

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 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 18, 2021 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim 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 Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, External Affairs & CDBG Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Daniel Ramirez, 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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, opened the public testimony.

Jesus Mendoza signed-up for Public Testimony via-telephone but his testimony was irrelevant to any matters listed on agenda.

ITEM 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon Jesus Pineda from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Jesus Pineda, Commander for Post #10712, thanked the Commission for the building provided by City of Pharr to Veterans of Foreign Wars. He stated they were very grateful and now they had a permanent location for their regular meetings.

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr had an increase of 10.6% for the month compared to last year and stated the City of Pharr was 6th place in the valley in sales tax.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2020

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr had an increase of 1.46% in tax collection and an increase of .42% in delinquent collections for the month compared to last year.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2020 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 2020 REGULAR CALLED MEETING, AND JANUARY 4, 2021 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF PHARR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT PROGRAM FY2020 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION. GRANT #3173106 / OPSG-2020 (POLICE)

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

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

Resolution No. R-2021-01 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CALLING THE CITY OF PHARR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR MAY 1, 2021, FOR ELECTION OF CITY COMMISSIONERS PLACES 2, 3, AND 4 AND DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES. (CONSIDERACIÓN Y ACCIÓN, EN ORDENANZA PARA ORDENAR LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE PHARR EL 1 DE MAYO DE 2021, PARA ELEGIR COMISIONADOS LUGARES 2, 3, Y 4, Y LA DESIGNACIÓN DE DISTRITOS ELECTORALES Y CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN) (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING) (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and went over the changes in polling locations. He stated the Pharr City Hall would be replacing the Pharr Memorial Library, Nomad Shrine Club would be replacing the Pharr Housing Authority and the northeast area was being replaced with Plaza Sports Center. He further recommended approval.

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

Ordinance No. O-2021-04 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-35 FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING) (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated amendment was needed for additional staff and Christmas bonuses to city employees. He further recommended approval.

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

Ordinance No. O-2021-05 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE FOR AMIGOS DEL VALLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (TABLED) (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, recommended Comm. Ricardo Medina as Representative for Amigos Del Valle Board.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Comm. Medina as representative for Amigos Del Valle Board of Directors. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2021-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER TO THE TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF CLUB ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Juan Willingham.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to reappoint Juan Willingham to the Tierra Del Sol Golf Club Advisory Board. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2021-03 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTY (EDC) PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR I ROAD, FROM RANCHO BLANCO ROAD TO MILITARY HIGHWAY (US 281) (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the total project cost was \$11.6 million and the City of Pharr's participation was reduced from 20% (\$2.4 million) to 8% (\$935,886.88) for a total adjustment of 60%. He further recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RELEASE OF \$9,376.50 FOR A NEW TOTAL FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,796.38, TO INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE FACILITY EXPANSION & RENOVATIONS PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

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

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

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

ITEM 8. 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 4:09 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 9. RECONVENE

The time being 4:26 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 7. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TEXAS LAND RECLAMATION DBA UTW TIRE COLLECTION SERVICES FROM DONNA, TX FOR THE PICKUP OF USED TIRES & RUBBER SCRAP REMOVAL & DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES (PURCHASING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated it was the second extension of a three (3) year term with no changes to current pricing and recommended approval.

Comm. Medina **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez asked if the City of Pharr received recycled material back. Pilar Rodriguez, Interim Public Works Director, responded no and stated the contract was for disposal services only.

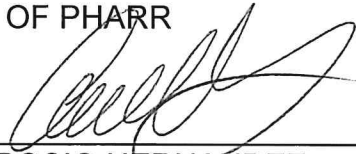
There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

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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 4:27 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 18th 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: February 1, 2021