MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2020
1011 W. KELLY AVE.

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk
Anali Alains, ACM
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Gary Rodriguez, Events Center Dir.
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Criselda Flores, Municipal Court Judge
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Andy Harvey, Jr., Police Chief
Melanie Cano, Dev. Services Dir.
Pilar Rodriguez, Public Works Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Raul Garza, GMCD Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Dir.
Daniel Ramirez, Communications Dir.

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 BODY

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) WELCOMING REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, welcomed everyone in attendance and briefly went over this year's budget process.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez introduced new Directors Andy Harvey, Jr., Police Chief; Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director; Criselda Flores, Municipal Judge; Veronica Ramirez, HR Director; and Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director.

B) DISCUSSION OF PENDING AND/OR PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS, DUTIES, ROLES, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 THRU FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY GENERALLY AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ); TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE II (TIRZ II); PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II (PEDC); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (PHFC); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION JACKSON PLACE APTS.; AND PHARR PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, for presentation on the city-wide budget.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, gave a recap of FY 2019-2020 Budget and current budget challenges. She also went over the FY2020-2021 city-wide budget by department and stated the city-wide total budget was $106,653,900 excluding capital projects and proposed budget was balanced.

Comm. Chavez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 9:34 a.m.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, went over the Capital Improvements Project FY 2020-2021 and gave an overview of projects currently under design and construction and proposed projects for capital outlay funding.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, gave a presentation on Pharr International Bridge and went over the building and expansion projects.

4. 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, INCLUDING ITEM 2

None.

5. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Workshop meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2020 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **WORKSHOP SESSION** at the Commissioner's Room located at 1011 W. Kelly Ave., 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, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: August 17, 2020