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**AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the Town of Horizon City, Texas will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 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:

Participation by members of the public is welcome during the Open Forum portion of the agenda. 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. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

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>.

1. Call to order; Establishment of Quorum

2. Open Forum:

3. Approval of Minutes from: October 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. **3**

4. Discussion: **5**

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

On the acceptance of the semi-annual report submitted by the Alliance for Regional Military Support Group regarding their direction and efforts with Horizon City EDC.

5. Discussion and Action:

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

On the election of officers for the Horizon City EDC Board of Directors.

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Board Secretary
- D. Board Treasurer

6. Discussion and Action: **6**

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

Discussion and action regarding a Resolution authorizing the President of the EDC to sign a **Contract for Services** with Bright Sol Tech.

7. Discussion and Action:

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

On adjusting the meeting time for the Economic Development Board Meetings.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment:

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjournment: _____ 2nd _____

Dated this Friday, December 8, 2023

By: _____
Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the ANNUAL 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, December 8, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Removed: _____ Time _____ By _____

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**MINUTES
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1. Call to order; Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at: 6:35 pm. Quorum established.

Board Members Present: Walter Miller, Jerry Garcia, Ruby Maldonado, Aurelio Sillas

Board Members Absent: Dean Hulsey, Kevin Richardson and James Montoya

Staff: Eddie Garcia, EDC Executive Director; Rafael Arellano, EDC Business Development Manager; Lily Gaytan, Finance Director

2. Open Forum: No audience present.

3. Approval of Minutes from: August 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

4. Discussion:

On recent activities and BR&E update by the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

The EDC Executive Director and Business Development Manager spoke on this item.

5. Discussion and Action:

On authorizing the Board President to execute an employment agreement with Rafael Arellano as Assistant Director for the Town of Horizon City Type 4B Economic Development Corporation.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

A motion to authorize the Board President to execute an employment agreement with Rafael Arellano as Assistant Director for the Town of Horizon City Type 4B Economic Development Corporation was made by Board Member Jerry Garcia and seconded by Board Member Ruby Maldonado.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

6. Discussion and Action:

Regarding a resolution/request from MICBEC Investments, LLC ("Developer") to assign their right title and interests in the Chapter 380 and Economic Development Performance Agreement, and the Right of First Offer Agreement to Horizon Oxbow Development LLC. and approval of a Resolution authorizing the EDC Board President to sign a Consent to Assign document.

Presenter: EDC Executive Director

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8. Adjournment:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Walter Miller and seconded by Board Member Jerry Garcia to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Veronica Rojas, Board Secretary

Board President

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- Supporting the upcoming training for the Defense of Guam initiatives hosted at WSMR, using Fort Bliss Soldiers. The EDC needs to look at potential opportunities to engage area business and expand the defense industry.
- Sustain and improve the Defense workforce by building a pipeline of veterans training in the region. Both Bliss and White Sands Missile Range have an aging workforce, we need to target service members leaving the military to stay in our region, especially Horizon.
- Sustain safe, desirable, affordable off-post housing. Sixty percent of the Fort Bliss population leaves the installation, Horizon needs to see itself as the housing location of choice for Fort Bliss Soldiers.
- We worked with local government to prevent potential encroachment issues that may affect Fort Bliss missions.
- Providing potential grant opportunities
- Advocated for Defense Contractors to use Horizon facilities for training and testing.
- Engage and encourage political leaders to advocate for Fort Bliss.
- Developing networking strategies to improve and expand working relationships with Fort Bliss
- ATEC – Work with Horizon EDC to engage with Air Defense which is a growing military industry that is located at Fort Bliss and WSMR.
- Ms. Carla Coulson (Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Housing & Partnerships) that Energy Resilience money is available from DoD. Another source of grant funding is the DCIP grant for the transition/training programs which can be used by Horizon. She mentioned the DPW Master planners should be bringing in Horizon to their planning meetings.
- Mr. Andy Napoli (Assistant for Stationing and BRAC – DASA IH&P) discussed *community scorecards*. These incorporate mandatory categories, including Professional Licenses (spouses), Housing, and Medical, with other lower scores for Schools (1/4 rating) and IGSA's (1/2 rating) are used to determine the value of surrounding communities by an Army installation. Horizon should look at this metric as it moves forward to target Army families to move into the community and should be used to fix challenges within surrounding communities.
- Ivan Bolden (Chief, Army Partnerships) Mr. Bolden will come down and teach about IGSA's again. He said he would get us a list of the current IGSA's at Ft. Cavazos. The target audience would be city managers, economic Development leads, mayors, and the Garrison Commander.

RESOLUTION

Town of Horizon City 4B Economic Development Corporation

WHEREAS, the **Town of Horizon City 4B Economic Development Corporation** (“**EDC**”) a Texas corporation organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code known as the Development Corporation Act is authorized to contract for goods and services to fulfill the mission of the EDC.

WHEREAS, the EDC desires to redesign its website to create a dynamic and engaging online presence that allows for easy content management and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Bright Sol Tech (“Bright Sol Tech”) is registered with Education Services Center (ESC) - Region 19 (Allied States Cooperative) and has the expertise and resources necessary to create a website that will allow Horizon City EDC to have an online presence and enables Horizon City EDC to modify content at will.

NOWTHEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Town of Horizon City 4B Economic Development Corporation authorizes the President of the EDC to sign a **Contract for Services** with Bright Sol Tech attached to this Resolution.

Approved the _____ day of December, 2024 at a duly held meeting of the EDC Board of Directors.

**Town of Horizon City 4B Economic
Development Corporation**

By: _____
Walter Miller, President

ATTEST:

By: _____

**Veronica Rojas
Board Secretary**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____

**Sylvia Borunda Firth
Board Attorney**