TAKE NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 12:00 PM ON
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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. All persons desiring to address the governing body must register with the presiding city clerk prior to the scheduled meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: *(Ordinance No. O-2019-45). A person intending on addressing the governing body may speak at a scheduled meeting of the governing body following registration with the presiding clerk and prior to the scheduled meeting. A registered speaker may speak only on items on the agenda and may not exceed 1.5 minutes when addressing the board regarding an agenda item. A registered speaker may not donate time to another speaker. A sign-in form for public testimony shall be promulgated by the presiding clerk and be made available at the city clerk's office. A person may sign up for public testimony beginning at the time the agenda is posted for the meeting. A person may not sign up later than one hour before the posted meeting is scheduled to begin. No registered speaker may be allowed to speak regarding an item once the public testimony portion of the agenda has ended.*

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A) Consideration and action, if any, on Ordinance amending Ordinance O-2019-50 relating to the number of authorized civil service positions within the Fire and Police Departments. ***(2nd and Final Reading)*** (ADMINISTRATION)

4. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) Consideration and action, if any, to confirm the City Manager's appointment of a Department Head for the Police Department pursuant to 143.013(1) of the Texas Local Government Code. (ADMINISTRATION)

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) Consideration and action, if any, on employment contract for Chief of Police. (ADMINISTRATION)

6. 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.*

Pursuant to Section 551.071, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting with its attorney and discuss any matters related **to legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.072, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters related to **real property and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as such would be detrimental to negotiations between the City and a third party in an open meeting.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

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Pursuant to Section 551.076, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters on the **deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices**. The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.084, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters involving an **investigation and may exclude a witness from hearing during the examination of another witness in the investigation.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

Pursuant to Section 551.087, the Board may convene in a closed, non-public meeting to discuss any matters regarding **economic development issues.** The City and its attorney may also discuss such issues with the appropriate staff so as to obtain necessary and relevant information so that such discussion is informative and developed.

7. RECONVENE: *into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in closed session.*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 956/402-4100 ext. 1003/1007 or FAX 956/702-5313 or E-mail hilda.pedraza@pharr-tx.gov or imelda.barrera@pharr-tx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Special Meeting of the City Commission 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. This Notice was posted on the 10th day of July 2020 at 11:45 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 10th day of July 2020.

CITY OF PHARR PHARR, TEXAS

HILDA PEDRAZA, TRMC, CMC
CITY CLERK

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the City Commission was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 20___ by,

_____ Title: _____

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.
DATE SUBMITTED: July 7, 2020
MEETING DATE: July 13, 2020

FROM: Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR: Anali Alanis

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on Ordinance amending Ordinance O-2019-50 relating to the number of authorized civil service positions within the Fire and Police Departments. ***(2nd and Final Reading)***

Classification: Regular

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

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

Issue: It is necessary for the Board of Commission to make amendments to Article IX, Firefighters and Police Officers Civil Service Ordinance relating to the number of authorized civil service position in certain specified ranks to better serve the needs of the citizens of the City.

Financial Consideration: Position to be reclassified on upcoming budget amendment.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of updated Ordinance.

Alternatives:

ROUTING:

Hilda Pedraza	Created/Initiated - 7/7/2020
Patricia Rigney	Approved - 7/7/2020
Karla Saavedra	Approved - 7/10/2020
City Management Office	New -

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES NO. O- 2019 -50 OF THE CITY OF PHARR BY PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE BY INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS IN THE DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS DECLARING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT NULL AND VOID; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: It is necessary for the Board of Commission to make amendments to Article IX, Firefighters and Police Officers Civil Service Ordinance relating to the number of authorized civil service position in certain specified ranks to better serve the needs of the citizens of the City.

SECTION 2: Therefore, the Code of Ordinance of the City of Pharr, Article IX, Firefighters and Police Officers Civil Service Ordinance is hereby amended to provide for the following modifications to the number of authorized and budgeted positions in the existing rank structure of the City Fire Department and City Police Department as follows:

1) an increase in the Police Department authorized strength, new total is as follows:

Police Department			
	Current Positions	**Increase By**	New Total
Police Officer	113	**-1**	112
Sergeant	16	**0**	16
Lieutenant	6	**1**	7
Assistant Chief	2	**0**	2
Police Chief	1	**0**	1

2) an increase in the Fire Department authorized strength, new total is as follows:

Fire Department			
	Current Positions	**Increase By**	New Total
Firefighter	35	**0**	35
Engineer	18	**0**	18
Lieutenant/Asst. Fire Marshal	14	**0**	14
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal	3	**0**	3
Assistant Chief	1	**0**	1
Fire Chief	1	**0**	1

3) any vacancies created are to be filled by civil service procedures;

SECTION 3: The foregoing modifications to the number of authorized positions are hereby made so as to better serve the interests of the department and public and in keeping with the fiscal and administrative efficiency of the City of Pharr, Texas.

SECTION 4: The foregoing modifications made to the number of authorized positions at the rank of Firefighter will be effective only **after** the new positions of Engineer and Lieutenant/Asst. Fire Marshal are filled.

SECTION 5: Provisions of any Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 6: Nothing in the Ordinance is intended to modify or create any additional statutory or contractual rights or obligations of the employees of the Fire or Police Departments.

SECTION 7: The importance of the subject matter of this Ordinance creates an emergency and the requirement that this Ordinance is to be read on three (3) separate meetings is hereby waived and dispensed with. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately after approval and passage. Publication, if necessary, may also be in caption form as allowed under Section 9 of the Pharr City Charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, on this the 6th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF PHARR

ATTEST:

_____
Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, Mayor

_____
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, on this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF PHARR

ATTEST:

_____
Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, Mayor

_____
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM #: 4.A.
DATE SUBMITTED: July 7, 2020
MEETING DATE: July 13, 2020

FROM: Edward Wylie, Assistant City Manager

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, to confirm the City Manager's appointment of a Department Head for the Police Department pursuant to 143.013(1) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Classification: Regular

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

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No
Reason:

Issue:

Financial Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

ROUTING:

Edward Wylie	Created/Initiated - 7/7/2020
Patricia Rigney	Approved - 7/7/2020
City Management Office	New -

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM #: 5.A.
DATE SUBMITTED: July 7, 2020
MEETING DATE: July 13, 2020

FROM: Edward Wylie, Assistant City Manager

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Consideration and action, if any, on employment contract for Chief of Police.

Classification: Closed Session

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

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No
Reason:

Issue:

Financial Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

ROUTING:

Edward Wylie	Created/Initiated - 7/7/2020
Patricia Rigney	Approved - 7/7/2020
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AGENDA ITEM #:
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DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

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Alternatives:

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