MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez Mayor Pro Tem Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo Comm. Ramiro Caballero Comm. Daniel Chavez Comm. Ricardo Medina Comm. Itza Flores
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
STAFF PRESENT:	Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer Gary Rodriguez, Events Ctr. Director Karla Saavedra, Finance Director Anali Alanis, ACM/HR Director Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge Jose Luengo, Police Chief Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Director Rey Cano, Asst. Public Works Dir. Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director Raul Garza, CDBG Director Adolfo Garcia, Library Director Jose Pena, I.T. Director Fred Brouwen, Asst. Bridge Director Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing Kenneth Ennis, Asst. Comm. Director
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 4:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and Jose Luengo, Police Chief, 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 JANUARY 2020

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and reported the City of Pharr had an increase of 9.92% and the city ranked No. 6 compared to other valley cities.

B) SUBMISSION OF TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and reported current tax collections decreased 1.97% compared to last year.

C) SUBMISSION OF 1ST QUARTER 2019-2020 CITY OF PHARR INVESTMENT REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated no action was needed.

D) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the Pharr Municipal Court was actively enhancing customer service by incorporating self-pay kiosks for court payments.

Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge, stated the Municipal Court was currently working with a new vendor and will be placing two (2) self-serve kiosks at the Municipal Court. She further stated one of the kiosks would enable the court to do digital magistrations by video and the other kiosk would allow the public to make payments.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the Parks and Recreation after-school program continues to grow and doubled its number from 300 students to 600 students. He stated this has been a very successful program and staff was managing it very well. Mayor Hernandez asked staff if the students were from one school district or how this was being handled. Sergio Alanis, Parks & Recreation Director, stated it was mainly PSJA ISD students across twelve elementary schools located in Pharr.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, announced the City Clerk's Office Vital Statistics division had earned the Five-Star Award from the Texas Department of State Health Services. He stated the award recognizes partners who go above and beyond the call of duty associated with birth and death records. He congratulated staff for a job well done.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported Public Works Department had recently completed upgrades on several traffic signals in our community by enhancing public safety and traffic efficiency. Mr. Wylie stated Public Works Department replaced nine traffic loops within the city at major intersections and traffic should be flowing better. Lastly, he stated hopefully by March a study would be completed for pre-programmed signal timings.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF SOUTH U.S. 281 AND EAST OLD BUSINESS 83 FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN/WALK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. (PARKS)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING GENERAL CIVIL ENGINEERING, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING INSPECTION (CEI), STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING, MEP (MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING) AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DURING THE 2020-2022 YEAR PERIOD. (PROJECT #1920-01-528-S013-001) (ENGINEERING)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DURING THE 2020-2022 YEAR PERIOD (PROJECT #1920-60-583-S014-001) (ENGINEERING)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR 2020-2022 PROJECTS (PROJECT #1920-01-528-S015-001) (ENGINEERING)

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A SOLICITATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS DURING THE 2020-2022 YEAR PERIOD (PROJECT #1920-01-528-S020-001) (ENGINEERING)

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON REQUEST FROM VANGUARD ACADEMY FOR THE CITY OF PHARR TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES OF THE PHARR EVENTS CENTER TO SUPPORT THEIR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION EXPO ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020 (EVENTS CENTER)

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. REGENCY HALL REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 10 AND 11, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 207 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#161155

2. MUY PIZZA-TEJAS, LLC, DBA PIZZA HUT, 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 THE EAST 125.0' OUT OF BLOCK 1, PALM HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1001 WEST HIGHWAY 83. CUP#171165

3. AIESTY, INC., D/B/A SEOUL ASIAN MARKET REQUESTED A 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 0.3 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4A, REPLAT OF VACATED CARMEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE M. CUP#191272

4. **ORGO FAMILY LTD. REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT 1, SHALLOW BROOK SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 3715 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. COZ#191169**

5. **EAST POINT INVESTMENTS, LLC REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 2.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 13-14, L.R. BELL DEVELOPMENT "E" SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 1300-1500 BLOCK OF NORTH VETERANS BOULEVARD. COZ#191271**

H) PLATS:

1. **MELDEN & HUNT INC., REPRESENTING MARK BISSELL, MANAGING MEMBER FOR BISSELL SOUTHWEST DC LEASING, LLC., REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED GEMINI SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 37.397 ACRES OUT OF LOTS 367 AND 370, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION AND OUT OF LOT 14, BLOCK 1, A RE-SUBDIVISION OF CLOSER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 900 BLOCK OF EAST HI LINE ROAD. SUB#181238**

2. **PEREZ CONSULTING ENGINEERS, REPRESENTING, CHARLES CLARK, GENERAL PARTNER CLARK-KNAPP HONDA, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CLARK KNAPP HONDA SUBDIVISION SECTION 2. THE PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS BEING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 4.00 ACRES OUT OF LOT 170, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE 1000 BLOCK OF WEST POLK AVENUE. SUB#160720**

3. **M GARCIA ENGINEERING LLC, REPRESENTING ZARAGOZA HINOJOSA JR., PRESIDENT OF HEAVY INVESTMENTS, LTD., A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MASTER SUBDIVISION PLAT EAST PARK SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 17.13 ACRES AND ALSO BEING A PART OR PORTION OF LOTS 13 AND 14, L.R. BELL DEVELOPMENT "E" SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1100 AND 1200 BLOCK OF EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. SUB#191229**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly explained items 5.B, C, D, and E would expire in February 2020 and the city would go out for bids. He recommended approval of the consent agenda.

