

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular-Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Mario Bracamontes

STAFF PRESENT: Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Center Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, HR Director
Rodolfo Martinez, Municipal Court Judge
Ruben Villescas, Police Chief
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Development Services Dir.
Jose Villescas, Public Utilities Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jason Arms, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, City Attorney

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and Javier Gonzalez, Assistant Police Chief, said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS:

A) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF MURDER VICTIMS (ADMINISTRATION)

Robert Garcia, representative of the National Parents of Murdered Children Association, thanked the Commission for the recognition and their leadership. He stated their purpose was to help survivors of homicide victims cope with the devastation and grief caused by the murder of their loved ones. He invited everyone to attend the 5th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, "As Long As I Breathe, You Will Be Remembered," on September 25, 2017 at the Boggus Ford Events Center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming the 25th day of September 2017 as National Day of Remembrance of Murdered Victims and presented proclamation to Robert Garcia and the families that were present.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenneth Fletcher, 504 S. Diplomat, stated he was confused with tax rate notice verbiage of taxes being raised. He voiced his concern with noise at Costco and trucks parking on the fire lanes. Lastly, he spoke about IDEA school stop light, noise, dust, and problems with trees adjacent to right of ways.

Ryan David Coronado signed-up for public comments but did not show up for the meeting.

Pauline Martinez signed up for public comments but did not show up for the meeting.

Abraham Diaz thanked the Commission for their time and spoke about SB4 Resolution. He stated the community wants to feel safe and he feels the new immigration law would harm the community. He stated police officers would be intimidating the citizens and their families by enforcing immigration laws and stated it was crucial and important to oppose SB4.

B) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

None.

C) SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE (ADMINISTRATION)

None.

D) PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (FINANCE)

Kenneth C. Fletcher spoke about not being allowed to attend the American Planning Association workshop held at City Hall and stated he should have been allowed to attend. He further requested green infrastructure and to grow more trees.

E) PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON THE (DRAFT) REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING PLAN (GMCD)

None.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the City Engineer's Report and stated questions on projects could be entertained at this time. There were no questions.

B) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported the American Cancer Society would be holding their Battle Barron Ball Fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Boggus Ford Events Center from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. He also reported PSJA Education Foundation would be hosting their fundraiser event for scholarships for PJSA seniors on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Boggus Ford Events Center.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting the Diez y Seis de Septiembre festival on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Jones Box Park. He invited everyone to attend and stated there would be food, live music, fun, and games, including a grito contest, dunking booth, carnival, and much more.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, stated Josh Abbott Band would be performing on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Boggus Ford Events Center and tickets could be purchased at the box office or through Ticketmaster. He also stated the RGV Food Bank would be having their Empty Bowls event on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Boggus Ford Events Center and tickets can be purchased at the door or at the food bank.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported Public Works would be conducting their monthly Operation Clean Sweep on Saturday, September 30, 2017 for Zone 2 and the meet up location was the Pharr Boggus Ford Events Center south lot.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, announced September was National Library Card Sign-up month and stated the Pharr Memorial Library would be hosting library card drives at multiple PSJA campuses and would be signing up people for free library cards all month. He also announced the new Hidalgo County E-Library was in place and briefly explained this was a program to access electronic books, audio books, digital magazines and comic books.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, announced September was Valley Voter Awareness Month and stated the City of Pharr and AACT were working together in creating awareness about the importance of voting. He stated anyone who would like to register to come by the City Clerk's office to register to vote.

At this time, Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, recognized members of the Fire Department who were deployed to assist with relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey. The first crew deployed on August 26, 2017 were Fire Chief Lenny Perez, Lieutenant David Martinez, Engineer John Springer, Engineer Esteban Gonzalez, Moises Avellaneda and Ketherine Cadena and volunteers Adriana Pedraza, Richard Trevino, and Joe Balderas. Upon their return, members from the Texas Task Force 1 were deployed on Saturday consisting of Chief for Volunteer Firefighters Pilar Rodriguez, Lieutenant Octaviano Hernandez, Pedro Bustamante, and Jacob Moran. Firefighters currently deployed were Santos Vallejo, Israel Garza, Pete Arredondo, Carlos Cabello, and volunteers Carla Soto, Blanca Cortez, Adriana Garcia, and George Garcia.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, also gave recognition to IT staff who were deployed to assist in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Jason Arms, IT Director, and Jason Fernandez, Specialist, were deployed to Katy, Rockport, and Rosenberg, Texas. Rick Castro, IT Assistant Director, and Victor Longoria, Technician, were currently deployed to Rockport and Orange, Texas.

