, as long as all late fees be paid. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the $40,000 Incentive request for site improvements payable upon an issued Certificate of Occupancy for Project Tree, offer expires on December 30, 2020. Seconded by Joe Flores. All voted aye.

**6. Adjournment:** 4:50 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