

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2019 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Mario Bracamontes

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Meade, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Omar Anzaldúa, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Center Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, HR Director
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Judge
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Jose Luengo, Police Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Dir.
Rick Pedraza, Public Works Director
Jose Villescás, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Sandra Zamora, Purchasing Dir.
Kenneth Ennis, Asst. Comm. Dir.
Victor Perez, PEDC 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 Pro Tem Carrillo called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Guajardo moved to excuse the absent member. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

At this time, Alex Meade, City Manager, held a moment of silence for the passing of Dr. Kenneth Fletcher.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY DAY (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

Jesus Sanchez, Executive Director; Pat Blum, Development Director and Susan Anderson, Program Director, were present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Sanchez mentioned The Children's Advocacy Center serves children who have been suspected of child abuse or neglect and reported last year they saw 1,618 child abuse victims. He further stated Children's Advocacy Center worked together with law enforcement, Child Protective Services and the District Attorney's Office to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. He thanked the City of Pharr for their continued partnership and invited the Commission to their VINOS Event taking place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Embassy Suites - McAllen Convention Center.

Mayor Pro Tem read proclamation proclaiming March 2, 2019 as Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County Day.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 4:09 p.m.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING 2019 LUNAR YEAR FESTIVAL AND INTERNATIONAL WEEK (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

Ron Marquez, Southwest Early College High School, stated they would be celebrating Multi-Culture and International Week and invited the Commission and the public to attend their Lunar Year Festival on February 8, 2019. He stated the purpose was to bring awareness of various cultures and strengthen community relations and engagements. Mr. Marquez further introduced Jennifer Burton and Rey Perez. Ms. Burton stated the school was very blessed to have received a grant in part with UTRGV from the U.S. Department of Education to support undergraduate international studies in foreign languages and welcomed the Commission in joining them tomorrow evening for their festivities. Rey Perez thanked the Commission for their continued support.

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming February 5-8, 2019 as Lunar Year Festival and International Week.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

None

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the City Engineer's report. He stated City Engineer, Omar Anzaldua, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Alex Meade, City Manager, reported the Pharr Events Center would be having La Mafia and Solido Concert on Saturday, February 16, 2019.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo voiced his concern with the actions of the Boys & Girls Club staff during the grand opening event of the gym.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2019 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON HOLT POWER SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR \$3,415. (BRIDGE)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. REGENCY HALL REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 10 AND 11, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 207 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#161155
 - 2. DIANA MASCORRO REQUESTED A LIFE-OF-THE-USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN OVERSIZED STORAGE UNIT (LARGER THAN 120 SQUARE FEET) IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, SARAH JANE MANOR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1011 NORTH ATHOL STREET. CUP#181286
 - 3. MAURICIO JARAMILLO, D/B/A REGENCY FIESTA, 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, REGENCY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1020 WEST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#071271
 - 4. MELDEN & HUNT, INC. REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (H-I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 37.397 ACRES TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOTS 367 & 370, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION AND LOT 14, BLOCK 1, CLOSNER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 800-1200 BLOCK OF EAST HI-LINE ROAD. COZ#181284

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Ordinance No. O-2019-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CALLING THE CITY OF PHARR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR MAY 4, 2019, FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS PLACES 1, 5, AND 6 AND DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES. (CONSIDERACIÓN Y ACCIÓN, EN ORDENANZA PARA ORDENAR LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE PHARR EL 4 DE MAYO DE 2019, PARA ELEGIR AL ALCALDE, COMISIONADOS LUGARES 1, 5, Y 6, Y LA DESIGNACIÓN DE DISTRITOS ELECTORALES Y CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN) (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING) (ADMINISTRATION)**

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, was available for any questions.

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

Ordinance No. O-2019-03 and O-2019-03A are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PHARR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATION NUMBER (COMMUNICATIONS)**

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

At this time, Mayor Hernandez recognized Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, for continuing her education and showing great leadership as a resident of Pharr and an employee as well.

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

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

The time being 4:21 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 10. RECONVENE

The time being 4:31 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

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FEBRUARY 7, 2019

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHARR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT (COMMUNICATIONS)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated this was for a law enforcement telecommunications number from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and recommended approval.

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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHARR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT (COMMUNICATIONS)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF APASEO EL GRANDE, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO (BRIDGE)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE STONE CAPITAL SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGE FINANCIAL CONSULTING (BRIDGE)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING TO DEVELOP A TRAFFIC STUDY TO REMOVE BARRIERS ON MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. (PROJECT #1819-70-510-IPQ032-001) (BRIDGE)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

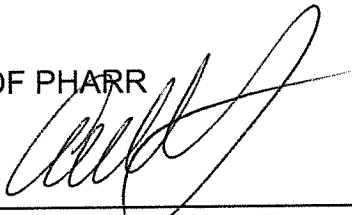
F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EZEQUIEL ORDONEZ ANIMAS DBA BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND LOBBYING SERVICES. (PROJECT #1819-70-510-S020-001) (BRIDGE)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

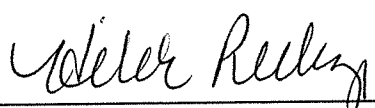
There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Medina **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019 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: February 18, 2019