

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

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ramiro Caballero

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Anali Alanis, ACM/HR Director
Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge
Jose A. Luengo, Police Chief
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Director
Pilar Rodriguez, Interim Public Works Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing
Daniel Ramirez, 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 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated questions could be entertained at this time.

Mayor Hernandez asked about the upgrades being made to the City of Pharr drainage project. Omar Anzaldúa, City Engineer, stated they were coordinating with Public Works Department on equipment for excavation, plan of action and timeline to start on the widening of the ditches.

Mayor Hernandez requested that all updates regarding project be posted on the city's website.

B) SUBMISSION OF TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated questions could be entertained at this time. There were no questions.

C) SUBMISSION OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2019

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly explained the report was for the city's investments and stated questions could be entertained at this time. There were no questions.

D) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the Pharr Municipal Court was recognized by the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center in connection with the Texas Department of Transportation. He stated this honor recognized the courts hazards and risk model which promotes public safety traffic education and best practices.

Marissa Hernandez, Municipal Court Judge, stated the Pharr Municipal Court was selected as one of 22 recipients of the Traffic Safety Initiative Safety Award out of 933 municipal courts in the state of Texas. She stated the Pharr Municipal Court was the only court in Hidalgo County that was selected, and they would be attending a conference in Austin on April 6, 2020 to receive the award.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated due to City Hall 1st floor renovations, a water payment station was fully operational and located at the Development and Research Center.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported on upcoming events. He stated the Miss Pharr Hub Phestival Pageant would take place on March 24, 2020 at the Pharr Events Center and Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration would take place on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Pharr Memorial Library and the Development and Research Center. He further stated the event was for all residents.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, announced the St. Patrick's Day 5K walk/run would be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 and registrations could be done online or by visiting the Parks & Recreation Office. Deadline to register was Friday, March 13, 2020.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr would be conducting a traffic study to synchronize the traffic signals along Cage Boulevard from Polk Avenue to El Rancho Blanco Road. He stated bumps and counters would be setup on various traffic signals to collect numbers to get traffic lights in sync.

Comm. Carrillo suggested to consider changing the speed limit on Nolana Loop towards Veterans Road. He stated this was a 5-lane street and the speed limit was set to 30 mph. Mr. Wylie stated this had been looked at in the past but would definitely look into it again. He added a lot had to do with the number of entrances the street has, the slower the traffic needed to be.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported Pharr Hub Phestival would take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020 and stated a press conference would be held after the meeting to announce the artists performing at the festival.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR LOCAL BORDER STAR SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP 2021) GRANT # 2991405 (POLICE)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATOR GRANT # 2299409 (POLICE)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING LIAISON GRANT # 2430509 (POLICE)**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIME VICTIM LIAISON GRANT # 2987304 (POLICE)**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ALLOWING A CARNIVAL AND FUN FAIR TO BE HELD MARCH 5 TO MARCH 15, 2020 AT 2301 N. CAGE AND WAIVE APPLICATION FEES (ADMINISTRATION)**
- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON REQUEST FROM ARISE FOR POLICE AND FIRE ASSISTANCE DURING THEIR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH AND CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 (ADMINISTRATION)**
- H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR RFQ (REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR RISK MANAGER. (PROJECT #1920-01-526-S027-096) (HR)**

I) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. MELDEN & HUNT INC., REPRESENTING VAQUERO CAGE PARTNERS, LP, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) AND LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (L-I) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, GOMEZ SUBDIVISION AND BEING THE E162.19'-W510'-S165'-N330' OUT OF LOT 77, 0.58AC, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6024 NORTH CAGE BOULEVARD. COZ#200106
2. RED TAPE II, INC., D/B/A STILETTOS GENTLEMEN'S CLUB, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS LICENSE IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 2, ALBRAD SUBDIVISION UNIT #3, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1050 NORTH SUGAR ROAD. SOB#001254
3. MAURICIO JARAMILLO, D/B/A REGENCY FIESTA, 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 LOT 1, REGENCY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1020 WEST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#071271
4. SHOTS MAIN EVENT, LLC, D/B/A MAIN EVENT ENTERTAINMENT, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 A 1.34 ACRE TRACT OF LAND MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4A, REPLAT OF VACATED CAR-MEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO MALL NO. 3 & 4 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE C. CUP#140101

PLATS:

1. QUINTANILLA, HEADLY & ASSOCIATES, INC., REPRESENTING JUDGE RICHARD CORTEZ, FOR THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, OWNER, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LAS MILPAS PARK YOUTH FACILITY SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A 6.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING THE NORTH 776.65 FEET AND THE EAST 336.52 FEET OUT OF LOT 8, BLOCK 13, A.J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1600 BLOCK OF WEST ANAYA ROAD. SUB#180206
2. RUBEN ALFARO, P.E., REPRESENTING MANUEL ALEJANDRO VILLA, OWNER, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED VILLA BAEZ SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A TRACT OF LAND 125 FEET BY 173.6 FEET OUT OF OUTLOT "Q", ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF PHARR, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 320 EAST JONES AVENUE. SUB#200205

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2020-08 and Resolution Nos. R-2020-11, R-2020-12, R-2020-13 and R-2020-14 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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

Comm. Guajardo **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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY OF PHARR WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,430.37 (PROJECT #1415-02-582-0037) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED THE AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2018 (AWIA) RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY PLAN RESPONSE REPORT (PROJECT #1920-60-583-S010-001) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the City of Pharr received four Requests for Qualifications on January 31, 2020 and recommended awarding contract to AARC Consultants in the amount of \$544,000. He stated this was a requirement from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE SINGLE MACHINE REPAVING PROJECT YEAR 5 (PROJECT NO. 1920-40-510-C006-105) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated one bid was received from Cutler Repaving, Inc. and recommended awarding contract to Cutler Repaving, Inc. in the amount of \$4.25 million.

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

Mr. Wylie further stated maps of the streets to be repaved would be on the city's website for public view.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES TO SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS OF LA FERIA TX USING BUYBOARD #555-18 (PROJECT #1920-60-583-P015-001) (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was in the amount of \$198,000. He mentioned it was a budgeted item and a BuyBoard Contract, he further recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF TEXAS FOR A LIVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE CITY OF PHARR'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY JULY 4, 2020 (EVENTS CENTER)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval in the amount of \$15,000.

Comm. Medina **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 EXTENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND KM INTERNATIONAL, LLC. (PROJECT #1920-01-510-S028-001) (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated KM International LLC. was the city's Agent of Record and sole media outlet for all media needs and recommended to extend current contract at the same rate of \$4,000 monthly.

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

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF MARCH 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: April 6, 2020