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

Resolution No. R-2020-02 and Ordinances Nos. O-2020-02 and O-2020-03 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 NO. O-2019-40 FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET. *(ADOPTION ON 1ST READING)* (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and explained the City of Pharr was increasing budget by $855,000. He stated $700,000 was for the Christmas bonuses and $155,000 was due to law changing for exempt employees and minor adjustments pay. He further explained the funds were from excess sales tax from last year from Municipal Court and Pharr International Bridge and recommended approval.

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

Ordinance No. O-2020-04 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2017-35 TO ADOPT A NEW AND UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL *(2ND READING)* (HR)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES ON CERTAIN CITY CAPITAL PROJECTS TO INCLUDE THE RAW WATER RESERVOIR EXPANSION WITH CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He explained the city purchased 13-acres on Ridge Road for the raw water reservoir expansion project. He stated the city would be issuing revenue bonds with the Texas Water Development Board and recommended approval.

Comm. Medina **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.
Resolution No. R-2020-03 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING OR REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER(S) OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff was recommending some changes to the board. He stated Johnny Ramos resigned and requested he be replaced by Hector Trevino, Efrain Matamoros to be replaced by Gabriel Trevino and Allen Williams to be replaced by Juan Garcia.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, further stated Vanguard Academy Superintendent had requested representation on the Parks Board since they were doing the Nature Park. Mr. Wylie stated this was a good fit and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2020-04 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE HI-LINE EAST ROAD, CAGE BOULEVARD TO VETERANS ROAD, CSJ: 0921-02-375 (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly explained this was for the reconstruction of Cage Boulevard and the estimated construction cost to the State was $211,558. 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.

Resolution No. R-2020-05 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OXIDATION DITCH NO. 2 AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS. (PROJECT #1920-61-587-C002-242) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He explained the Wastewater Plant Oxidation Ditch Number 2 needed repairs and the estimated cost was $5.4 million dollars. He stated city had budgeted $2 million dollars for this project and the remaining $3.4 million dollars would be coming from the Texas Water Development Board. He further recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SINGLE MACHINE REPAVING PROJECT YEAR 5 (PROJECT #1920-40-510-C006-105) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated this was for the Year 5 Single Machine Repaving Project and the estimated construction cost was $3.9 million. He further recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PHARR CITY HALL RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES (PROJECT #1920-01-510-S019-001) (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the timeline for City Hall 1st floor renovations was very tight and in order to expedite the construction and meet the deadlines, the best route was to hire a construction manager to work with architect. He further recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,763.80 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE THOMAS ROAD - LEFT TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND RELEASE OF FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,887.98 (PROJECT NO. 1718-39-510-C009-252) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the project was complete and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE NEW FURNITURE FOR THE PHARR CIVIC CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES THROUGH LONE STAR FURNISHING USING BUYBOARD CONTRACT 584-19. (PROJECT #1920-39-510-P011-001) (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated renovations for the Civic Center was nearing completion and the facility would need new furniture. He stated the cost was approximately $100,000 and recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A HAZMAT ELITE COMMAND PACKAGE- SINGLE-DIAMOND FTIR IDENTIFIER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE 2019 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD USING HGAC CONTRACT EP11-17 (PROJECT #1920-01-515-P010-001) (FIRE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City of Pharr was awarded $96,400 and $68,950 would be utilized for this purchase. He further recommended approval.

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE USED TIRES AND RUBBER SCRAP REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES (PROJECT #1920-01-517-S007-257) (PUBLIC WORKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated only one bid was received from Texas Land Reclamation, LLC. at $1,775.00 per load and recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRUCK STAGING AREA PROJECT (PROJECT #1920-01-528-S018-001) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He explained the Pharr Economic Development Corporation purchased 20 acres of property for a truck staging area in the industrial park. He stated the city received a grant in the amount of $4 million and the cost of the project was $7 million. Mr. Wylie further stated the city would be going out for bids recommended Javier Hinojosa Engineering as the Engineer of record.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $332,830 FOR THE HIKE AND BIKE PHASE II UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT (PROJECT NO.1920-61-583-C004-289) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated formal bids were opened with nine (9) respondents and the lowest bidder was RDH Site and Concrete, LLC in the amount of $332,830. He recommended approval and noted correction from agenda packet on true amount being $332,830.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORION (ONE REGIONAL INTERCONNECTED OPTICAL NETWORK) E-RATE CONSORTIUM (LIBRARY)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated services would be upgraded to a 10-gig fiber connection at $400 a month. He further recommended approval.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS PARK PROJECTS AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETAINAGE TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was to release retainage for Dr. William Long City/School Park, Allen & William Arnold City/School Splash Park, Allen & William Arnold City/School Park, and Pharr Nature & Birding Center. He stated the total retainage to be released was $362,544 and recommended approval.

Comm. Medina asked if the money would be released prior to the projects being completed. Mr. Wylie stated this was to authorize the city to release the funds but once projects were final and groundbreaking done, the city would release the final checks.

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ERO INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE PHARR CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated staff was seeking to negotiate a fee and enter into a contract for design and construction of City Hall renovation project and recommended approval.

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

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager stated they would go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 11. 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 4:23 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 12. RECONVENE

The time being 4:54 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 10. LEGAL

A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE COVERAGE (LEGAL)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval as discussed in closed session.

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

ITEM 13. 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 4:54 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2020 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: February 17, 2020