

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 15, 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. Ricardo Medina

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Mario Bracamontes

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Meade, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Rina Rodriguez, Events Center
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Bea Fuentes, HR
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Judge
Eloy Salazar, Asst. Fire Chief
Jose Luengo, Police Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Dir.
Ricardo Pedraza, Public Works Director
Jose Villescascas, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Mike Singleterry, Library Supervisor
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Fred Brouwen, Bridge
Kenneth Ennis, Communications

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 4:05 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Alex Meade, City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and Comm. Guajardo said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Andrew Canon stated May was National Motorcycle Awareness month and stated motorcycle organizations would be conducting activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcycles. He

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reminded riders to make themselves more visible to others and thanked the City of Pharr for the recognition.

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez called upon Hilda Medrano from UTRGV. Hilda Medrano, Professor/Director Early Childhood Education, spoke about the program "Abriendo Puertas" and stated they would like a partnership with the City of Pharr.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

None

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and reported the city showed an overall positive trend in the amount of \$1.9 million and an increase of 19.21% compared to April 2018.

B) SUBMISSION OF MARCH 2019 TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the tax collection report for the month of March 2019 and reported current tax collections as of March 2019 were \$17,498,166 or 91.38% collected out of this year's levy. He further stated this was a 0.25% decrease compared to last year.

C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Alex Meade, City Manager, reminded the general public the City Clerk's Office would 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 the early voting locations for the city's municipal election were the Jose "Pepe" Salinas Civic Center and the Development and Research Center and Election Day was Saturday, May 4, 2019.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION RATIFYING RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-23 ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF WEST OLD BUSINESS 83 BETWEEN PALM DRIVE AND ASTER STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE VANGUARD ACADEMY 5K FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH VISIONALITY FOR VIDEO WALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,745.44 (COMMUNICATIONS)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. BIG RIVER BREWERY, LLC REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BIG RIVER BREWERY, LLC. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.37-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE E7.50AC-W20AC, LOT 107, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 505 WEST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#170314
2. PIPIRIN HOLDINGS, INC., D/B/A BRAVO CARNE ASADA, REQUESTED A 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 BEING LOT 209, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6701 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#190318
3. LADY B. SEGUNDO, D/B/A THE ALLEY CABANA BAR & GRILL, 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 BEING ALL OF LOTS 4 & 5, LA QUINTA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 5808 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#180210
4. 1500 HALL ACRES, LLC. REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO MEDIUM DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT (R-3). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 12.997-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF LOTS 5 & 6, BLOCK 8, A.J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1500 WEST HALL ACRES ROAD. COZ#190320

PLATS:

1. R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORPORATION, REPRESENTING CRUZ CORTEZ AND ENRIQUETA CORTEZ, OWNER'S REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CORTEZ SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 2.15-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 125, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST ELDORA ROAD. SUB#151126
2. URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP, INC., REPRESENTING VALLEY CATHEDRAL, INC., A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, OWNER, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED VANGUARD-BETHEL SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 19.145-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING COMPRISED OF AN 8.86 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 181, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, ALL OF LOT 1, VANGUARD ACADEMY SUBDIVISION NO. 8 AND ALL OF LOT 1, TEMPLO BETHEL SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1200 EAST BLOCK KELLY AVENUE. SUB#180931

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Ordinance No. O-2019-10 and Resolution No. R-2019-23 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 APPOINTING PRESIDING JUDGE FOR PRECINCTS 61, 116, AND 240 (PHARR HOUSING AUTHORITY) FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 (ADOPTION ON ONE READING) (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Maria Del Rosario was unable to serve at this time and a replacement was needed. He further stated Christopher Weaver has indicated interest in serving and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Christopher Weaver as Presiding Judge for Precincts 61, 116, and 240. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2019-11 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY HIRING FOR SUMMER SEASONAL POSITIONS TO INCLUDE RECREATION, ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC STAFF (PARKS)

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

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

Resolution No. R-2019-24 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY HIRING FOR TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF COURSE LANDSCAPING SUPERINTENDENT (PARKS)

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

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

Resolution No. R-2019-25 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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

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

Resolution No. R-2019-26 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RE-DESIGNATION AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS FOR THE PROPOSED RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

Andrew Canon, MPO Director, stated the Valley MPO would result from the combination of the Harlingen-San Benito MPO, Brownsville MPO, and Hidalgo County

MPO. He stated this was a momentous occasion as more funding opportunities would be available for projects throughout the region. He thanked Mayor Hernandez and the City Commission for their vision and leadership.

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

Resolution No. R-2019-27 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 CITY OF PHARR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SURVEY (HR)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated representative from UTRGV was unavailable and presentation would not take place at this time.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AMENDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND CIVICPLUS (CIVICCLERK) FOR THE AGENDA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item 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, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PSJA ISD FOR USE OF DR. WILLIAM LONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / CITY PARK, AND THE EMPTY AREAS SOUTH OF PSJA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CITY OF PHARR INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2019; WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2019 (EVENTS CENTER)

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.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE LAS MILPAS ROAD LEFT TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 1819-39-510-C009-516) (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended award of contract to the lowest bidder, Texas Cordia Construction in the amount of \$513,473.35.

Comm. Medina **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

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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 4:31 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF APRIL 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: May 6, 2019