



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS  
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,  
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS  
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020**

*The City of Pharr has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to Texas law, city charter, and city ordinances. The governing body may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING:** (Ordinance No. O-2019-31). A registered speaker during the public hearing may not exceed 1.5 minutes when addressing the board. A sign-in form for participation in public a hearing shall be promulgated by the city clerk and be made available at the city clerk's office. The public hearing sign-in form shall include the person or entity's name, address, telephone number, other contact information, organization if applicable, and other notices, authorizations, and acknowledgements as may be allowed by law from time to time. No registered speaker may be allowed to address the governing body once the public hearing has closed.

A) Citizen Participation: For or against the Action Plan 2020 Recommendations.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A) Approval of minutes for May 20, 2020.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Meeting of the Community Development Council of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at [www.pharr-tx.gov](http://www.pharr-tx.gov). This Notice was posted on the 7th day of July 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 7th day of July 2020**



  
HILDA PEDRAZA, TRMC, CMC  
CITY CLERK



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**



**BOARD:** Community Development  
Council

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 2.A.

**DATE SUBMITTED:**

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2020

**FROM:** Sonia Cantu, CDBG Secretary

**DEPARTMENT:** GMCD

**DIRECTOR:**

**Agenda Item:** Citizen Participation: For or against the Action Plan 2020  
Recommendations.

**Classification:** Public Hearing

(\* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

**Exclude Material from Public Packet?** No

**Reason:**

**Issue:** 2020 Action Plan Recommendations.

**Financial Consideration:**

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends 2020 Award Recommendations.

**Alternatives:**

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**ROUTING:**

Sonia Cantu  
Raul Garza

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| <b>2020 Action Plan Recommendations</b>  |                        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Administration                           | \$ 224,388.00          |
| Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.    | \$ 200,000.00          |
| Lock Box Program                         | \$ 4,000.00            |
| South Pharr WiFi Connection              | \$ 88,000.00           |
| Demolition Program                       | \$ 50,000.00           |
| Repayment of Section 108 Loan - 8th Year | \$ 400,000.00          |
| Area Agency on Aging                     | \$ 5,000.00            |
| Su Casa De Esperanza                     | \$ 15,000.00           |
| Amigos Del Valle                         | \$ 40,000.00           |
| LRGVDC-Valley Metro                      | \$ 60,000.00           |
| Silver Ribbon                            | \$ 5,000.00            |
| RGV Food Bank                            | \$ 30,000.00           |
| Children's Advocacy Center               | \$ 10,000.00           |
| <b>Total Proposed 2020 Allocation</b>    | <b>\$ 1,131,388.00</b> |



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**



**BOARD:** Community Development  
Council

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 3.A.

**DATE SUBMITTED:**

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2020

**FROM:** Sonia Cantu, CDBG Secretary

**DEPARTMENT:** GMCD

**DIRECTOR:**

**Agenda Item:** Approval of minutes for May 20, 2020.

**Classification:** Regular

(\* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

**Exclude Material from Public Packet?** No

**Reason:**

**Issue:**

**Financial Consideration:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Alternatives:**

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**ROUTING:**

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
**PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING**  
**MINUTES MAY 20, 2020**

The City of Pharr's Community Development Council held a public hearing/meeting for the purpose of soliciting comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Citizen participation is encouraged, and comments received will be considered for the City of Pharr's 2020 Action Plan and the Substantial Amendment of the Program Year 2019.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
Commissioners Room  
118 S. Cage Blvd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pharr, Texas 78577

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Rene Cantu started the hearing/meeting at 6:00 p.m. according to the published Public Hearing/Meeting Notice. There being a quorum for the meeting, the public hearing was open to the public.

Council Members present:

Jose G. Rodriguez  
Romeo Robles  
Rene Cantu  
Lucio Gaitan  
Joe Hinojosa  
Norma Treviño  
Olga Cardoza

Council Members absent:

Marco Gonzalez  
Danny Smith  
Belia Garcia  
Trinidad Suchil

Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to excuse absent members, Jose Rodriguez moved to excuse the members absent seconded by Lucio Gaitan, when it came to a vote it carried unanimously.

Staff Present: Raul Garza, Director  
Santiago Salinas, Program Manager  
Sonia Cantu, Administrative Assistant

Public Present: No public present.

**2. Public Hearing:**

A). Substantial Amendment to Program Year 2019 the Covid-19 CARES Act.  
Mr. Raul Garza, Director thanked the Board for their services and time. Mr. Garza welcomed and introduced Olga Cardoza as new board member. Ms. Cardoza said she works for the PSJA ISD as Family and Community Coordinator, providing services for 670 parents.

Mr. Garza continued by informing the board, the City of Pharr received a Federal Grant in the amount of \$665,558.00 for the Covid-19 Virus CARES Act which the city needs to follow the process with normal CDBG Guidelines. The following will be the distribution of the funds to eligible activities:

Amigos del Valle - Meals on Wheels - \$50,558

Food Bank – Food Pantry - \$50,000

Utility Assistance - \$100,000

Business Relief Funds - \$465,000

Mr. Garza continued by saying no body from the community signed for comments and asked the board for any comments or questions. Mr. Robles asked if the moneys for Amigos del Valle and Food bank is an addition to the moneys that are already allocated. Mr. Garza responded, it is the reason for the Amendment to the Program Year 2019, and it will be an addition. After asking and talking to all the agencies on who could use funds to Covid-19 affected people. These two agencies can utilize the money specifically for Covid-19 activities.

B). Amendment of the City's Citizen Participation Process as per CARES Act.

Mr. Garza explained the process of the Participation Plan, instead of 30-Day Comment Period for citizen participation will be only 5-Day Comment Period.

### **3. Administrative:**

A) Approval of minutes for November 29, 2019. February 6, 2020 and March 3, 2020.

Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to approve minutes for November 29, 2020 Romeo Robles moved to approve minutes as written, seconded by Jose Rodriguez. Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to approve minutes for February 6, 2020, Lucio Gaitan moved to approve minutes as written, seconded by Norma Treviño. Chairman Cantu entertained a motion to approve minutes for March 3, 2020, Jose Hinojosa moved to approve minutes as written seconded by Olga Cardoza when it came to a vote all carried unanimously in favor

B) For Discussion/Approval: Action Plan 2020 Recommendations.

Mr. Garza explained the breakdown of the \$1,131,388, after reviewing all the applications submitted the following is the breakdown of the recommendations:

Administration: \$226,278 (20%)

Public Services \$169,708 (15%)

Area Agency on Aging-\$5,000, Su Casa de Esperanza-\$15,000, Amigos Del Valle-\$40,000, Valley Metro-\$60,000, Silver Ribbon-\$5,000, Food Bank-\$30,000, Children's Advocacy-\$10,000

Non-Public No Cap.

Affordable Homes-\$200,000, Lock Box Program-\$4,000, South Pharr WiFi-\$88,000, Demolition-Program-\$50,000, Repayment of the Section 108 Loan-\$400,000.

Chairman Cantu entertained a motion to approve all recommendations at once, Mr. Lucio Gaitan made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Ms. Cardoza, when it came to a vote all carried unanimously in favor.

**4. Adjourn:** Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Jose Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Lucio Gaitan, when it came to a vote it carried unanimously.

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Rene Cantu, Chairman