MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, March 18, 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 Anzaldua, 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 Roland Gomez, Asst. Dev. Services Dir. Ricardo Pedraza, Public Works Director Jose Villescas, Public Utilities Director Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director Adolfo Garcia, Library Director Jose Pena, I.T. Director Luis Bazan, Bridge Director Sandra Zamora, Purchasing Dir. Danny Ramirez, Communications Dir.
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.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK (GMCD)

Santiago Salinas; Noel De Leon, Pharr Housing Authority Director; and Rene Cantu, Community Development Council Chairman were present to receive proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming the week of April 22-26, 2019 as National Community Development Week.

Rene Cantu stated the CDBG Program had been in place with the City of Pharr for forty-four (44) years and he was proud to be able to serve the community. He further thanked the City Commission for the recognition.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FAIR HOUSING MONTH (GMCD)

Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

Noel De Leon, Pharr Housing Authority Director, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Pharr Housing Authority, the real estate community and the residents of Pharr. He acknowledged the City's support of the fair housing law and equal opportunity of housing to all its residents.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

None

B) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON THE MORATORIUM FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANY NEW PERMITS FOR INDIVIDUALLY RENTED STORAGE UNITS WITHIN THE CITY OF PHARR

Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo opened the public hearing. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 4:12 pm.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2019

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the sales tax collection report for the month of March 2019 and stated the city showed an overall positive trend with an increase of 19.64% from this point last year.

B) SUBMISSION OF FEBRUARY 2019 TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the tax collection report for the month of February 2019 and reported as of February 2019, the city had collected 87.83% or $16,848,145.

C) SUBMISSION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2017-2018

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the audit financial statements for FY 2017-2018. He stated the city underwent a financial and internal control external audit as required by state law. The report presented was for FY 2017-2018 with an unmodified opinion or clean opinion, meaning that it was the auditor's opinion that the City's Financial Statements and component units were presented fairly, in all materials aspects and no material weaknesses were identified.

Mr. Meade further stated the report was in agenda packet and the auditors were available in the audience to answer any questions. Lastly, he stated this item would be brought back next City Commission meeting so that it could be formally accepted.

D) SUBMISSION OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2018

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the submission of quarterly report for period ending December 30, 2018. He stated as part of city's fiscal transparency, the financial reports were prepared on a quarterly basis in order to maintain the citizens and City Commission informed. He further stated the report was in agenda packet and the Karla Moya, Finance Director, was available for any questions.

E) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Alex Meade, City Manager, reported the City Clerk's Office will be opened for election duties on Good Friday date being April 19, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Since Good Friday was not defined as a state holiday under the Government Code, a city would need to remain open for at least three (3) hours because it was the last day for a voter to hand-deliver their application for a ballot by mail.

Alex Meade, City Manager, reported a PSJA Prom Fashion Expo "A Night of Stars" event would take place on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Pharr Events Center. He stated the event would give an opportunity for high school students to review the latest fashion and accessories for a memorable Prom Night with a special message delivered by Pharr Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez.

Alex Meade, City Manager, further reported the Miss Pharr Hub Phestival Pageant would take place on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Pharr Events Center. He stated the event would bring an evening of fun and excitement and it will serve as the foundation for crowing our next Miss Pharr.

Alex Meade, City Manager, reminded everyone the Pharr Hub Phestival 2019 would take place on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in downtown Pharr from 2:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. He stated this would be a full day of family fun with an IBCA-Sanctioned Cook-off, food booths, carnival rides, hands-on nature exhibits and live music featuring Lauren Corzine, Ruby Arroyo and the Band, Sergio & Ropin' the Wind, Ruben Ramos and Tracy Lawrence. Mr. Meade stated admission to this event was free and $5.00 after 5:00 p.m. for guests 12 and older.

