

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Economic Development Board of the City of Palestine convened in a special meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at PEDC Office, 100 Willow Creek Pkwy, Suite A, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: President Dan Bochsler, Vice President Kim Willmott; Secretary/Treasurer Charles Drane; Directors: Joseph Thompson, Veer Patel, Linda Dickens, and Firouz Haghighi.

Staff present: PEDC Director Christophe Trahan, Administrative Assistant Lisa Bowman, Marketing Analyst Will James.

Others Present: City of Palestine Finance Director, Andrew Sibai; Home Grill Steakhouse Owner, Alex Aylsworth

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, President Bochsler called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

B. PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

There were none.

E. ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were none.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation and possible action regarding a Downtown Grant Application & Performance Agreement for Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC.

Alex Aylsworth, owner of Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC, presented to the board his Downtown Grant Application requesting funds to assist with the cost of replacing the building's roof and replacing the front windows and trim of the business located at 223 W. Crawford Street.

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Dickens to approve the Downtown Grant Application and Performance Agreement for Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC.

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Dickens to amend the previous motions to approve the Downtown Grant Application and Performance Agreement for Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Dickens to approve the Downtown Grant Application and Performance Agreement for Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC. contingent on receiving signatures for the application from the Development Services Department and the Mainstreet Department. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

2. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-3-24, a resolution of the PEDC declaring a project of the PEDC offering an economic development grant to incentivize Callizo Aromas, LLC. to expand its business operations to the City by granting certain incentives, those being direct cash incentives consisting of the expenditure of sales tax funds, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 in exchange for the creation of fifty-two (52) full-time primary jobs at peak employment and a capital investment of approximately \$3.616 million located at the facility at 2220 W. Reagan St. in Palestine, TX; authorizing the execution of a nonbinding letter of intent; setting a public hearing; and authorizing and directing staff to publish notice of the same.


Motion by Director Dickens, seconded by Director Drane to approve the Downtown Grant Application and Performance Agreement for Home Grill Steakhouse, LLC. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7-0.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Board, President Bochsler adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF June 2024.

ATTEST:



Lisa Bowman, Administrative Assistant



Dan Bochsler, President