

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Maria Rangel, Asst. City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Judge
Andy Harvey, Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Interim Dev. Svcs. Director
Olga Garza, Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Rogelio Martinez, Assistant I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Marcela Beas, Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Communications Officer
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comm. Dir.

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 4:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Mayor Hernandez was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:22 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Pharr Police Officer Robert Quintanilla and Contractor Fernando Saenz and his wife.

ITEM 3. PROCLAMATIONS

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A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2022 AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH (POLICE)

Andy Harvey, Chief of Police, stated the Pharr Police Department recognizes and participates in public awareness campaign for human trafficking and asked the community to educate themselves about human trafficking. At this time, he introduced Nancy Gonzalez, Human Trafficking Liaison, and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez read proclamation proclaiming January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and presented proclamation to Police Department staff.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. 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 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated projects were on track and questions could be entertained at this time.

Andy Harvey, Police Chief, announced Michael Mata was appointed as First Regional Director for Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network by the Caruth Police Institute at UTN Dallas. He stated the regional office in Pharr was the first of three regional network offices to appoint a director and stated now officers would have a resource that is readily available when they experience a crisis.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr in partnership with DHR Health, was hosting a Pfizer vaccine clinic at the Pharr EMS headquarters located at 3000 N. Cage Blvd., in Pharr. He stated beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022, vaccine boosters would be available every Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported a fire incident had occurred on January 1, 2022 at Matt's Cash and Carry Building Materials and called upon Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, for a presentation.

Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, recognized Stefano's Pizza for feeding first responders at Matt's Cash and Carry fire and presented a plaque to Alan Dewalkat. He further recognized another individual for donating food through Church's Chicken and thanked them for their generosity.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 20, 2021 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2021-57 RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS (3RD AND FINAL READING)

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- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO USE JOSE PEPE SALINAS COMMUNITY CENTER AND DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER AS A POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ALL UPCOMING 2022 ELECTIONS (ADMINISTRATION)**
- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CARNIVAL AND FUN FAIR TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 20, 2022 AT 2301 N. CAGE AND WAIVE APPLICATION FEES (ADMINISTRATION)**
- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. VICTOR ARNOLD MEZA REQUESTED A LIFE OF THE USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AN AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING .0006 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 229, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 300 WEST HALL ACRES SUITE G. CUP#211173 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
- F) **PLATS:**
 - 1. SALINAS ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES, REPRESENTING VICTOR RIOS, SR. OWNER, REQUESTED PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LOTS 44A, 44B, 44C, AND 44D, REPLAT OF LOT 44, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.65 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS ALL OF LOT 44, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1401 W. EISENHOWER STREET. SUB#211142 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2022-01 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Correction to O-2022-01 was made. This Ordinance was for an additional ten (10) Police Officers only. No changes to Fire Department staff were reported.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated they would deviate from the agenda 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 4:21 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Chavez 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.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point on the agenda. The time being 4:22 p.m.

ITEM 11. RECONVENE

The time being 5:21 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (POLICE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the grant was for \$66,666.67 and required a 25% match by the City and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-01 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM PROJECT (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated this was for the fiber optic system project and the City would be responsible for the operations, the use, and payment of the notes. He further recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE OFFICE UNIT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION FROM A-1 HOMES DONNA OUT OF DONNA, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,199 (PUBLIC WORKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the existing mobile office unit was deteriorated and recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE LOADER FROM DOGETT HEAVY MACHINERY, OUT OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS, THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT # 597-19 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,403.67 (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER PUMPS, BYPASS DIESEL PUMPS AND ODOR CONTROL PUMP SYSTEM FOR LIFT STATIONS FROM PRECISION PUMP SYSTEMS, OUT OF EDINBURG, TEXAS, THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT # 589-19 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$492,219.60 (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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.

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ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR THE PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the contract would be increased by \$1,010,802 and the project was budget. He further recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH S&B INFRASTRUCTURE, LTD. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HI-LINE ROAD PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the project needed to be amended to include additional work related to a storm sewer trunkline that belonged to TxDOT and recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT WITH S&B INFRASTRUCTURE, LTD. FOR THE ANAYA ROAD PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated the remaining balance of \$655,259.03 would be moved to the Hi-Line Road priority project and recommended to terminate the agreement with S&B Infrastructure, LTD.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND VANGUARD ACADEMY FOR THE USE OF A PORTABLE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1407 W. MOORE RD. (POLICE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the portable building would be used by the Pharr Police Department to house their mental health unit and recommended approval.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CITY-WIDE LAWN AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES CONTRACT TO SOUTH TEXAS LANDSCAPES MAINTENANCE, IRRIGATION, PEST CONTROL LLC OUT OF PENITAS, TEXAS (PURCHASING)

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

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT ARTIC (TABLED) (PEDC II)

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

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

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

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROJECT CIP (TABLED) (PEDC II)

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

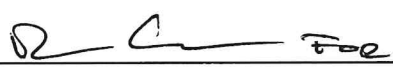
Comm. Carrillo **moved** to untable item. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as discussed in closed session. Comm. Caballero 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. Medina **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF JANUARY 2022 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 7, 2022