

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Daniel Chavez (Arrived @ 4:01pm)
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Mario Bracamontes

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Ctr. Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, HR Director
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Jose Luengo, Police Chief
Roland Gomez, Dev. Services Asst. Dir.
Ricardo Pedraza, Public Works Director
Jose Villescascas, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Rick Castro, I.T. Asst. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Sandra Zamora, Purchasing Dir.
Danny Ramirez, Communications Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, City Attorney

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Mayor Hernandez called on Barbara Guerra from the audience.

Barbara Guerra with Palm Valley Animal Center Board of Directors addressed the Commission in an attempt to persuade the city to reconsider the services of Palm Valley Animal Center. She stated animals were not about the numbers and stated their facility has started great rescue programs in an effort to save animals. Ms. Guerra stated the increase in funding was to develop a rescue network.

Michael Brickard, Palm Valley Animal Center and Best Friends Animal Society, stated their mission was to make our Nation become No Kill by year 2025. He also stated the increase was due to the costs of medications, deworming, vaccinations, pictures and marketing of animals and finding a home for them.

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Comm. Bracamontes stated his students were volunteering at the center and he supported the efforts and programs available at Palm Valley Animal Center.

Mayor Hernandez announced the City of Pharr would be taking over the construction at the Boys & Girls Club located at 302 E. Las Milpas Road. He stated the City was taking a proactive step in response to our citizen's requests to bring the facility into compliance. Mayor Hernandez stated the Boys & Girls Club had requested another extension until March 15, 2019 to complete work, which was denied by the City. He explained this was unreasonable and failed to give the priority to this matter that our citizens deserve. Therefore, the City was stepping-in and would immediately make the necessary repairs to get this community into a safe and useable building.

Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager, reported the City served the Boys & Girls Club Board President with a construction notice and mentioned the City was getting ready to start construction to building. He advised construction would include installation of four doors, sidewalks, full fire sprinkler system and a fire alarm system and it would take approximately two months to be completed. He further thanked the Commission for being able to make a positive change in the City.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 5. 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

The time being 4:16 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to discuss agenda items listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084 and 551.087.

ITEM 6. RECONVENE

The time being 5:08 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 2. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, ON RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND THE RECOUPMENT THEREOF FOR SUCH EMERGENCY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SUCH EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION AT 302 E. LAS MILPAS ROAD (ADMINISTRATION)**

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

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

B) DISCUSSION ON ASSISTING THE TEXAS TRAILS SUBDIVISION IN CONSTRUCTING AND CONNECTING A SECOND OUTFALL TO THE CITY OF PHARR'S DRAINAGE SYSTEM (ENGINEERING)

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

C) CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON REVIEW OF THE CITY'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)

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

ITEM 3. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, ON REQUEST FROM MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 FOR THE SANTA FE STEAKHOUSE WINE CLASSIC 2018 ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018 (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

ITEM 4. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT WITH DE SARO RODRIGUEZ, L.L.C. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO TRUCKING EXPO EVENT (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT WITH DE SARO RODRIGUEZ L.L.C. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC. (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

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- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO USE THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT OF THE CITY OWNED BUILDINGS LOCATED ON 200 AND 220 SOUTH CAGE BLVD. (PROJECT #1819-39-510-C001-001) (PARKS)**

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

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

ITEM 7. 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 5:10 p.m.

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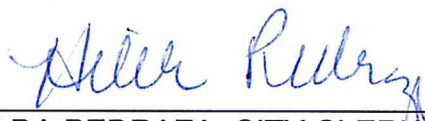


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2018 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **SPECIAL 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: October 15, 2018