

WHITE OAK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
January 26, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Cash, Mike Gilbert, Dana Mizell, Barbara Ray, Curtis Smith, James Crump, Kevin Hood

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Leah Brooks, Jimmy Purcell, Maureen Carrigan, Blane Palmer

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Jose Rodriguez, Michael Clements Jr., Justin Robbins

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:10 p.m.
2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) Minutes – October 26, 2020 and December 17, 2020
 - b) EDC monthly financial reports for October, November and December 2020
 - c) Investment reports for quarter ending December 31, 2020

Dana Mizell moved to approve, seconded by James Crump. Carried 7-0.

3. PRESENTATION by Absolute Technology Solutions, LLC

Item reordered – presented as item 5

Charlie Smith explains this company is interested in moving their entire business to White Oak. This company is needing additional parking compared with their current location and would bring approximately 21-30 employees.

4. PRESENTATION by Blue Canyon Poolscape Concepts, LLC

Item reordered – presented as item 6

Charlie Smith explains this company has in been in White Oak for seventeen years and they build a lot of pools. Blue Canyon has bought equipment to assist in growing their business and would like to hire five new employees.

5. PRESENTATION by Energy Weldfab, Inc.

Item reordered – presented as item 4

Jose Rodriguez presented the need to revamp the network and servers. The current system is causing a data bottleneck. The company is also having to use old software because the current outdated system. Because of the proximity, the upgrade would also help PDQ.

6. PRESENTATION by PDQ Logistics LLC DBA PDQ America

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Item reordered – presented as item 3

PDG presented the current layout of the office space they are using in the Willow Lake area looks more like a call center instead of an office and the current conference room is lacking flexibility. Heavy renovation will be needed and the building as it stands is currently hindering growth. Once the renovation is complete, they believe they will be able to add four new people in two years. They believe their company brings value to the City of White Oak.

7. CONSIDERATION of Cherokee Steel Fabricators Inc. performance agreement

Charlie Smith explains Cherokee Steel contacted him regarding provisions of their performance agreement because of a concern with the current economic climate and would like to add a contingency stipulation as well as reducing the agreement to 19 employees and a two-year agreement.

Dana Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Barbara Ray. Carried 7-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Government Code §551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations with the following

- a) Absolute Technology Solutions, LLC
- b) Blue Canyon Poolscape Concepts, LLC
- c) Energy Weldfab, Inc.
- d) PDQ Logistics LLC DBA PDQ America

The board recessed into executive session at 5:20 p.m.

9. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding

- a) Absolute Technology Solutions, LLC
- b) Blue Canyon Poolscape Concepts, LLC
- c) Energy Weldfab, Inc.
- d) PDQ Logistics LLC DBA PDQ America

The board reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

- a) Tabled to allow company to return and present
- b) James Crump moved to award a \$25,000 grant for equipment, seconded by Curtis Smith. Carried 7-0.
- c) Barbara Ray moved to award a \$75,000 grant, seconded by Dana Mizell. Carried 7-0.
- d) Kevin Hood moved to award a \$50,000 grant, seconded by James Crump. Carried 7-0.

10. STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

Director Smith advised the financial audit has been completed, went well and should be ready for the board at the next meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

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James Crump moved to adjourn at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Barbara Ray. Adjourned by consensus.

Thomas Cash, President

Attest:

Leah Brooks, City Secretary