

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017 and following is the record of attendance.

- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Mario Bracamontes
- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Elizondo, Jr.
Comm. Edmund Maldonado
Comm. Ricardo Medina

- STAFF PRESENT:** Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Asst. City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Imelda Barrera, Asst. City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Center Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Cantu, HR Director
Ruben Villescas, Police Chief
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Development Services Dir.
Eddie De Leon, Public Utilities Dept.
Sergio Alains, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Victor Perez, PEDC II Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, Attorney

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum.

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

No action on excusing the absent members was taken by Board of Commissioners.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and Ruben Villescas said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH (ADMINISTRATION)

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Andrew Canon received the proclamation and stated the motorcyclists have all the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle driver on the roadway with a difference that motorcyclists are unprotected and more prone to injury.

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He encouraged drivers to safely share the road with motorcyclist and give them the respect on the road they deserved. He further thanked the Commission for supporting the biking community.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and called up on Kenneth Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was not present.

Karla Cantu approached the podium and thanked staff for the bike lanes on Cage Blvd. She further suggested that a ribbon cutting for bike lanes takes place and invite the surrounding communities to come to the city of Pharr.

Eloy Salazar, Assistant Fire Chief, stated they were registered as Team Pharr and invited the community to join their team. He also stated they provide safety courses and were planning a bike route in the city.

B) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated no one signed up.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF APRIL 2017 TAX COLLECTION REPORT (FINANCE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the tax collection report for the month of April 2017 and reported current and delinquent taxes were up.

B) SUBMISSION OF MAY 2017 SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT (FINANCE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the sales tax report for the month of May 2017 and reported sales tax were up 1.18%. He stated this was good news and the City of Pharr was fiscally strong.

C) COMPREHENSIVE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2017 (FINANCE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Finance Director was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time. There were no questions.

D) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the events on interest and reported Pharr IT will be cosponsoring a robotics competition with Texas Workforce Solutions on May 17, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the HEB Stadium. He further stated PSJA ISD, McAllen, Mission, and Sharyland ISD will be in attendance.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, stated Public Works would be conducting the Monthly Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Pharr Sports Complex, 100 E. Moore Road, starting at 8:00 am.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported on upcoming events at the Boggus Ford Events Center and announced the Pharr Aquatic Center would be opening on Saturday, May 27, 2017 for the 5th Summer Season.

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Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported today May 15th, 2017 was National Peace Officers Memorial Day which falls in National Police Week. He stated National Police Week recognizes law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Mr. Guerra stated a Police Memorial Ceremony would take place on May 16th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pharr Police Department at 1900 S. Cage Blvd. and a Police Memorial Blue Mass would take place on May 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Templo Bethel, 400 S. Veterans Blvd. to commemorate our fallen police officers.

At this time, Mr. Guerra asked for a moment of silence for Police Officer Jorge Luis Garcia, who paid the ultimate sacrifice with his life in order to serve and protect the citizens of Pharr.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2017 CITY COMMISSION REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING O-2003-04 (TELEPHONE, RADIO, CELLULAR, TELEVISION AND/OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS) - 3RD & FINAL READING (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL, ROUTES FOR ALL 5K,10K, AND HALF MARATHON EVENTS AND OTHER APPLICABLE ACTIVITIES - 2ND READING (PARKS/PAL)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM PSJA ISD TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR THE USE OF THE TIERRA DEL SOL BANQUET ROOM ON MAY 25-26, 2017 FOR THEIR PRINCIPAL'S BANQUET (PARKS/PAL)

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM PSJA ISD TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF THE BOGGUS FORD EVENTS CENTER ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 FOR THEIR STUDENT GRADUATE RECOGNITION BREAKFAST (EVENTS CENTER)

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM PSJA ISD TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR THE USE OF THE JOSE "PEPE" SALINAS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 FOR THEIR END OF THE YEAR SHOW (PARKS/PAL)

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SINGLE MACHINE REPAVING PROJECT YEAR 2 PHASE B (ENGINEERING)

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. OSCAR BARRERA D/B/A TEXAS THEATER BALLROOM, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-2). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 10-12 AND N115.5' OF LOT 13, BLOCK 1, J.T. DOSTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 115 EAST NEWCOMB (PARK) AVENUE. CUP#080419

2. LUBY’S BEVCO INC. D/B/A LUBY’S CAFETERIA, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C).THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, EL CENTRO MALL NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY’S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1900 WEST IH-2. CUP#130419

3. STEPHANIE B. PALACIOS, D/B/A HUKAH SPOT, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C).THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 1, AMENDED PLAT OF MAYFAIR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY’S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 3914 NORTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#150957

4. R.E. GARCIA AND ASSOCIATES, REPRESENTING FE-MA ENTERPRISES, INC., FELIX CHAVEZ, JR., DIRECTOR AND OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 4.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 207, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE 700 BLOCK OF EAST RIDGE ROAD. COZ#170423

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval of the consent agenda.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve consent agenda as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2017-18 and Ordinance No. O-2017-19 are filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

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ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO TEM AND ALTERNATE MAYOR PRO TEM (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and no action was needed.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DATE AND TIME OF REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the dates of the meetings will remain the same every first and third Monday of the month and asked the Commission for suggestions on the time of the meetings.

Comm. Guajardo moved to designate the time of 4:00 p.m. Mayor Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2017-32 is filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PEDC II)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and no action was needed.

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D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING THREE (3) REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and no action was needed.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE REQUEST TO APPEAL THE DEADLINE FOR RELOCATION AS DIRECTED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this was for Trancasa. He stated staff recommended the request for extension of time be granted with the Attorneys of both sides ironing out the details.

Comm. Guajardo moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF LIQUID AMMONIUM SULFATE (BID NO.1617-02-582-0032) FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended Chemtrade Chemicals.

Comm. Guajardo moved to approve. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF ALUMINUM SULFATE LIQUID POLYMER BLEND (BID NO. 1617-02-582-0033) FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended Chemtrade Chemicals.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SOUTH PHARR WATER TOWER REHABILITATION (BID NO. 1617-01-528-0031) (ENGINEERING)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended Blastco Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$127,600.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PSJA ISD FOR CITY OF PHARR TO USE DR. WILLIAM LONG ELEMENTARY FIELDS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017 (EVENTS CENTER)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this was the City of Pharr first 4th of July festival and fireworks and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE SINGLE MACHINE REPAVING PROJECT YEAR 2 (BID NO. 1617-01-528-0017) (ENGINEERING)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the change order was in the additional amount of \$561,404 to be able to do more streets. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON VENDOR AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY AND CITY OF PHARR ON BRAVO ZULU GRANT TO ASSIST VETERANS IN NEED WITH THEIR WATER BILL (FINANCE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was at no cost to the city and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE PHARR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING BELOW

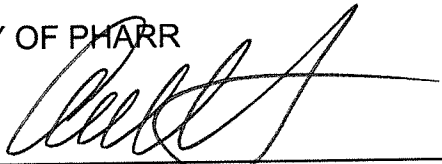
None.

ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY 2017 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **REGULAR CALLED MEETING** at the Commissioner's Room located at 118 S. Cage, 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, subject, hereof, having been posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act) and there being present a quorum, I, **HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:


HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: June 5, 2017