

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Roberto “Bobby” Carrillo
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Meade, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Ctr. Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, HR Director
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge
Leonardo Perez, 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
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing

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 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PHARR

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

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B) PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2015-39 PRESCRIBING NEW RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES (2ND AND FINAL READING)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2015-40 PRESCRIBING NEW RATES FOR WATER SERVICES (2ND AND FINAL READING)

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

Comm. Guajardo moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo briefly explained the purpose of the increases was to improve the water and sewer systems to provide a better quality of life. Comm. Chavez stated sewer pipes in south Pharr were old and needed to be replaced. Comm. Guajardo stated there has been a great growth and the city needed to be proactive to meet future needs and have adequate water supply for the next 10 years. Comm. Caballero echoed the commissioners' comments and stated the city needed to increase the water reservoir to address future development.

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

Ordinance Nos. O-2019-37 and O-2019-38 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo called upon Ms. Liza Diaz, Principal from PSJA North High School. Ms. Diaz thanked the commission for allowing the students the opportunity to partner with the city and introduced some of the students that would be involved in the Raider Nation Infrastructure Project.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 5. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DECLARING THE DRAINAGE DITCH IMPROVEMENTS ALONG MOORE RD AS AN "EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION" AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGET AMOUNT (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Guajardo moved to deny. Comm. Medina seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo asked staff if there was an emergency.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, responded yes and stated there was some safety issues with the guardrail being loose. He stated Public Works was working diligently to address the issue and added the ditch had eroded significantly and was in need of immediate repair.

Ricardo Pedraza, Public Works Director, further stated weather permitted the project would be completed by the end of the week and the work would be done in-house.

After some discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it carried by a majority vote of five (5) ayes and one (1) nay. Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo voted against the motion.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NORTHSIDE AQUATICS FACILITY (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated staff recommended to award contract to D. Wilson Construction in the amount of \$23,165,208.

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

ITEM 7. 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.

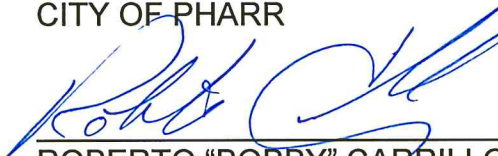
ITEM 8. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo moved to adjourn. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



ROBERTO "BOBBY" CARRILLO
MAYOR PRO TEM

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **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 19, 2019