

**MINUTES**  
**WATAUGA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**  
**JUNE 23, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Miner called the meeting to order by videoconference at 6:01 PM.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

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| Art Miner, President, Place 1 | Attended by Videoconference |
| Amirali Fazalbhai, Place 2    | Attended by Videoconference |
| Jan Hill, Place 3             | Attended by Videoconference |
| Damon Solko, Place 4          | Attended by Videoconference |
| Mike Alexander, Place 5       | Attended by Videoconference |
| Cheneya Cruze, Place 6        | Attended by Videoconference |
| Robert Gaffney, Place 7       | Attended by Videoconference |

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Andrea Gardner, City Manager | Attended by Videoconference |
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Also present – Council Liaison, Lovie Downey    Attended by Videoconference

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

1. Monthly Financial Report – April 2020  
Andrea Gardner, WEDC Executive Director/City Manager

Ms. Gardner presented the Monthly Financial Report for April 2020. She provided a glimpse of the COVID-19 impacts on sales tax revenues for the corporation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consider and take action to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2020

Director Hill motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19,

2020 as submitted. Director Fazalbhai seconded. Director Solko requested a friendly amendment to correct his attendance at the meeting reflecting he attended by videoconference. Both Director Hill and Director Fazalbhai agreed to the friendly amendment request and the motion carried by a unanimous vote as follows:

Ayes: Fazalbhai, Hill, Solko, Alexander, Cruze, Gaffney  
Nays: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION**

1. Conduct a public hearing on the FY2020-2021 Watauga Economic Development Corporation Proposed Budget and discuss and consider action adopting a resolution of the Watauga Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors establishing and approving the corporation's fiscal year budget for FY2020-2021; providing for all anticipated expenditures; directing the executive director to submit the budget to the city secretary's office for city council consideration to approve the budget and approve the related operational expenditures; and providing an effective date

President Miner opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM. City Manager Gardner notified the Board of the Public Notice provided in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on June 5, 2020 for the public hearing on the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget of the WEDC.

No comments were received from the Board or members of the public during the public hearing.

President Miner closed the public hearing at 6:09 PM.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss and consider action on the WEDC Business Anniversary Program

Public Testimony: None

Director Hill made a motion to discuss the item and Director Gaffney seconded the motion.

Ms. Gardner provided an overview of the item and President Miner notified the Board of staff efforts regarding visiting the local businesses during the month of June 2020. He notified the Board no action was required on this item unless the Board desired changes to the existing program.

The Board provided no comments and a vote was not taken on the item.

2. Discuss and consider action to authorize the WEDC Executive Director/City Manager to submit a CARES Act grant applications for two projects that are anticipated to create or enhance economic development in Watauga

Public Testimony: None

Director Cruze motioned to discuss the item. Director Alexander seconded the motion.

City Manager Gardner provided details related to the projects to the Board. One project was the incubator that has been discussed a number of times with the Board and the second project is a pedestrian bridge between Hillglen and Hillview that will connect to the shopping center that is home to Target.

Director Hill inquired as to the cost to submit the grant applications and the City Manager provided the response of staff time to prepare and submit.

Director Gaffney inquired about the likelihood of the application being funded and the dollar amount of the funding. City Manager Gardner explained that information is unknown at this time and will be determined by the EDA upon a decision to award, if that occurs.

President Miner restated the motion as a motion to discuss the item and authorize the submittal of the grant application. The motion carried by a unanimous vote as follows:

Ayes: Fazalbai, Hill, Solko, Alexander, Cruze, Gaffney

Nays: None

Nays: None

President Miner announced the Hector F. Garcia Golf Tournament is scheduled to held on July 7, 2020.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, President Miner adjourned the videoconference meeting at 6:22 PM.

APPROVED: this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of July 2020.

SIGNED: this the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of July 2020.

APPROVED: Arthur L. Miner /s/  
Arthur L. Miner, President

ATTEST: Amirali (A.J) Fazalbhair /s/  
Amirali (A.J.) Fazalbhair, Secretary