Lastly, Alex Meade, City Manager, reported the Fire Department and Police Department would be having the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pharr Police Station or at Pharr City Hall 3rd Floor, Training Room. He invited the public to join-in this lifesaving battle by donating blood and casting their ballot for either Pharr Police Department or Fire Department.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND MARCH 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FY2019 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP-R) FOR EQUIPMENT (FIRE)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF US 281 FROM OLD BUSINESS 83 TO KELLY AVE. FOR THE ANNUAL HUB PHEST ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 FROM 12:00 A.M. TO SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2019 12:00 P.M. (PUBLIC WORKS)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE PSJA TRI-CITY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CSJ: 0921-02-391 (ENGINEERING)

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TEXAS A& M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE AND THE CITY OF PHARR TO ALLOW FIREFIGHTER JESUS ROSILLO TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE DEPLOYMENTS IN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES (FIRE)

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON REQUEST FROM ST. MARGARET CHURCH FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. (ADMINISTRATION)

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. FUERA DE LUGAR, LLC, D/B/A FUERA DE LUGAR RESTAURANT, 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 .071 OF AN ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF PLAZA SPORTS CENTER PHASE 1 LOT 1 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1101 EAST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#150101

2. PARADISE BAR AND GRILL LLC, DBA CANTINA BAR AND GRILL, 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 BEING LOT 187, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6905 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#170209

3. LINFIELD, HUNTER & JUNIUS, INC., REPRESENTING GORDON AND CATHERINE JENKINS FAMILY LTD. PARTNERSHIP, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.589 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 96, KELLY-PHARR TRACT, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED 1500-1600 BLOCK OF EAST MINNESOTA ROAD. COZ#190213

PLATS:

1. DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING COMPANY, REPRESENTING CHARLES D. MULLER, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RE-PLAT OF CENTER ON RIDGE ROAD PHASE I SUBDIVISION.THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 2.892 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOTS 1 AND 2, CENTER ON RIDGE ROAD PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION AND 0.731 ACRES OUT OF A PORTION OF LOT 203, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 400 BLOCK OF WEST RIDGE ROAD. SUB#181033

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.

Ordinance No. O-2019-04 and Resolution Nos. R-2019-11, R-2019-12, and R-2019-13 are filed with the City Clerk's Office

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ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE RENAMING PUBLIC ROADWAY FROM RANCHO BLANCO ROAD TO JAVELINA DRIVE *(2ND READING)* (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE APPOINTING JUDGES, ALTERNATE JUDGES, AND EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk.

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, went over the names of individuals interested in serving as Judges in addition to the names listed in the packet. The Presiding Judge for Precincts 61, 116 and 240 would be Maria Del Rosario Martinez and the Alternate would be Gilda Rodriguez and for Precincts 5, 122, 137, 146, and 227 the Presiding Judge would be Carmen Matamoros and Alternate Judge Leticia Chavez. In addition, she stated Ruben Rosales was interested in serving as Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board.

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

Ordinance No. O-2019-05 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated due to the passing of Oralia Rodriguez, a member needed to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Comm. Medina **moved** to appoint Alma Caso to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2019-14 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated due to the passing of board member Eliseo Avendano, a board member needed to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to appoint Mario Lizcano to the Golf Course Advisory Board. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2019-15 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (GMCD)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Mr. Rafael Rivera had resigned and Sally Saucedo had not been attending the meetings. He stated staff recommended Romeo Robles (At-Large) and Trinidad Z. Suchil (CT 213).

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Romeo Robles and Trinidad Z. Suchil to the Community Development Council. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2019-16 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 911 SAVES ACT (SUPPORTING ACCURATE VIEW OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT OF 2019) (COMMUNICATIONS)

Alex Meade, 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.

Resolution No. R-2019-17 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DECLARING/RATIFYING AMNESTY PERIOD FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND WARRANT CHARGES FROM MARCH 11, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2019 (MUNICIPAL COURT)

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY OF PHARR ELDORA ELEVATED STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $124,249.85 (PROJECT #1617-02-582-0002) (ENGINEERING)

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO.1 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY OF PHARR MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $97,283.35 (PROJECT #1718-61-587-C011-116) (ENGINEERING)

