

MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

March 04, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Midland Development Corporation convened in regular session at the Midland Chamber of Commerce board room, 303 West Wall Street, Suite 200, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on March 04, 2024.

Board Members present: Chairman Lourcey Sams, Director Jill Pennington, Director Brad Bullock, and Director Elvie Brown. Director Berry Simpson, and Director Zachary Deck.

Board Members absent: Director Chase Gardaphe

Staff Members present: Assistant City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump, Director Finance Christy Weakland, Chief of Staff Taylor Novack, and Chief Deputy City Secretary Vanessa Magallanes

Council Member(s) present: Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes

MDC Staff Members present: Executive Director Sara Harris, Marketing & Administrative Coordinator Gabrielle Franks, and Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator Sammi Steel

1. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Sams called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

2. Motion approving the minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting of the Midland Development Corporation.

Director Simpson moved to approve minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting of the Midland Development Corporation, seconded by Director Deck. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Bullock, Pennington, and Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Gardaphe.

3. Presentation from Eric McManus, Texas Chapter President of the Space Force Association, on establishing the headquarters of Space Force Association Texas, Inc., in the City of Midland.

Eric McManus, Texas Chapter President of the Space Force Association gave a presentation over the headquarters establishing the main office in Midland, Texas. Presentation from YMCA Midland on their northwest expansion project.

4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a promotional agreement with Space Force Association Texas, Inc., to advertise and publicize the City of Midland for the purpose of developing new and expanded business enterprises.

Director Deck moved to approve Resolution ED-457 authorizing the execution of a promotional agreement with Space Force Association Texas, Inc., to advertise and publicize the City of Midland for the purpose of developing new and expanded business enterprises., seconded by Director Simpson. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Sams, Bullock, Pennington, and Brown. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Gardaphe.

5. Resolution amending the Personnel Policies of the Midland Development Corporation.

Director Bullock moved to approve Resolution ED-458 amending the Personnel Policies of the Midland Development Corporation., seconded by Director Deck. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Simpson, Sams, Brown, and Pennington. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Gardaphe.

6. Presentation on the February 2024 monthly expenses and economic development activity report from the Midland Development Corporation Executive Director and staff.

Sara Harris gave an overview of the month's expenses, and economic development activity. Gabrielle Franks updated the board with the social media stats. Sammi Steele gave an overview of the business retention and expansion program in February.

Board recessed into executive session at 10:44 a.m.

7. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.101, the Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session, which is closed to the public to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following Texas Government Code Sections:

- a. Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- i. Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

- b. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

- i. Discuss business prospects that the Midland Development Corporation seeks to have, locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Midland, Texas, and discuss possible incentives, and discuss contract compliance on the part of businesses.

Board reconvened into open session at 11:40 a.m.

All the business at hand having been completed, Chairman Sams adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Magallanes, Chief Deputy City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED the 8th Day of April 2024.

Jill Pennington, Secretary