

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2021 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez (Arrived @ 4:03pm)
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Mayor Pro Tem 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
Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Rodolfo Martinez, Municipal Judge
Joel Robles, Asst. Police Chief
Leonardo Perez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Interim Dev. Svcs. Director
Pilar Rodriguez, Interim Public Works Dir.
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs Dir.
Mike Singleterry, Library
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Victor Perez, PEDC Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Daniel Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comm. Dir.
Marcela Beas, Chamber President
Michelle Lopez, Chief Comm. Officer
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. 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 Chavez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Mayor Hernandez was not present at time of roll call but arrived at 4:03 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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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

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated all projects were on time. He further stated City Engineer was available and questions could be entertained at this time.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTNER WITH FIBER BROKER'S INTERNATIONAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF 52 BALLISTIC VEST PANELS. (POLICE)**
- B) AGENDA ITEM: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR POLICE ACADEMY/BASIC PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION. (POLICE)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPS) FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR THE UTRGV PHARR NURSING SCHOOL FACILITY. (ENGINEERING)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES: (ADMINISTRATION)**
 - 1. ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ AND SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ, D/B/A VERONA EVENT CENTER II, LLC, ARE REQUESTING 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 LOTS 2 AND 3, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 109 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#100623 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

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

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

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

ITEM 10. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 4:03 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 4:58 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO AMEND THE CURRENT CITY OF PHARR/FIRE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. (ADMINISTRATION)**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was in fulfillment of Item 8-A for the appointment of the new Fire Chief. He stated the collective bargaining unit worked with the City to amend current agreement to support the appointment of the new Fire Chief. He recommended approval.

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, thanked Mike Navarro, Firefighters Association President, for working with the City on this agreement.

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CREATING AN OFFICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRATEGIC EXCELLENCE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF PHARR. (3RD AND FINAL READING) (ADMINISTRATION)**

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.

Ordinance No. O-2021-35 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2016-20 ADOPTING THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. (2ND READING) (PURCHASING)**

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.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING O-2016-34 AND ADOPTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE CODES 2017 AND 2018. (1ST READING) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City of Pharr has had the 2012 Family of Codes since 2012. He stated these codes were the 2017 & 2018 Building Codes and mentioned these codes were more development friendly. Mr. Wylie further recommended to approve these codes to maintain the City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating.

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

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC SERVICES. (1ST READING) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City was looking at a new fee schedule to get individuals pre-qualified coming the month of December. He recommended approval.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, TAXABLE SERIES 2021; AWARDING THE SALE THEREOF; AND CONTAINING MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO. (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING) (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City was awarded \$5 Million from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for Drainage Project in South Pharr. Additionally, he stated \$1.5 Million was forgivable under program and the City would need to fund \$3.157 Million. He further stated this was the mechanism to fund this and recommended approval.

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

Ordinance No. O-2021-36 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL JUDGE. (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING) (ADMINISTRATION) (TABLED) (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated item was tabled.

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Juan Villescas as Municipal Judge. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2021-37 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF PHARR CURRENT CORPORATE BOUNDARY MAP. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City should adopt a new map if boundaries change. He stated the boundaries had not changed in a few years but last year the City did annex sixty acres to the East of Veterans Road (I Rd.) from the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Mr. Wylie stated due to change the City needed to adopt new boundary map and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2021-40 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD. (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Chavez moved to appoint Robert Carrillo Jr to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. 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. Carrillo abstained from voting.

Resolution No. R-2021-41 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 143.013 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the Fire Department and Police Department were under Civil Service. He further stated Civil Service does grant the authority to the City Manager to appoint the Fire Chief which is the head of the Fire Department. At this time, Mr. Wylie appointed Pilar Rodriguez as the new Fire Chief effective July 23, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Pilar Rodriguez, newly appointed Fire Chief, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to continue to serve the Fire Department and stated he looked forward to the challenges and working with the staff.

Mayor Hernandez stated it was his understanding that Chief Pilar's colleagues in the union and Chief Lenny Perez were all very happy with this appointment. He further asked Chief Pilar if he expected any unforeseen hick-ups with his appointment.

Pilar Rodriguez, newly appointed Fire Chief, stated he did not.

Mayor Hernandez and the Commission congratulated Chief Rodriguez.

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

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported after today's City Commission meeting, the Fire Department would be having the New Rescue Truck Push-In Ceremony at the Central Fire Station located at 120 W. Cherokee.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE, NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR COMPLETE RENOVATIONS OF THE TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS. (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ACCESS CONTROL AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR NATATORIUM FROM DHS SECURITY, LLC DBA 3SIXTY INTEGRATED FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX, THROUGH BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #574-18 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,515.87. (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated

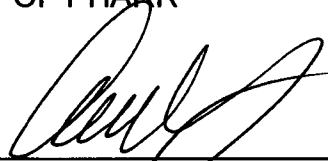
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Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

ITEM 12. 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. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



 AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
 MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF JULY 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, **IMELDA BARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:


 IMELDA BARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

APPROVED: October 18, 2021