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

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE SINGLE MACHINE REPAVING PROJECT YEAR 4 (PROJECT NO. 1819-01-528-C006-241) (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly explained the change order was for repaving a portion of East Minnesota Road. He stated this would be an increase to the contract amount, but the project would remain within the approved budget of $3.2 Million for the Single Machine Repaving Project – Year 4. He further recommended approval.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE WITTEN PARK, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH ADA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PHARR SPORTS COMPLEX AND WITTEN PARK DUGOUT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT #1718-40-510-C008-161) (ENGINEERING)

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

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SHADE STRUCTURES FOR THE PHARR AQUATIC CENTER (PROJECT #1819-01-522-P001-001; BB CONTRACT #512-16) (PARKS)

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

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

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) MOTOROLA P-25 RADIOS FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. THROUGH H-GAC CONTRACT # RA05-18 (PROJECT # 1819-01-515-P014-002) (FIRE)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the old radios needed to be replaced and recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIXTEEN (16) P-25 HARRIS RADIOS FROM DAILEY-WELLS COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH H-GAC CONTRACT # RA05-18A (PROJECT # 1819-01-515-1013-002) (FIRE)

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) PANASONIC MOBILE DATA TERMINALS (MDT) FOR PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING CO-OP DIR-TSO-4025 CONTRACT (POLICE)

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

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

Mayor Hernandez asked staff if the Police Department was up-to-date on their handguns and technology equipment.

Jose Luengo, Police Chief, stated they were currently working on a 3-year technology program and were working on replacing some of this equipment and hand guns as well.

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO TERMINATE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MCALLEN AS HOST FOR RADIO ANTENNAS (PROJECT #1819-01-525-IPQ041-001) (COMMUNICATIONS)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and explained an Interlocal Agreement with the City of McAllen was in place to host three (3) antennas at the bluebonnet tower. However, he stated the city needed the spaces for its equipment and stated the McAllen would be obtaining an Interlocal Agreement with the tower owner directly.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROJECT 1 ON THE HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 1819-01-522-C008-294) (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated formal bids were opened on March 7, 2019 with four (4) respondents to the solicitation. The bids ranged from $468,950 to $647,738 and stated staff recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder JC Air, LLC.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE HUD CDBG FIVE (5) YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN OF GOALS FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. (PROJECT #1819-30-526-S023-245) (GMCD)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City of Pharr was required to develop and submit a five (5) year consolidated plan and strategy. He stated the plan would provide the basis for the City's projected use of the entitlement monies within the community and the assistance of a consultant in order to complete the plan was required. He added consultants were standard for entitlement cities and stated staff recommended to award the contract to Cloudburst Consulting Group, Inc. for a contract amount of $24,996.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RATIFICATION OF AWARD A CONTRACT TO SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS LLC THROUGH THE BUYBOARD CONTRACT #555-18 FOR THE CITY OF PHARR-INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CONCRETE REHABILITATION PHASE I & II (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated phase I was in the amount of $45,030 and phase II was for an additional $45,030 for a total project cost of $90,060. He further recommended approval.

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

Mayor Hernandez asked staff if this was part of ongoing maintenance or if there was something we were addressing. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, stated this was for maintenance.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR POLICE ACADEMY/BASIC PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION (POLICE)

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

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

Mayor Hernandez asked staff if this was free to Pharr police officers and what the terms were.

Jose Luengo, Police Chief, stated South Texas College and Regional Center and the City of Pharr were trying to regionalize the police academy in form of sponsorship and provide licensing and instructors for anyone in the public who may want to attend South Texas College and become a police officer.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AMENDING DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT BUDGET WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING ENGINEERS (ICE) FOR VARIOUS STRUCTURAL DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THE DOWNTOWN GATEWAY AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff was requesting authorization to amend the design-build contract budget for the Gateway and Lighting

Improvements to Downtown Pharr in order to meet project schedule requirements. He stated the original estimated budget was $400,000 and due to increases in material costs the revised budget was $519,635. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by a majority vote of five (5) ayes, and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

Mayor Hernandez asked staff if there was a timeframe for the work to be completed. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, stated approximately ninety (90) days once contract was executed. Mayor Hernandez requested that project schematics be displayed for public viewing.

ITEM 10. 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 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. 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 4:25 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF MARCH 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: APRIL 1, 2019