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**AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the Town of Horizon City, Texas will be held on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at City Council Chambers Room, 15001 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, at which time the following will be discussed and considered:

**** OPEN MEETINGS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DISASTER PERIOD ****

After declaring a state emergency on March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act that require governmental officials and the public to be physically present at the public meeting location in order to reduce face-to-face contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Participation by members of the public is welcome. To participate in public comment, interested members of the public MUST sign up prior to the meeting by emailing vrojas@horizonedc.com or calling (915) 852-1046, EXT #113, or submit their comment or question by emailing vrojas@horizonedc.com and the comments will be read during the Open Forum or the appropriate agenda item.

An electronic copy of the meeting agenda materials will be posted on our City Website at the following link: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/928>.

To watch by videoconference:

Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting
<https://horizoncityeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.my.webex.com/horizoncityeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.my/j.php?MTID=mfd03671faad36487d623a58903ed6f75>
Tuesday, Oct 20, 2020 6:30 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 126 632 9592
Password: SvCZ9Drat33 (78299372 from phones and video systems)

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1. **Call to order; Establishment of Quorum**
2. **Approval of Minutes from:** September 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
3. **Discussion:**

On recent activities by the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

4. Discussion:

On an update of activities at the Horizon Tech Accelerator Program and a presentation by Tailored Alloys, an HTAP participant.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

5. Discussion and Action:

On an update of the progress toward creating a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to support commercial activity in Horizon City.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director/Horizon City CIP Manager

6. Executive Session

The Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors of the Town of Horizon City may recess into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, under Article 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney; 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property; 551.073 – Deliberation Regarding Gifts and Donations; 551.074 – Personnel Matters; 551.076 – Deliberation Regarding Security Devices and 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

A. Discussion and Action:

Real Estate: On the negotiations for real property in Horizon City’s Transit Oriented Development/Town Center project. (551.071 and 551.072)

Presenter: Special Counsel

7. Adjournment:

Dated this Friday, October 16, 2020

By: _____
Veronica Rojas, Board Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the Town of Horizon City, Texas is a correct copy of this notice, and that I posted this notice at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Hall Bulletin Boards of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on this Friday, October 16, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Removed: _____ Time _____ By _____

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**MINUTES
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Notice is hereby given that a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the Town of Horizon City, Texas was held on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM**, at Virtual Meeting, 15001 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, at which time the following was discussed and considered:

To watch by video conference:

Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting

<https://horizonicityeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.my.webex.com/horizonicityeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.my/j.php?MTID=mb364887fe1686ca2482626b83550c6d4>

Meeting number: 126 786 9067

Password: JXnnhmF6c54 (59664636 from phones and video systems)

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1. Call to Order: Establishment of Quorum

Board Members Present: Walter Miller, Jerry Garcia, Kevin Richardson, Allie Lozano, Justin Chapman and EDC Executive Director Michael Hernandez. Absent Board Members: Bob Jarvis and Karina Hagelsieb.
Quorum Established

Staff Members Present: CIP Manager Terry Quezada; Asst. City Atty. Bertha Ontiveros; Board Treasurer Pat Randleel; Horizon City Planning Director Michelle Padilla; City Clerk Elvia Schuller; Executive Assistant Veronica Rojas; IT Specialist Josue Mendoza

2. Approval of Minutes from: August 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

The above-stated minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Jerry Garcia and seconded by Board Member Justin Chapman. Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0).

3. Discussion:

On recent activities by the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

EDC Executive Director Michael Hernandez spoke regarding this item.

4. Discussion and Action:

On outreach to property owners and business operators within the proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone in support of growing commercial activity in Horizon City.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada gave update on the TIRZ project. No action required on this item.

5. Discussion and Action:

On a proposed plan and possible agreement with the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness to study the COVID-19 pandemic impact on Horizon City's marketplace and commercial activity.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

A motion to move forward with having the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness perform a market study and pandemic's impact on Horizon City's marketplace and commercial activity was made by Board Member Jerry Garcia and seconded by Kevin Richardson. The motion allows the EDC to approve an agreement to work with the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness for a study of the pandemic's impact on Horizon City's economy in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The agreement is subject to approval by Horizon City Council, further review of the institute's proposal by board members as well as review of previous, comparable studies the institute has performed. Motion Carried Unanimously (4,0)

6. Discussion and Action:

On an amendment to an agreement with Amelia Limon for custodial services provided to the Horizon City EDC.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

A motion to approve an amendment to an agreement with Amelia Licon for custodial services provided to the the Horizon City EDC increasing pay rate from \$13.64 to \$14.20 was made by Board Member Kevin Richardson and seconded by Board Member Allie Lozano. Motion carried unanimously (4,0)

7. Discussion and Action:

On the appointment of officers for the Horizon City EDC Board of Directors and the appointment of Veronica Rojas as the board's secretary.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

A motion on the appointment of officers on an annual basis for the Horizon City EDC Board of Directors and the appointment of Veronica Rojas as the board's secretary was made by Board Member Jerry Garcia and seconded by Kevin Richardson. Motion carried unanimously (4,0)

8. Discussion and Action:

On an amendment to an employment agreement with Michael Hernandez for his work as executive director of the Horizon City EDC.

Presenter: EDC Board President

A motion on an amendment to an employment agreement with Michael Hernandez for his work as executive director of the Horizon EDC consisting of a two-year term and 3% increase was made by Board Member Kevin Richardson and seconded by Board Member Justin Chapman. Motion carried unanimously (4,0)

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10. Adjournment:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Justin Chapman and seconded by Jerry Garcia to adjourn at 7:38PM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Board Secretary, Veronica Rojas

Board President