

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2019, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 16th day of January 2019, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Larry Hernandez, Vice-Chairman
Artemio Palacios, Member
Tony Martinez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Prajeres Gutierrez, Secretary

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
PRESENT:** None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Carrillo

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Administrative Assistant
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Liaison

OTHER PRESENT: Ed Wylie, Duty City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Karla, Moya, Finance Director
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineering
Sgt. Juan Sanchez, Bridge PD
Juan Gonzalez, Asst. Police Chief
Sylvia Briones, CBP
David Moreno, CBP
Hollis Rutledge Representative
Eddie Gutierrez, Blue Stone Capital Solutions
Alberto Morales Arichabaleta, SAT

There being a quorum established Chairman Edgar Delgadillo called the meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ITEM “1”: ROLL CALL-EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS.

Chairman Delgadillo called the meeting to order. All members were present during roll call except Secretary Gutierrez. Member Palacios made a motion to excuse Secretary Gutierrez for being absent. Vice-Chairman Hernandez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “2”: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(The City of Pharr has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to Texas law, city charter, and Ordinance O-2015-28. The governing body may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law. All persons desiring to address the governing body must register with the presiding clerk prior to the scheduled meeting)*

C. CONSENT AGENDA: *(All items listed under consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Governing body and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board Member may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda)*

ITEM “3”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES- DECEMBER 20, 2018.

ITEM “4”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON 2019 LEGISLATIVE TOUR OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY BRONZE SPONSOR FOR \$5,000.

ITEM “5”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON HOLT POWER SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR \$3,415.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Member Martinez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Palacios seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

D. DIRECTOR’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: *(Director’s Administrative Reports and discussion, if any, with Bridge Board. The Director may also assign a designated spokesperson for any particular listed topic)*

ITEM “6”: CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR DECEMBER 2018.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that for the month of December total crossings were 114,630, which shows an increase of 2,747 vehicles or 2.46% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 69,288 cars, which shows an increase of 3,772 cars or 5.76%. Mr. Brouwen then showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that total truck crossings for the month of December were 45,342, which shows a decrease of (-1,025) trucks or -2.21% decrease in trucks. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that northbound crossings for the month of December were 48,159, which shows a decrease of (-1,086) trucks or -2.21% decrease in trucks. Mr. Brouwen stated that for the Agriculture for the month of December they had 15,525 trucks, which represents a 32% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Mr. Brouwen stated that total revenue collected for the month of December were \$1,153,646, which shows an increase of \$37,001 or 3.31% in revenues. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “7”: EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Karla Moya, Finance Director if they have any questions. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “8”: PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer there if they have any questions regarding their projects. He stated real quick that there isn't much to report on, they had there capital improvement projects meeting earlier this week and he reported that all projects are on hold due to the government shutdown but once that is over they will get back on track. Mr. Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that that is pretty much the update on that and the other update that he would like to share is the bridge office expansion and renovation project. He added that they should be opening up bids in early February and hopefully seeing construction in the March time frame. Some discussion then took place. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “9”: DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that he wanted to give them a quick update on what has been going on at the bridge. He stated that earlier this week they had re-elected Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller there and this was something that was completely done within a week's time, with some of the planners including their staff that is here with them today. He added that this was something that was put together because Mr. Sid miller chose the Pharr International Bridge for his official swearing in ceremony. He added that they had FFA from the PSJA School District and it was a very nice event with over 100

in attendance and they were very pleased and congratulate the Agriculture Commissioner on behalf of the City of Pharr.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that the State of the City Address will take place tomorrow January 17, and it starts at 11am, and it is sold out so that is a good problem to have and they have sponsors waiting in line for next year.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that next they have a Legislative tour. He added that this month of January has been a very busy month, they kicked off the year on a very high note. He added that the legislative tour is something that they are doing in partnership with the Rio Grande Valley Partnership Chamber of Commerce with Sergio Contreras, this is happening on the 25th. He then began to explain what was going to take place on the tour.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that he has a quick update on World City. He stated that World City is the company that they hire once a year now for their Trade Numbers publication and it goes further than that. He added that he just found out a couple of weeks ago that the owners of World City, Ken Roberts has been actively participating with a group out of Honduras. He then began to explain what it is that World City has been doing with the group and how the money that they pay for the publication goes to help this foundation that World City has helped through the years.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that he just wanted to let them know that they have been meeting with all the new people at the Aduana since they have changed. Chairman Delgadillo moved on to the next item.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE:

ITEM “10”: DISCUSSION ON HIRING A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item and stated that they would take this item in to executive session.

ITEM “11”: DISCUSSION ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A GOVERNMENTAL/BUSINESS AFFAIRS CONSULTANT (LOBBYIST) IN MEXICO.

Item was taken in to executive session.

ITEM “12”: DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT WITH CAPUFE TO DEVELOP A TRAFFIC STUDY TO REMOVE BARRIERS ON MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.

Item was taken in to executive session.

ITEM “13”: DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF APASEO EL GRANDE, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO.

Item was taken in to executive session.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't. Code, the International Toll Bridge Board hereby gives notice that it may meet in Executive session to discuss and deliberate any items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda including items C-E.

Chairman Delgadillo stated the time being 12:19 p.m., the Bridge Board would be going in to executive session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt.

G. RECONVENE: into regular session, and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

Chairman Delgadillo reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:22pm and introduced Item 10 and 11. He stated that Item 10 and 11 were for discussion and there will be no action. Chairman Delgadillo introduced Item 12. Member Martinez made a motion to approve Item 12 as discussed in executive session. Member Palacios seconded the motion and was carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo introduced Item 13. Member Martinez made a motion to approve Item 13. Vice-Chairman Hernandez seconded the motion and was carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM "12": ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Member Palacios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Martinez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PRAJERES GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §
CITY OF PHARR §

ON THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2019, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a Regular Meeting at the Pharr International Bridge, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted to the public and notice of said meeting, given in accordance to Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) and their being present a quorum, I,

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: _____
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