MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 PLEASANTVIEW DR. - WESLACO, TEXAS
PRESIDING: HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, PRESIDENT

President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked for the roll to be called. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum of the Board and the Membership was present. President Garcia then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes. Regarding item 2.A. – Membership Meeting of May 22, 2013 Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez noticed an error in the last line of the last paragraph on the last page stating that President Gonzalez instead of President Brewer was noted to have adjourned the meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Regarding item 2.B. – Board Meeting of November 20, 2013 Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes President Garcia moved to item 3.A. - Public Comments. There being none, the President moved to item 3.B. – Consider Annual Work Program and Budget Committee Recommendation, item 1. – Adoption of FY 2014 Annual Work Program. Mr. Don Medina made a motion to adopt the Annual Work Program as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. The President then moved to item 2. – Adoption of FY 2014 Annual Budget, Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to adopt the FY 2014 Annual Budget as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Garcia moved to item 3.C. – Board Recognition and presented a plaque to Mayor Steve Brewer for outstanding dedication and service to the Board from 2007 – 2014. A plaque was also prepared for J. Shane Cameron for outstanding dedication and service from 2011 – 2014, however Mr. Cameron was unable to attend and Ms. Virginia Lomas accepted the plaque on his behalf.

Upon conclusion of Board recognitions President Garcia moved to item 3.D. – Consider Approval RE: Quarterly and Annual investment Report. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion to approve the Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of Administration items President Garcia moved to item 4. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Regarding Item A. - Status Reports from Police Academy Mr. Paul Williams noted that the status report was in the folders for review and introduced his new staff member, Iliana Duran.

President Garcia next moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 5.A. - Ratify Executive Committee Action RE: Applications Submitted to Texas Veterans Commission under the “Housing for Texas Heroes” program and the “General Assistance” grant program, Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that these applications were submitted on behalf of the LRGVDC
to provide housing and general assistance to LRGV veterans. The housing program will provide home modifications for veterans, widows of veterans, spouses or dependents. The total amount requested for the housing program is under $500,000 for a two year period. The general assistance program will provide home delivered meals, medication assistance, medical transportation and respite care. This program will also target veterans, widows of veterans, spouses or dependents. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to ratify Executive Committee Action regarding applications submitted to Texas Veterans Commission under the “Housing for Texas Heroes” and the “General Assistance” programs. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Garcia next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 6.A.1. – Recommendations for Approval of Regional Small Cities Coalition Committee Officers, Ms. Salinas reported that the Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

Chair - Mrs. Judy Davila, City of Sullivan City for a one year term
Vice Chair – Mr. Ben Medina, City of Rio Hondo for a 2 year term
Secretary/Treasurer – Ms. Lydia Moreno, City of Lyford for a 1 year term
Member-at-Large 1 – Ms. Aida Gutierrez, City of Combes for a 2 year term
Member-at-Large 2 – Mr. Oscar Ramirez, City of Donna for a 1 year term

**Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion to approve the Regional Small Cities Coalition Committee officers as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President then moved to item 7. - Report from Valley Metro, A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Interlocal Agreement with Edinburg Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Mr. Logan informed the Board that this agreement would authorize the Executive Director to review, negotiate and sign the final contract. The EEDC is willing to convey the real property to the LRGVDC with a special warranty deed for the construction of a multimodal transit facility. The value of the land would be used as a local match. **Council Member Homer Jasso made a motion to approve the Interlocal agreement with the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) as presented. Mayor Leo “Polo” Palacios seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Garcia next moved to item 8. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and noted that the Environmental Resources, Solid Waste Management and HUD Disaster Recovery Funding status reports were in the Board folders for review. The President next moved to item 9. – Report from Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 9.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendation on Nominations for HSAC Chair and Vice Chair Mr. Cruz stated that the HSAC recommends re-election of City of Mission Fire Chief Richard Saldana as Chair and City of Brownsville EMC Jeff Johnston as Vice Chair. **Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion for approval of the HSAC nominations for chair and vice-chair as recommended by the committee. Council Member Homer Jasso seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of discussion Mr. Cruz noted that the program status reports were in the Board folders for review.

The President next moved to item 9.B. – Criminal Justice Program, item 1. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Membership. Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC recommends the appointment of Ms. Rose Gomez to fill the vacancy in the Juvenile Justice category. **Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion for approval of Ms. Rose Gomez as the Juvenile Justice representative as recommended by the CJAC. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the program status reports for Criminal Justice and Metropolitan Medical Response System were in the Board folders for review.

President Garcia next moved to item 10. – Report from 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez. Mr. Gomez noted that the program status reports were in the Board folders for review and mentioned that when cities change street names without using the appropriate follow through to notify the 9-1-1 Department and other entities staff experienced difficulties in the 9-1-1 data base.
Upon conclusion of discussion President Garcia moved to item 11. – Old or new Business: there being none, at 12:55 p.m. President Garcia adjourned into Executive Session for the Annual Evaluation and Salary Consideration of the Executive Director. Regular session resumed at 12:59 p.m. at which time Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion to approve the Executive Committee recommendation of a 3% salary increase for the Executive Director. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board President Garcia called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Henry Hinojosa so moved; Council Member Homer Jasso seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

ATTEST:

Mayor Tony Martinez, 1st Vice-President

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary