

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 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
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Ofsman Quintanilla, Engineer in Training
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescascas, 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
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, 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
Sara Salinas, Public Safety Comm. Asst. 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 4:00 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. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

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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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2022

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported sales tax had an overall 14.45% growth compared to last year's collections.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, reported property tax collections were 90.14% collected out of this year's levy and everything was on track.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon Marcela Beas, Chamber President, for a report on upcoming events.

Marcela Beas, Chamber President, reported the Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Pharr Economic Development Corporation and Workforce Solutions, would be hosting a job fair on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pepe Salinas Civic Center. She further reported a HOLI Pharr Festival of Colors will be hosted on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Dr. William Long Elementary School Park. She stated this event was to welcome the spring season and extended an invitation to all to attend.

Pilar Rodriguez, HCRMA Executive Director, provided an overview on the 365 Toll Project. He stated the HCRMA 365 Tollway would be a 12.2-mile tolled highway inclusive of thirteen (13) separated interchanges and one (1) floodway bridge structure. He stated the notice to proceed was issued on February 15, 2022 and the timeline to complete project was 42-months.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF SOUTH U.S. 281 (CAGE BOULEVARD) FROM STATE STREET TO KELLY AVENUE AND BUSINESS 83 FROM ATHOL AVENUE TO BLUEBONNET AVENUE FOR HUBPHEST FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022, AT 12:00 P.M. (PARKS)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS FOR THEIR 5K RUN/WALK EVENT TAKING PLACE ON APRIL 30, 2022. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM (FY 16 DAP) PROJECTS (ENGINEERING)**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON A 3-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH HOLT POWER SYSTEMS FOR \$13,807.42 (BRIDGE)**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**

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1. PIZZA PROPERTIES, INC., D/B/A PETER PIPER PIZZA #63, 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 1, PLEASANTON SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1715 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#060104 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

2. MARIA MAYELA GARZA, D/B/A COLONIA CINCO ESTRELLAS, L.L.C., 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 LOTS 27 THROUGH 30, BLOCK 2, LOS MARINEROS SUBDIVISION PHASE I, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2200 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#151169 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

3. MARIA MAYELA GARZA, D/B/A FRIENDS ALL PARTIES, L.L.C., 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 20, BLOCK 2, LOS MARINEROS SUBDIVISION PHASE I, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2302 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#151170 (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 No. R-2022-15 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

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 9. 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 4:15 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 10. RECONVENE

The time being 4:38 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 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2019-32 INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE KEEP PHARR BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS (1ST READING) (PARKS)**

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.

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B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING (3) NEW MEMBERS AND REAPPOINTING (5) MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (GMCD)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs Director, stated three (3) board members have resigned and five (5) members wished to be reappointed. She recommended reappointment of five (5) members and the appointment of three (3) new members to replace Jose G. Rodriguez (CT213), Jose Palomin (CT213), and Joe Hinojosa (CT217).

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Victor Alvarez (CT213), Carla Beltran (CT213), and Lisa Nunez (CT217) and reappoint Olga Cardoza (CT214), Lucio Gaitan (CT214), Norma Trevino (CT215), Marco Gonzalez (CT216), and Danny Smith (CT216) to the Community Development Council. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2022-16 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2022; AWARDING SALE OF THE BONDS; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

David Gonzalez, PFM Financial Services Advisor, went over the Pharr Economic Development Corporation sales tax revenue bonds pricing summary. He reported the financial markets continued to fluctuate last week due to geopolitical uncertainty and the war in Ukraine has caused a significant spike in oil and commodity prices, exacerbating inflation concerns. He further stated the bonds were issued a final maturity of 2046 and delay in principal repayment until 2025. Lastly, he provided an update on resources and uses of funds 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-2022-17 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

ITEM 7. PURCHASING:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE (2) TWO 2022 BMW R1250 RT-P POLICE MOTORCYCLES FROM ALAMO BMW IN BOERNE, TEXAS FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$57,546.08 (POLICE)

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 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH GARCIA INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND LIFT STATION 1, 29, AND 33 ELIMINATION PROJECT (ENGINEERING)

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Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He stated this was a separate project called Lift Station #31 and Replacement Force Main and a portion of the project needed to be accelerated due to new development on West Nolana Loop.

After a brief discussion, Comm. Medina moved to approve. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH G2 ARCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,334 FOR THE EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated in addition to the headquarters for EMS and Fire Department, the project would include a Fireman's Park, Volunteer's Barbecue House, helipad and hanger for helicopter, and a new Fire Station No. 1. He further recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,032.31 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MILLENNIUM ENGINEERS GROUP, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM (FY 15 DAP) PROJECTS: NORTHBOUND LANES (CSJ: 0921-02-385) AND 2ND BSIF EXIT (CSJ: 0921-02-383). (ENGINEERING)

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

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF TEXAS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE JULY 4, 2022 CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,400 (FIRE)

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.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR INSTRUCTION OF THE BASIC TELECOMMUNICATOR CERTIFICATION (POLICE)

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.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SAN JUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE USE OF SAN JUAN POLICE JAIL DURING THE DATES OF APRIL 1 TO APRIL 4, 2022 (POLICE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the Police Department would be installing a new generator which would create the jail to be without power and the San Juan Police Department would allow them to use their jail during those dates and provide oversight on any prisoners. He further stated there were

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minor revisions to the memorandum of understanding as of this morning and recommended approval.

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

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND VANGUARD ACADEMY FOR TEAMPHARR.NET SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the first step in the process for the sharing of addresses for their student households. Once this step is completed, an interlocal agreement would be provided for the invoicing of services after they have been activated. He further stated staff recommended approval.

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

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TEAMPHARR.NET SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the first step in the process for the sharing of addresses for their student households. Once this step is completed, an interlocal agreement would be provided for the invoicing of services after they have been activated. He further stated staff recommended approval.

Comm. Guajardo 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, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR TEAMPHARR.NET SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (IT)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the first step in the process for the sharing of addresses for their student households. Once this step is completed, an interlocal agreement would be provided for the invoicing of services after they have been activated. He further stated staff recommended approval.

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

J) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE FIR AVENUE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, CASTLE ENTERPRISES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,717.17. (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and noted a correction on the amount needed to be made. He stated the correct amount was \$314,717.70 and recommended approval.

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

K) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND CITY OF MISSION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)

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

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

Before adjournment of meeting, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated they would deviate back to the City Manager’s Report.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

At this time, Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, called upon Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, for recognition of Valley Cheer Elite (V.C.E.).

Yuri Gonzalez then introduced Mr. Alex Cano, V.C.E. Coach. Mr. Cano recognized the kids in attendance from Valley Cheer Elite for their hard work and dedication to the sport. He further announced they won the National Cheerleaders Association Championship and thanked the City Commission for their continued support.

City Commission provided some words of encouragement and congratulated them for their hard work.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

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 5:13 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 21st DAY OF MARCH 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: April 4, 2022