

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Mayor Pro Tem Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ramiro Caballero

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk
Omar Anzaldúa, 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.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Daniel Ramirez, Communications 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 Pro Tem Carrillo called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 4:04 p.m.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, reported President Donald J. Trump issued a presidential permit for the expansion of the Pharr International Bridge on December 31, 2020. She stated the second span would give the City of Pharr a competitive advantage by adding additional lanes to separate trucks and cars, dedicating specific lanes for empty cargos, full cargos, certified cargos, and passenger vehicles. She further stated presidential permits normally take a few years to obtain and the City of Pharr was able to obtain the permit in a very short period.

Mayor Hernandez went over the various partnership projects and the strategic planning of this presidential permit. He stated all of this would not be possible without the dedicated leadership of City of Pharr staff and expressed his appreciation to President Donald Trump, Senator Cruz, Senator Cornyn, Governor Abbott, Senator Hinojosa, and Senator Lucio for being very receptive to the City's needs.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, thanked Mayor Hernandez and the City Commission for being proactive and for all the strategic planning to get this done.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, briefly stated this started on the Mexican side and Mexico had invested \$90 Million towards the expansion project. He stated staff was very excited with this accomplishment and stated the deadline to complete the project was year of 2023.

Cynthia Garza Reyes, Director of External Relations, stated this was an exciting time for the City of Pharr and stated this would not have been possible without the leadership of the Mayor and City Commission and an overall team effort.

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item. She stated City Engineer was available and questions could be entertained at this time. No questions were asked.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORPORATION, REPRESENTING REYNALDO MATA, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY HIGH-DENSITY DISTRICT (R-MFHD). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.12-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE WEST 5 ACRES OF LOT 222, KELLY-PHARR TRACT, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 400 EAST MOORE ROAD. COZ#201156
2. CITY OF PHARR, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (L-I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 7.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 378, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 802 – 1100 BLOCK OF WEST HI-LINE ROAD. COZ#201151

3. FAITH FAMILY CHURCH RGV, REQUESTED A LIFE-OF-THE-USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CHURCH IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.52 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4, 0.92 ACRES NET, L.R. BELL DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1215 EAST FERGUSON, SUITE A. CUP#201257
4. MARISCOS EL MUELLE, LLC, D/B/A MUELLE 37, REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT A, H E B FUTURAMA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1300 EAST BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83, SUITE 6. CUP#201258

PLATS:

1. K.C.I. TECHNOLOGIES., REPRESENTING JOAQUIN SPAMER, OWNER, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RE-SUBDIVISION PLAT OF LOT 2, SPAMER BUSINESS PARK. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.303 ACRES, BEING ALL OF LOT 2, SPAMER BUSINESS PARK, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 8101 S. JACKSON ROAD. SUB#201029

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval of consent agenda.

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

Ordinance No's. O-2021-01 and O-2021-02 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGN ORDINANCE O-2014-14 (3RD AND FINAL READING) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

Ordinance No. O-2021-03 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PETITION RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF PHARR TO CONTRACT THE CITY OF PHARR'S ELECTION WITH HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT (ADMINISTRATION)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item. She briefly stated a petition was received by the City of Pharr on December 17, 2020 to contract election services with Hidalgo County Elections Department. She stated signatures had been verified and petition was presented to City Commission for their consideration.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve. Comm. Medina seconded the motion.

Comm. Carrillo asked if the City of Pharr had purchased their own election equipment.

Mayor Hernandez confirmed equipment was purchased by the City of Pharr and now the City would have to pay an additional amount to a third party for election services. He further stated the City of Pharr's election equipment also had a dual checking system for votes casted and mentioned he felt it was a disservice to the citizens of Pharr taxpayers.

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

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION, IF ANY, ON PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES (OUTER VEST CARRIERS, BADGES, JACKETS, COMMAND STAFF UNIFORMS) FOR THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT THRU BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT# 587-19 FROM GALLS OUT OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY (POLICE)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM FROM DHS SECURITY, LLC DBA 3SIXTY INTEGRATED FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX, THROUGH BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #574-18 (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item. She briefly explained the system was an open-source access control solution for City Hall first floor renovations and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH DELTA INDUSTRIAL SERVICE & SUPPLY FROM PORT NECHES, TX FOR THE PURCHASE & DELIVERY OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (ITEM 5-EXTRICATION GLOVES) (PURCHASING)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH NAFECO, INC. FROM DECATUR, AL FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (ITEMS 1-TURN OUT GEAR, 4-STRUCTURAL GLOVES, AND 6-PROTECTIVE HOOD) (PURCHASING)**

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.

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

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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 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Medina **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF JANUARY 2021 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: January 18, 2021