



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

A meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Chairperson Dolores Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm, at the Commissioners' Room located at 118 South Cage Blvd., 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson, Dolores Rodriguez
Vice-Chairperson, Mario Lizcano
Board Member, Vittorio Puente

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Anali Alanis, Civil Service / HR Director
Bea Fuentes, Civil Service / HR Coordinator
Ed Chavez, Asst. Chief of Police
Juan Gonzalez, Asst. Chief of Police
Lenny Perez, Fire Chief

ITEM 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

ITEM 1(a) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

No Absences to report. Roll call established a quorum.

ITEM 2(a) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019.

Vice-Chairperson Lizcano moved to approve minutes as submitted. Board member Puente seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2(b) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE RAW AND FINAL SCORES FROM THE PROMOTIONAL EXAM ADMINISTERED FOR ENGINEER/FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019.

Vice-Chairperson Lizcano moved to approve minutes as submitted. Board member Puente seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2(c) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE ELIGIBILITY LIST FROM THE PROMOTIONAL EXAM ADMINISTERED FOR ENGINEER/FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019.

Vice-Chairperson Lizcano moved to approve minutes as submitted. Board member Puente seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (PD and FD)

Fire Chief Lenny Perez reported that 4 individuals passed the engineer exam and those individuals will be promoted in the next couple of weeks. Commission will be invited to the ceremony when the date is set. Fire Inspector / Engineer Leo Lopez will be leaving the Pharr FD soon and his position will be tested for. FD had a busy day with the recent bad weather and were able to help over 50 people that were stranded. Station 4 is in the final stages of completion; no exact date has been given.

Asst. Police Chief Edward Chavez would like to start by thanking the City of Pharr and Chief Perez for supporting in assisting the City of Mission PD with the funeral procession for CPL Esperiqueta. PD had 4 individuals attending the STC Police academy, they have since graduated and are out completely on their own patrolling the streets of Pharr. PD has recently hired 2 new officers which are currently going through the training phase and are preparing to hire another 4 officers that will be attending New Hire orientation on July 1st. Another 4 to 6 certified individuals will also be hired as certified police officers and will go through a training phase and then will be out assisting the citizens of Pharr no later than October 2019. City Commission recently approved an item on the agenda to purchase new side arms. PD is in the final process of a purchase for rifle resistance body armor, project started in 2018 and purchase was made through a grant. Pharr PD just purchased 10 new patrol units (Chevy Tahoe's) that are currently being outfitted with the proper equipment needed for patrol.

ITEM 4 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice-Chairperson Lizcano reiterated the importance of Public Servants and the community support. The Civil Service Members and Director are honored to serve on the board, because they are able to support their public servants. It is during the loss of a public servant in the area that the Commission understands the importance of having the best equipment and training that is available.

Member Puente commented that not only citizens, but law enforcement should be mindful and safe regarding weather related incidents and the many dangers.

Chairperson Rodriguez thanked the Fire and Police departments for the actions and support during the recent bad weather incidents. Mrs. Rodriguez also offers her condolences to the Mission PD and the family of CPL Esperiqueta.

ITEM 5 CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mrs. Alanis announced the upcoming Lieutenant promotional exam scheduled for July 10th and the reclassification of 1 non-civil service position of Fire Inspector to civil service.

ITEM 6 CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't. Code, the Civil Service Board of Commissioners hereby gives notice that it may meet in executive session to discuss the items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda, including items 3 in accordance with the following below:

Pursuant to Section 551.071, the Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting with its attorney and discuss any matters related to legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.074, the Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties and discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear any complaints or charges against an officer or employee. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff including members so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.076, the Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters on the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.084, the Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters involving an investigation and may exclude a witness from hearing during the examination of another witness in the investigation. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

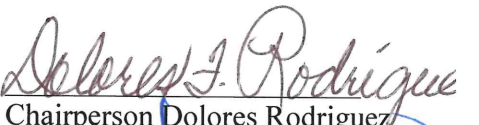
The time being _____am/pm, Chairperson Rodriguez stated the commission would be entering a closed session.

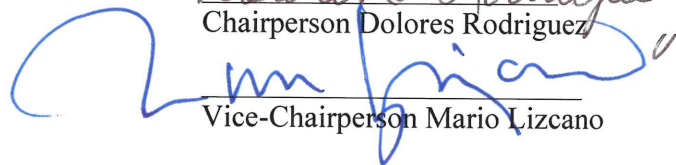
ITEM 7 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The time being _____am/pm, Chairperson stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before, Vice-Chairperson Lizcano moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Board Member Puente and when put to a vote the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.


Chairperson Dolores Rodriguez


Vice-Chairperson Mario Lizcano

Board Member Vittorio Puente