

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021
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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Workshop Meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager
Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Judge
Andrew Harvey, Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Interim Dev. Svcs. Director
Olga Garza, Public Works Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs Dir.
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Danny 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. (ADMINISTRATION)

Comm. Guajardo moved to excuse absent members. Comm. Carrillo 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.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced Danny Ramirez, Emergency Medical Services Chief, to give a brief discussion on weather conditions.

Danny Ramirez, Emergency Medical Services Chief, gave brief update on Tropical Storm Grace.

Mayor Hernandez made comments on informing the public about weather conditions and preparations via phone messages and social media outlets. Furthermore, he mentioned the maintenance of the drainage canals be kept clean for any and all collection of water from these weather conditions.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational and Strategic Excellence Director.

Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational and Strategic Excellence Director, went over Budget Priorities Citizen Survey results. She stated there were 892 responses regarding key product offerings to include Quality of Life, Public Safety, Customer Service and Economic Development. Mrs. Cano stated the top three (3) services mentioned to invest were Afterschool Program, Athletics Programs and Animal Services. She stated the top three (3) services mentioned for reduction/elimination were None of the Above, Tierra Del Sol Golf Course and Volunteer Services.

Brief discussion and questions were held regarding these services amongst Mayor Hernandez, City Commission and staff in attendance.

B) DISCUSSION OF PENDING AND/OR PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS, DUTIES, ROLES, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 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 II); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (PHFC); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION JACKSON PLACE APTS.; AND PHARR PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT. (ADMINISTRATION)

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 Fiscal Year 2021 – 2021 budget and current budget challenges. She also went over the new Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 city-wide budget.

Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, presented brief overview of Fleet Lease Proposal for City of Pharr non-emergency fleet and emergency fleet.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, continued with overview of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 city-wide budget changes to include capital outlay purchases. In summary, she reported the city-wide total budget was \$306,002,800.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, went over Capital Improvements Project Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 and gave an overview of projects currently under design & construction and proposed projects for capital outlay funding.

Mayor Hernandez left the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 11:25 a.m.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 11:44 a.m., Comm. Carrillo 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 5. RECONVENE

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The time being 2:05 p.m., Comm. Carrillo stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 6. 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 2:05 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



 AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2021 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **WORKSHOP MEETING** at the Jose "Pepe" Salinas Memorial Civic Center, 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, **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: November 1, 2021