MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 via videoconference and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ricardo Medina

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
Jose A. Luengo, Police Chief
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
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. Carrillo **moved** to excuse the absent member. Comm. Caballero 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 Comm. Guajardo 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. He stated projects were on track and stated questions could be entertained at this time.

B) SUBMISSION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2018-2019

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the audit was completed and there were no significative changes.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND MARCH 16, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW FURNITURE FOR THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES THROUGH LONE STAR FURNISHING USING BUYBOARD CONTRACT 584-19 (PROJECT #1920-70-510-P018-001) (BRIDGE)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. RAUL FONG, D/B/A D'S PARADISE LOUNGE, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-2). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 14, BLOCK 1, J. T. DOSTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 107 EAST PARK AVENUE. CUP#040213

2. FUERA DE LUGAR, LLC, D/B/A FUERA DE LUGAR RESTAURANT, 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 0.071 OF AN ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF PLAZA SPORTS CENTER PHASE 1 LOT 1 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1101 EAST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#150101

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE PHARR CODE OF ORDINANCES CREATING ARTICLE VIII - RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION STATION, PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, DEFINING TERMS AND PRESCRIBING RATES (2ND READING) (PUBLIC WORKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval. Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING SEVEN (7) REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended re-appointment of Jaime Flores, Ramiro Espinosa, Hector Guerra, Sr., Ruben Escobar, Ramiro Gutierrez, Johnny Ramos the appointment of Roy Torres.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Roy Torres and reappoint Jaime Flores, Ramiro Espinosa, Hector Guerra, Sr., Ruben Escobar, Ramiro Gutierrez, and Johnny Ramos to the Building and Standards Commission. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2020-19 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE HI LINE 16" WATERLINE PROJECT (BID NO. 1819-60-583-C015-051) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and briefly explained this was the final change order in the amount of $11,407.06. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo 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 EARTHWORK MATERIAL HAULING AND RELATED RENTAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CITYWIDE DRAINAGE DITCH WIDENING PROJECT (PROJECT #1920-60-582-S033-171) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was to expand the ditches to maximum capacity as part of the City's drainage improvements project. He explained the work would be done in-house and the bid was to haul off the dirt that would be generated and related rental equipment. He further stated the estimated cost would be no more than $700,000 and recommended approval.

Mayor Hernandez briefly stated this would be for Pharr drainages only and asked staff to present an illustration of the project at the next meeting.

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

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 300KW NATURAL GAS GENERATOR FROM HOLT POWER SYSTEMS USING SOURCEWELL CONTRACT 120617-CAT (PROJECT #1920-70-510-P019-001) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was part of the Pharr Bridge Administration Building and the cost was $139,660. He further stated this was a budgeted item and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by a majority vote of five (5) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH R.L. ABATEMENT FOR THE PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE CITY HALL 1ST FLOOR RENOVATIONS PROJECT THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (PROJECT #1920-40-510-C007-001) (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this was for the partial demolition of City Hall 1st floor and the estimated amount was $160,000. He further stated this was a state contract and 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, ON MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO OPERATE THE INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS) (COMMUNICATIONS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this would allow the Pharr Public Safety Communications to send emergency alert messages to the public via telephone, text, TV and radio and recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, UTILIZING TLGC SEC. 252.022 (1) AND (2) PUBLIC CALAMITY EXEMPTION AND TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENTS AND EMERGENCY/DISASTER USABILITY ASSESSMENT OF CITY ALL PHARR CITY FACILITIES (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this would provide an assessment of all city buildings to identify strengths and weaknesses. He further stated a formal proposal would be presented at the next meeting and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 10. 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

None.

ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF APRIL 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 20, 2020