

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 21, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
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: 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 Villescás, Municipal Judge
Andy Harvey, Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Interim Dev. Svcs. Director
Olga Garza, Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director
Oscar De Leon, Asst. Public Utilities Dir.
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 Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

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

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month. Alphonzo Gatling and Theresa Gatling from Village in the Valley received the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported sales tax for the month of February were up 13.73% month to month compared to last year and an overall 17% true growth compared to last year's collections.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported current tax collections were 78.14% collected out of this year's levy, which was a -2.65% less than last year's collection rate. Mr. Wylie further reported delinquent tax collections were 12.5% collected for the month of January 2022 and stated this was an increase of 1.54% compared to last year.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon Marcela Beas, President/CEO for the Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Beas reported the Winter Texan Appreciation Golf Tournament held on February 18, 2022 at Tierra Del Sol Golf Course had been a great success and a video with highlights of the event was presented.

Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager, stated the City of Pharr was promoting recruitment to stand out and attract potential employees and a video was presented highlighting recruitment efforts. Ms. Alanis further spoke about It's Time Texas Community Challenge and stated city of Pharr was currently ranked number 2.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATOR PROJECT (POLICE)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING LIAISON PROJECT (POLICE)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR CRIME VICTIMS LIAISON PROJECT (POLICE)

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- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FOR THE LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) (POLICE)
- F) 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)
- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHARR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FOR THE LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)
- H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:
 - 1. R.G.V. & ASSOCIATES/LAURA L. GARZA, D/B/A GEORGE'S DANCE HALL, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 LOTS 197, 198, AND 199, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6801 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#120529 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 2. QUINTA REAL EVENTS, LLC REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 A 0.18 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1 AND 2, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE S32' OUT OF LOT 2, SING'S SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2620 SOUTH GARDENIA STREET. CUP#201042 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 3. REGENCY HALL REQUESTED 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 10 AND 11, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 207 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#161155 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 4. CADENA AND SONS, L.L.C. D/B/A TEJAS RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR, 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 LOT 11, MACO INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1308 MACO DRIVE. CUP#161261 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
- I) PLATS:
 - 1. J&R ENGINEERING, LLC, REPRESENTING CIPRIANO GARZA BARAJAS, PRESIDENT OF WAREHOUSING LEASING OF TEXAS, LLC REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MAS LOGISTICS SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 12.560 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING A PART OR PORTION OF THE MICHAEL TRACT OUT OF PORCION 69, A-691, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1300 BLOCK OF WEST PRODUCE DRIVE. SUB#210616 (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.

Resolution Nos. R-2022-07, R-2022-08, R-2022-09, R-2022-10, R-2022-11, and R-2022-12 are filed with the City Clerk's office.

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REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-52 FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET (*ADOPTION ON 1ST READING*) (FINANCE)

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2022-04 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION , SERIES 2022, FOR THE DESIGN , ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated this was for the UTRGV Nursing School and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-13 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; DETERMINING THE ESTATE TO BE ACQUIRED; ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO COMMUNICATE OFFERS TO OWNERS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS BY CITY ATTORNEY; RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTS (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

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

Resolution No. R-2022-14 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF POLICE SERVICE K9 GEMMA TO OFFICER DANIEL CALVILLO (POLICE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated K9 Gemma sustained an injury which resulted in a medical retirement 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 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

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A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (POLICE)

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.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND CPS ENERGY FOR ACCESS TO TRAINING RESOURCES AND ACCESS TO THEIR ALAMO REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Jose Pena, IT Director, briefly explained the agreement would allow organizations for cross-training and information sharing. He further stated there was no cost to participate in the partnership and recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PUBLIC INTEREST OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH SUNSET TERRACE, LTD. FOR USE OF THE CALI CARRANZA SUNSET TERRACE GYM (PARKS)

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.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH MILLENNIUM ENGINEERS GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,769.36 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (ENGINEERING)

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

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

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

None

ITEM 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

For 
AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 21ST 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: March 7, 2022