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Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, thanked all staff who assisted in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and wished those that were still deployed a safe return.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, reported City of Pharr IT Department would be hosting the First Lego League and Tech Challenge Game on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Vanguard Academy starting at 9:00 a.m. He stated the event was free to all participants, coaches, and school administrators.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2017 CITY COMMISSION REGULAR CALLED MEETING; JULY 31, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2017 WORKSHOP SESSION; AND AUGUST 30, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM ST. MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR STREET CLOSURE OF 100 BLOCK OF WEST JUAREZ BETWEEN CAGE BLVD. AND ASTER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 FOR THEIR ANNUAL FESTIVAL/JAMAICA (ADMINISTRATION)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CREATING A COMMUNICATION CENTER AND A PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 2ND READING (HR)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2017-06 (RENTAL OF NATATORIUM) 2ND READING (PARKS/PAL)**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION: BG-RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM (BAGP) (POLICE)**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY17 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE (POLICE)**
- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE DIEZ Y SEIS DE SEPTIEMBRE FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 (ADMINISTRATION)**
- H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AT JONES BOX PARK FOR THE DIEZ Y SEIS FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 (EVENTS CENTER)**
- I) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES OF BOGGUS FORD EVENTS CENTER FOR THEIR ANNUAL CATTLE BARON'S BALL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 (EVENTS CENTER)**
- J) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES OF BOGGUS FORD EVENTS CENTER FOR THEIR COLLEGE NIGHT PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 (EVENTS CENTER)**

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- K) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DONATION FOR PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL MATP (MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM) (PARKS/PAL)**
- L) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE (BTA) SILVER LEVEL MEMBERSHIP FOR \$10,000. (BRIDGE)**
- M) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PSJA ISD GALA SPONSORSHIP 2017 FOR \$2,500 (BRIDGE)**
- N) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE USE OF JOSE "PEPE" SALINAS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER AND LAS MILPAS COMMUNITY CENTER AS EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY COUNTY-WIDE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION (PARKS/PAL)**
- O) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**

1. IDEN I. TREVINO, P.E., REPRESENTING ROGELIO A. PRUNEDA, OWNER REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.45-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE SOUTH 264.0 FEET OF LOT 325, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 124 WEST DICKER ROAD.
2. ANGEL VILLARREAL AND MARIA C. VILLARREAL, REPRESENTING VIGA RESTAURANTS, INC., D/B/A VILLA DEL MAR 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 LOT A, PROVIDENCE SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6400 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD, SUITES A & B.
3. RED ROBIN 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 LOT 2, PARADISE COMMERCIAL PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 409 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD.
4. R.G.V. & ASSOCIATES / LAURA L. GARZA, D/B/A GEORGE'S DANCE HALL, 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 LOTS 197, 198, AND 199, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6801 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD.

P) PLATS:

1. MELDEN & HUNT, INC., REPRESENTING MANUEL MENDEZ, PRESIDENT OF M AND R COMMODITIES, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED IDEA NORTH PHARR SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF 22.073 ACRES OUT OF LOTS 79 AND 82, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1000 BLOCK OF EAST OWASSA ROAD.
2. B.I.G. ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING ADOLFO CAMPERO AND ADALBERTO CAMPERO, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PHARR LOGISTICS CENTER PHASE I (A.K.A. CAMPERO SUBDIVISION PHASE I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 16.7 ACRE GROSS, 14.58 ACRE NET, TRACT OF LAND, BEING PART OR PORTION OF LOT 358 AND LOT 359, KELLY-

PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE 700 AND 1200 BLOCK OF WEST ANAYA ROAD.

- 3. B.I.G. ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING ANNABELLE PALOMO, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED APRL SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 12.474 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 85, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 5400 BLOCK OF NORTH IH 69C.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the items and requested to remove item 5O-1 from the consent agenda and approve items 5A through 5N and 5O-2 through 5P-3.

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

Comm. Carrillo moved to table item 5O-1. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolutions R-2017-59 and R-2017-60 are filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2016-32 TO ADOPT A NEW AND UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL 3RD AND FINAL READING (HR)**

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item.

