

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2019, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 20th day of November 2019, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Larry Hernandez, Member
Luis Flores, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
PRESENT:** None

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ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Carrillo

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Administrative Assistant
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant

OTHER PRESENT: Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineering
Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing Department
Sgt. Juan Sanchez, Pharr Bridge PD
David John Gonzalez, CBP
Andy Vega, CBP
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs
Ezequiel Ordoñez, Bridge Liaison

There being a quorum established Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez called the meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez called the meeting to order. All members were present during roll call except for Chairman Edgar Delgadillo and Secretary Campero. Member Hernandez made a motion to excuse Chairman Edgar Delgadillo and

Secretary Campero for being absent. Member Flores seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

ITEM “2”: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the item. Mr. Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

B. 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- OCTOBER 16, 2019.

ITEM “4”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, 2020 UNITED FRESH MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR \$1,750.

ITEM “5”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWING THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP FOR \$2,500.

ITEM “6”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARIES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR \$660.

Vice-Chairman Martinez introduced the next item. Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Flores seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

C. 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 “7”: CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR OCTOBER 2019.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the next item. Mr. Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that for the month of October total crossings were 100,995, which shows a decrease of (-16,528) vehicles or -14.06% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 46,694 cars, which shows a decrease of (-18,701) cars or -28.60%. 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 October were 54,301, which shows an increase of 2,173 trucks or 4.17%

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 October were 58,887, which shows an increase of 2,040 trucks or 2.04% increase in trucks. Mr. Brouwen stated that for the Agriculture for the month of October they had 14,905 trucks, which represents a 25% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Mr. Brouwen stated that total revenue collected for the month of October were \$1,274,663, which shows an increase of \$56,593 or 4.65% in revenues. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

ITEM “8”: EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the next item and stated that they do have Karla Saavedra, Finance Director if they have any questions. Mr. Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that they have been having issues with Incode but everything was healthy for the bridge. Karla Saavedra, Finance Director confirmed that everything was healthy for the bridge. A few discussions then took place regarding the bridge finances. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

ITEM “9”: PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the next item and stated that they do have Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer there if they have any questions regarding their projects. Mr. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that he’s going to give an update on a few projects, the first project is the International Bridge administration office which is under construction right now. He added that they started going vertical on the expansion addition and they are going to start adding the roof section this week and it is estimated to be completed sometime in February. He stated that the other project is the FY15 DAP Project which is the northbound lanes and the second BSIF exit, that one is scheduled to rebid in January 2020. He also stated that the next project is the FY16, which is the dry dock, cold inspection facility and the Ag lab. He added that those are at a 100% design complete and they are still waiting on finalizing the Donations Acceptance Agreement with GSA as well as getting an AFA from TX-DOT for the funding which has already been allocated. Mr. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that they are looking at going out for bids probably in the fall of 2020. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

ITEM “10”: DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the next item. Mr. Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that they have Mr. Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Liaison in Mexico there to give the board his quarterly report. Mr. Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Liaison in Mexico then began to give his report in Spanish. Several discussions then took place regarding the meetings/events that have taken place, as well as future events and meetings.

Mr. Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that the City of Pharr had its annual Veteran's Day parade and the Pharr Bridge won 1st place so we would like to

show the board pictures of the float and thank the staff who worked on the float. He then began to show pictures of the float to the board. He added that last but not least on Friday, December 13th, they will have the celebration of the 25th Anniversary. He added that just this past week the Pharr International Bridge celebrated its 25 years of serve to the community and to the trade, and also they will be celebrating their Customer Appreciation on December 13th. Several discussions then took place regarding the 25 years that the bridge has been in existence and how it came to a reality. Mr. Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs then began to explain in detail how the Pharr Bridge came about 25 years ago. Several discussions then took place. Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item

D. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM "11": ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: _____
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