

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Meade, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Ctr. Director
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, A.C.M. / HR Director
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Jose Luengo, Police Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Dir.
Pilar Rodriguez, Interim Public Works Dir.
Jose Villescas, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Daniel Ramirez, Communications 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 BOARD

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

Mayor Hernandez opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and reported sales tax had an increase of 3.55% compared to last December 2019 collections.

B) SUBMISSION OF TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and reported current tax collections as of November 2019 were \$1,760,694 or 7.84% collected out of this year's levy. He stated this was a 1.13% increase compared to last year.

C) SUBMISSION OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2019

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated financial reports were prepared on a quarterly basis as part of the city's fiscal transparency and Karla Moya, Finance Director, was available for any questions. No questions were asked.

D) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Alex Meade, City Manager, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting the Annual Christmas Tamalada on Friday, December 20, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Development and Research Center.

At this time, Mr. Meade called upon Xavier Salinas, Hidalgo ISD Superintendent. Mr. Salinas reported another school in South Pharr had received the Blue-Ribbon Recognition and thanked the Mayor and City Commission for their support and partnership.

Mayor Hernandez commended Mr. Salinas for this recognition and the level of success and leadership Hidalgo ISD has accomplished for the South Pharr community.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2019 REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND DECEMBER 2, 2019 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION RATIFYING CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 (ADMINISTRATION)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE HIKE AND BIKE PHASE II UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT (PROJECT #1920-61-583-C004-289) (ENGINEERING)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CITY HALL OVERFLOW PARKING PROJECT (PROJECT #1920-40-510-C005-400) (ENGINEERING)

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. CHIPOTLE TEXAS, LLC, 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 0.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF REPLAT OF VACATED CAR-MEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO MALL NO. 3 AND 4 SUBDIVISIONS, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE N-1. CUP#160942
2. GABRIELA'S HEAVENLY WINGS, D/B/A WINGSTOP, 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 LOT 2, PLEASANTON SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2211 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD, SUITE 105. CUP#100934

PLATS:

1. DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING COMPANY, REPRESENTING CHARLES D. MULLER, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN CENTER ON RIDGE ROAD LOTS 3-6 SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 5.36 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF AND A PORTION OF LOT TWO HUNDRED THREE (203), KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 600 BLOCK OF WEST RIDGE ROAD. SUB#191025
2. R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORPORATION, REPRESENTING DULCE OLIVIA GONZALEZ, OWNER, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED V.D. DE LEON SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.597 OF AN ACRE OF LAND, OUT OF LOT 8, BLOCK 3, EARL THOMAS SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 800 BLOCK OF EAST HELMER STREET. SUB#180824

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

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

Resolution No. R-2019-71 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE HI LINE 16" WATERLINE PROJECT (BID NO. 1819-60-583-C015-051) (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly explained the change order amount was \$18,738.22 and was for modifications to waterline alignment which was required to lower line and add additional fittings. He further recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH PHARR BRIDGE INVESTMENT COMPANY, L.P. (ADMINISTRATION)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated final modifications were needed as per legal and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 7. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF PHARR MONUMENT SIGN PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 1920-40-510-C001-111) (ENGINEERING)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and stated two (2) bids were received on November 27, 2019. He recommended award of contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Gonzalez Engineering & Management, LLC. from Edinburg, Texas in the amount of \$109,900.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SEA CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PHARR-REYNOSA BRIDGE PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION (ENGINEERING)

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD SUPPLY CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE & DELIVERY OF HMAC, COLD MIX, AND CALICHE TO MULTIPLE VENDORS (PROJECT #1920-01-517-SP001-101) (PUBLIC WORKS)

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

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

At this time, Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate and go into closed session. There was no objection.

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 4:08 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 4:18 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 8. LEGAL

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IF ANY, ON SETTLEMENT OF CONDEMNATION CASE NUMBER CCD-0510-H, CITY OF PHARR V. RIO GRANDE TIRE OUTLET, LLC, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LOT 3, LUVILL LLC ESTATES, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS (LEGAL)

Alex Meade, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

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

At this time, Mayor Hernandez announced City Manager Alex Meade would be leaving the City of Pharr to take a great opportunity and stated Mr. Meade has done a fabulous job at the City of Pharr. He thanked him for his leadership, honesty and his integrity and for serving the citizens of Pharr. He wished him success in his new endeavor.

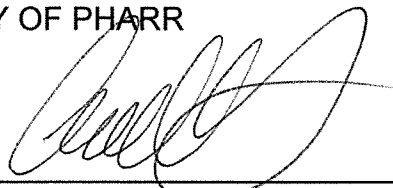
City Commission echoed the Mayor's comments and thanked Mr. Meade for his service and hard work.

Alex Meade, City Manager, stated he would be joining Texas Regional Bank as Senior Vice President for Economic Development and Public Finance and stated the City of Pharr has great staff and a great City Commission. Mr. Meade thanked the Mayor and City Commission for all the support they provided and the opportunity they gave him to work at the City of Pharr.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



 AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

MINUTES: REGULAR CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2019

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

ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 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, Teas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:



HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: January 6, 2020