Anali Analis, HR Director, went over the proposed changes. She stated the probationary status period would be changed from one year to six months and probationary status period for transferred employees would be changed from six months to three months. Ms. Alanis stated another update was that non-professional relationships would be allowed if the employees work in different departments, not within the same department. She further mentioned employees on probationary status would be allowed to use accrued sick leave during probationary period and all exempt employees, not only Directors and Assistant Directors, would be required to punch once instead of four punches. Lastly, all employees would be treated the same when it comes to annual leave accruals.

Comm. Carrillo voiced his concern with relationships between employees and stated he would like to keep it the same. Anali Alanis, HR Director, stated other neighboring cities were not too stringent about their employee policies; therefore, we would like to be at the same level.

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

Ordinance No. O-2017-35 is filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2017-22 INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN (7) TO NINE (9) MEMBERS (ADMINISTRATION)**

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2017-36 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING TWO (2) REGULAR MEMBERS AND TWO (2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the terms of the members had expired and recommended to appoint Danny Wylie and Luis Madrigal as Regular Members, and Porfirio Rodriguez and Ray Sanchez as Alternate Members.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Danny Wiley and Luis Madrigal as Regular Members and Porfirio Rodriguez and Ray Sanchez as Alternate Members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2017-61 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018-2019 (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated current member Albert Cardenas was appointed in 2015 and recommended re-appointment.

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

Resolution No. R-2017-62 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BORDER WALL ALONG THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BORDER REGION (LEGAL)

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

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez stated they were in favor of securing our borders but were requesting it be done in an efficient manner. Through the resolution they urged the President of the United States and Congress to re-consider the use of taxpayer money for border infrastructure, and instead utilize the allocated resources to provide more cost-effective methods of enforcing immigration such as technology and additional personnel which would create jobs and stimulate the region, as opposed to the negative effects associated with a wall.

There being no further comments, the motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2017-63 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 4 (LEGAL)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez stated it was not prudent to use taxpayers' dollars to have local authorities be involved with federal issues. He stated the city supports all efforts to thwart the restrictions and unfunded mandates of the law, but opposes any efforts to further the enforcement of this bill.

There being no further comments, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2017-64 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDED BID FOR PROPERTY AT 504 W. JUAREZ AVE. BID NO. 1617-01-510-0039 (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended bid be awarded to Oscar Santos in the amount of \$5,500.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON OPTIONS FOR LOGOS ON THE CITY OF PHARR'S ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated the Pharr Pride logos would be displayed on all tanks and the wording "Bienvenidos a Pharr" would be displayed at the tank located near Pharr International Bridge. He further recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING PLAN (GMCD)

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

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

D) CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON REVIEW OF THE CITY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, stated this item would be discussed in closed session.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (POLICE)

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

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez called upon Chief Villescas. Ruben Villescas, Police Chief, briefly stated this was for two task force officers assigned to Drug Enforcement Agencies. The City would compensate the assignment of one officer with city funds and the DEA Task force will provide funding for overtime, office space and training while assigned to the task force. He further stated closed to \$160,000 in seized assets have been collected by the city and recommended to approve the agreement.

The motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A STATE AND LOCAL HIDTA TASK FORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (POLICE)

Juan G. Guerra, 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.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF EDINBURG FOR THE USE OF THE EDINBURG INTERNATIONAL RACE TRACK FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC) TRAINING (POLICE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated we would be using the Edinburg racetracks until STC campus opens. He further recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD FOR STADIUM DIGITAL SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING (EVENTS CENTER)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the City would be sponsoring \$15,000 per year for 2 years and recommended approval.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD TOP-10 BANNER AT PSJA STADIUM (EVENTS CENTER)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the City would be sponsoring \$1,500 for one year and recommended approval.

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN LEGION POST # 101 AND THE CITY OF PHARR FOR COUNSELING, OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO ASSIST VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS (EVENTS CENTER)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the agreement was the same as approved in 2015 for a monthly contribution of \$2,500 for a period of one year. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo 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:

The time being 5:29 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 6:12 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

D) CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON REVIEW OF THE CITY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)

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

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

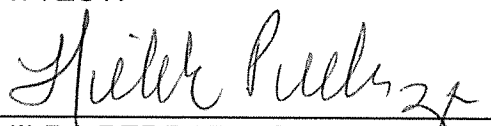

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR PRO TEM

MINUTES: REGULAR-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

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

ON THIS THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **REGULAR-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: September 18, 2017