REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON JULY 17, 2019, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS

On the 17th day of July 2019, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Hernandez, Vice-Chairman
Prajeres Gutierrez, Secretary
Artemio Palacios, Member
Tony Martinez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT: None

EX–OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Carrillo

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Administrative Assistant
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison

OTHER PRESENT: Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Karla, Moya, Finance Director
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineering
Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing Department
David Moreno, CBP
David Gonzalez, CBP
Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexico Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs

There being a quorum established Chairman Edgar Delgadillo called the meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ITEM "1": ROLL CALL-EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS.

Secretary Gutierrez called the meeting to order. All members were present during roll call except Chairman Delgadillo. Vice-Chairman Hernandez made a motion

to excuse Chairman Delgadillo for being absent. Member Martinez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

ITEM "2": PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: ***(The City of Pharr has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to Texas law, city charter, and Ordinance O-2015-28. The governing body may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law. All persons desiring to address the governing body must register with the presiding clerk prior to the scheduled meeting)***

C. CONSENT AGENDA: ***(All items listed under consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Governing body and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board Member may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda)***

ITEM "3": CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JUNE 14, 2019.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item. Member Palacios made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Martinez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

D. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: ***(Director's Administrative Reports and discussion, if any, with Bridge Board. The Director may also assign a designated spokesperson for any particular listed topic)***

ITEM "4": CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR JUNE 2019.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item. Mr. Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that for the month of June total crossings were 104,468, which shows a decrease of (-2,942) vehicles or -2.74% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 54,855 cars, which shows a decrease of (-3,610) cars or -6.17%. Mr. Brouwen then showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that total truck crossings for the month of June were 49,613, which shows an increase of 668 trucks or 1.36% increase in trucks. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that northbound crossings for the month of June were 51,641, which shows a decrease of (-1,952) trucks or -3.64% decrease in trucks. Mr. Brouwen stated that for the Agriculture for the month of June they had 14,901 trucks, which represents a 29% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Mr. Brouwen stated that total revenue collected for the month of June were $1,179,999, which shows an

increase of $56,604 or 5.04% in revenues. Several discussions then took place regarding the crossings. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

ITEM "5": EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR JUNE 2019.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Karla Moya, Finance Director if they have any questions. He added that they are in budget mode and things are looking positive for this year. He added that last year they did a five-year budget forecast for when it comes to crossings and they have been working diligently with Karla and with finance consultant Eddie Gutierrez to determine how they would end the year. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

ITEM "6": PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer there if they have any questions regarding their projects. He stated that he would like to brief them on is that they had a meeting on July 9th with the folks from the DAP Program, they came to the border and visited with all ports of entry and they had a god conversation on where they are on the status of their projects and Omar will give them more details on the technicalities.

Mr. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that as far as the DAP Projects, last month they bid out the FY15DAP, which is the northbound lanes and the second BSIF exit. He added that they did have one bidder, but it was incomplete, so the city is looking at going out for bids again probably next month. He stated that that sole bidder came in a little high, so they feel that if they rebid it they will get better bids and they are looking to rebid it in September. He stated that as far as the bridge office renovation, that is on schedule to be completed probably around November or December. He added that as far as the DAP16, that is the Ag lab, dry dock and the cold inspection facility, there 100% design is complete right now they are just coordinating with the funding and when they are going to bid it out because there is going to be a lot of construction going on so that will have to wait another 12 months till the other projects are finished cause they don't want to have to much construction that box down traffic so they are trying to strategically schedule these projects.

Mr. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that lastly the overall DAP Projects they met with the folks over at CBP for some of these minor improvements that they can do to improve traffic efficiency and they are meeting with the DAP Project coordinator and some small projects under a hundred thousand that they can probably forgo some of these technicalities, as far as the DAP process. Some discussions then took place regarding the DAP program. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

ITEM "7": DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item and stated that they will skip item 1 which will be discussed in executive session. He then introduced item 2. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that one of the things that they do during the budget

process is that they talk about the economy, how things are going economically and politically and what can affect either positively or negatively things on the border. He added that his executive summary this year that he submitted to finance was about a 6 pages document of everything that is taking place along the border. He added that he got together with Eddie their financial consultant and they decided that they wanted to present to the board the current state of the border, so this is something that Eddie prepared and they have been kind of working on it together and he wrapped it up this week and they think it is something that is important to share with the board and the public at this time. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director then introduced Eddie Gutierrez to give the board a presentation on the current state of the border. Mr. Eddie Gutierrez of Blue Stone Capital Solution then began to give his presentation to the board. Several discussions then took place regarding the presentation.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that the next item that is on there is that they are going to call on Ezequiel Ordonez to give the board a brief update on meetings that they have had in Mexico. Mr. Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Mexico Liaison then began to give a brief update in Spanish on the meeting that they have had in Mexico and their importance. Several discussions then took place. Secretary Gutierrez stated that they would go back to item 1 and go in to executive session.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't. Code, the International Toll Bridge Board hereby gives notice that it may meet in Executive session to discuss and deliberate any items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda including items C-E.

Secretary Gutierrez stated the time being 12:44p.m., the Bridge Board would be going in to executive session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt.

F. RECONVENE: into regular session, and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

Secretary Gutierrez reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:57pm and stated that there was no action. Secretary Gutierrez moved to the next item.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM "9": ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Gutierrez introduced the next item. Vice-Chairman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Martinez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

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EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PRAJERES GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §
CITY OF PHARR §

ON THE 17th DAY OF JULY 2019, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a Regular Meeting at the Pharr International Bridge, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted to the public and notice of said meeting, given in accordance to Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) and their being present a quorum, **I, VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

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VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: _____
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