MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, October 5, 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. Ramiro Caballero Comm. Daniel Chavez Comm. Ricardo Medina Comm. Itza Flores
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer Karla Saavedra, Finance Director Veronica Ramirez, HR Director Criselda Rincon, Municipal Court Judge Andrew Harvey Jr., Police Chief Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief Melanie Cano, Development Services Dir. Pilar Rodriguez, Interim Public Works Dir. Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Dir. Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director Raul Garza, CDBG Director Adolfo Garcia, Library Director Jose Pena, I.T. Director Luis Bazan, Bridge Director Victor Perez. PEDC Director Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director Kenneth Ennis, Communications Director Lisa C. Salinas, Chamber President
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.

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager called upon Police Chief for a report on changes taking place at the Police Department.

Andy Harvey, Police Chief, informed the Commission on their social contract and went over the mission statement, vision statement, guiding principles and their C.A.R.E. (Compassion, Accountable, Resilient & Excellent) core values. He stated all members of the department agreed to support this social contract and commit their efforts to the daily interactions and services to the community.

Mayor Hernandez welcomed the new changes and suggested a short video in English and Spanish be made and an article be placed in The Advance Newspaper to inform the public of these changes.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon on Anali Alanis for a report on Happy World's Teachers Day.

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, briefly stated the City of Pharr would be partaking in Happy World's Teachers Day. She stated City Hall would be lighted-up in blue in support of teachers and to remind them that their efforts do not go unnoticed.

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, also presented the new workforce Team Pharr logo and stated the We Are Team Pharr logo was for the citizens and every person who interacts with the City of Pharr.

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.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate and go into closed session. There was no objection.

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

The time being 4:11 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to discuss agenda items listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084 and 551.087.

ITEM 11. RECONVENE

The time being 5:05 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING; SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING; SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING; AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. **OLLY'S DRIVE THRU, REQUESTED A 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 BEING A 0.04 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 27 AND 28, LA QUINTA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 5850 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#200836**

2. **TROPICAL ISLAND, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C).THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT B-1, NORTHPOINT SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1911 NORTH VETERANS BOULEVARD. CUP#180858**

3. **LEM GROUP, LLC., D/B/A THE BRIDGE BAR & GRILL, 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 0.06 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 2, LUVIL, L.L.C. ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 508 WEST IH-2, SUITE 13. CUP#150747**

PLATS:

1. **CDSMUERY ENGINEERS, REPRESENTING, TODD IRELAND, REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT MANAGER FOR AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AEP YOUNG SUBDIVISION LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 5.150 ACRE AND 3.143 ACRE TRACTS OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTH 10 ACRES OF LOT 7, BLOCK 5 OF THE A.J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 2900 BLOCK OF N. JOHNSON STREET. SUB#190202**

2. **CDSMUERY ENGINEERS, REPRESENTING, TODD IRELAND, REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT MANAGER FOR AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AEP NORTH PHARR SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 20.836 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LYING IN PORCION 69, JUAN JOSE HINOJOSA SURVEY, ABSTRACT 40, SAME BEING A PORTION OF LOT 93, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 200 BLOCK OF E. MINNESOTA ROAD. SUB#180105**

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

Comm. Chavez **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Medina 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 REGULATING ELECTIONEERING IN CITY OWNED OR CITY CONTROLLED PROPERTY. *(3RD AND FINAL READING)* (ADMINISTRATION)

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

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez called upon Hilda Pedraza go over the ordinance.

Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, stated the ordinance would cover all the polling locations in the city of Pharr to include city and school properties. She stated no canvassing would be allowed inside the parking lots and map layouts would be provided to the school districts and campaign managers.

Comm. Caballero asked about Code Enforcement and infractions to those who violate the Ordinance.

Patricia Rigney, City Attorney, stated all candidates were responsible to inform their staff advocating for them properly and any fines imposed are on the individual violating the ordinance. She further stated people would still be allowed to electioneer, but the city was allowed by law to restrict time, place and manner and safety of the public who come out to vote.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated maps for electioneering would be made available on the City of Pharr website.

There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously

Ordinance No. O-2020-37 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2020-36 RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS *(1ST READING)* (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the City of Pharr received a grant for the salary of nine (9) firefighter positions for three years and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo **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 RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the terms of Mario Guajardo and Isaac Smith were expired and stated both members wished to be reappointed.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to reappoint Mario Guajardo and Isaac Smith to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2020-54 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PEDC II)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the terms for Comm. Eleazar Guajardo, Rey Perez, Efrain Matamoros, and Mario Lizcano were expired. He recommended reappointment of Rey Perez, Efrain Matamoros, and Mario Lizcano and appointment of Marty Moore.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to appoint Marty Moore and reappoint Rey Perez, Efrain Matamoros, and Mario Lizcano to the Pharr Economic Development Corporation II Board of Directors. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2020-55 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PHARR TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,475,883.99 FOR THE HIRING OF NINE (9) FIREFIGHTERS (FIRE)

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

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

B) UPDATE ON CITY WIDE DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated update was discussed in closed session.

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH LHOIST NORTH AMERICA OF TEXAS, LTD. FOR TYPE B LIME SLURRY (PURCHASING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this was for an additional year with no increase to the original unit price and recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH THE WARREN GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,173 FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this was for the public infrastructure and subdivision plat and recommended approval.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to approve. Comm. Medina seconded the motion.
Mayor Hernandez asked for estimated completion date to project. Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated estimated completion date was May 2021.

There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COBB, FENDLY & ASSOCIATES, INC FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CITY WIDE FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the City's goal was to provide internet services to every home in the city and recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LION STRATEGY GROUP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT (POLICE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly this was the second phase for the changes at the Police Department and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 12. 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 5:15 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 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, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: October 19, 2020