

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

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
Isaac Escobedo, Asst. 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 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Guajardo moved to excuse absent member. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

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.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported current tax collections were 44.78% collected for the month of December 2021 and stated this was 7.49% higher than last year.

C) SUBMISSION OF 1ST QUARTER 2021-2022 CITY OF PHARR INVESTMENT REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated the report complies with the Public Funds Investment Act Reporting requirements and Finance Director, Karla Saavedra, was in the audience for any questions.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon Danny, Ramirez, EMC Chief, for a presentation.

Danny Ramirez, EMC Chief, recognized Pharr EMS employees for their quick action and life-saving efforts during a dispatch call for a cardiac arrest received on August 5, 2020. He stated they provided cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) while responding to the call and saved Oscar Ysasi's life who was transferred to DHR for definite care. Staff was recognized and presented with a Life-Saving Clinical Excellence commendation certificate.

Eloina Gonzalez, Chamber Membership Manager, reported on upcoming events. She stated the HUB Market Day would be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 in downtown park and a Winter Texan Appreciation Golf Tournament would be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at Tierra Del Sol Golf Course.

At this time, the City of Pharr presented a sponsorship check in the amount of \$3,000 to the Food Bank of the RGV as a sponsor for their 2022 Farm Dinner event. Food Bank representatives accepted the check and thanked the City of Pharr for their continued support.

Joel Robles, Assistant Pharr Police Chief, along with Police Department and Parks and Recreation staff presented Police Chief, Andy Harvey, with a framed tackle football jersey. He stated Chief Harvey suggested that Pharr Police Department purchased 300 jerseys for all the boys and girls who played tackle football to show the department's commitment and support to the city's youth.

Veronica Ramirez, HR Director, spoke about the It's Time Texas Community Challenge. She announced the city of Pharr was currently ranked number 3 at the statewide level and number 8 at the employer level. The City Commission will actively participate in the 8-week community challenge by executing the employer pledge.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH (ADMINISTRATION)

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Patricia Rigney, City Attorney, read proclamation proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month and presented proclamation to Alphonzo Gatling, Village in the Valley representative.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND JANUARY 17, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A SOLID WASTE GRANT APPLICATION WITH LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$25,000 (PUBLIC WORKS)**
- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF SOUTH U.S. 281 AND EAST OLD BUSINESS 83 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE 16TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN/WALK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 (PARKS)**
- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON APPLICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN 5K RUN/WALK TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 AND WAIVE APPLICATION FEES (ADMINISTRATION)**
- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. **GABRIELA'S HEAVENLY WINGS XXIII, LLC, D/B/A WINGSTOP RESTAURANT, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (L-I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.046 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, SPAMER BUSINESS PARK SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 8001 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE 6. CUP#170948 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
 - 2. **GABRIELA'S HEAVENLY WINGS, D/B/A WINGSTOP, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT 2, PLEASANTON SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1701 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD, SUITE 105. CUP#100934 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
 - 3. **CHIPOTLE TEXAS, LLC, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF REPLAT OF VACATED CAR-MEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO MALL NO. 3 AND 4 SUBDIVISIONS, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE N-1. CUP#160942 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
 - 4. **AIESTY, INC., D/B/A SEOUL ASIAN MARKET, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.3-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4A, REPLAT OF VACATED CARMEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2302 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#191272 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

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

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

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Resolution Nos. R-2022-03 and R-2022-04 are filed with the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated Aaron Garza had resigned from the board and recommended appointment of Erika Sciaraffa.

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Erika Sciaraffa to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2022-05 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING SEVEN (7) REGULAR MEMBERS TO THE TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF CLUB ADVISORY BOARD (PARKS)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated Oscar Villagomez had resigned from the board and recommended appointment of Hector Gomez. He further recommended re-appointment of six (6) members.

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Hector Gomez and reappoint Xavier Garcia, George Gonzalez, Jaime Villarreal, Rudy Martinez, Javier Martinez, and Mario Lizcano to the Tierra Del Sol Golf Advisory Board. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2022-06 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ACCEPTING THE CITY OF PHARR SINGLE AUDIT FOR FY 2019-2020 (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the audit was for state and federal grants and auditors have issued a clean opinion on the City's financial statements for year ending September 30, 2020.

Comm. Guajardo 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 FIBER AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITYWIDE FIBER PROJECT FROM GRAYBAR, INC, OUT OF FORT WORTH, TX, THROUGH OMNIA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #EV2370 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,464,812.60 (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim 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.

ITEM 10. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

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A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HIDALGO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PHARR FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2022 (LIBRARY)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and 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, ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO COUNTY FOR RURAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (FIRE)

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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PHARR, MCALLEN, EDINBURG AND SAN JUAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID ON INTERSTATE 2 AND INTERSTATE 69 CENTRAL AS PART OF THE TXDOT INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FIRE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly explained with the construction of the Pharr Interchange Project, emergency response was being delayed due to the temporary or permanent closure of travel lanes and exit/entrance ramps. To improve response times, the Pharr, McAllen, Edinburg, and San Juan fire Departments were proposing to provide automatic mutual aid for the various segments. Depending on the segment of roadway, multiple departments would be dispatched simultaneously as one department to have a faster response to roadway segments outside their jurisdictions. He further stated this would improve response time for all agencies and recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS WITH CASCO INDUSTRIES, INC. FROM LA PORTE, TEXAS (PURCHASING)

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

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS WITH GALLS, LLC FROM LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY (PURCHASING)

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

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO NAFECO INC. FROM DECATUR, AL. (PURCHASING)

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

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

- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DELTA INDUSTRIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLY FROM PORT NECHES, TEXAS (PURCHASING)**

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

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

- H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE WEAR TO NORTH LEAN LTD DBA PRINTEX EXPRESS FROM PHARR, TEXAS (PURCHASING)**

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

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

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

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

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

- ITEM 11. 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 12. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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CITY OF PHARR



DANIEL CHAVEZ
MAYOR PRO TEM

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 21, 2022