

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Comm. Roberto “Bobby” Carrillo
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
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
Maria Rangel, Asst. City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescas, 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.
Isaac Escobedo, Asst. Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs
Mike Singleterry, Library
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Yuri Gonzalez, Communications Officer
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comms. 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 Daniel Chavez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Mayor Hernandez was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:36 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2022 AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY DAY (ADMINISTRATION)

Comm. Medina read proclamation proclaiming April 30, 2022 as Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County Day.

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Pat Blum and Jesus Sanchez, Executive Director for Children's Advocacy Center, received the proclamation and thanked the Commission for their continued support.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24 - 30, 2022 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK (POLICE)

Comm. Flores read proclamation proclaiming April 24-30, 2022 as National Crime Victim's Rights Week and presented proclamation to Police Department staff.

C) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH (POLICE)

Comm. Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented proclamation to Police Department staff.

D) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2022 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (POLICE)

Comm. Guajardo read proclamation proclaiming April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness 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.

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 APRIL 2022

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, reported sales tax collections were up 22.09% year to date and overall, 16.14% growth compared to last year. She further stated the City of Pharr ranked No. 7 compared to neighbor cities.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2022

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, reported current tax collections as of March 2022 were \$23,867,277 or 92.59% collected out of this year's levy. She stated this was a .65% more than last year's collection rate.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, reported delinquent tax collections as of March 2022 were \$537,316, which were 19.53% collected out of previous year's tax rolls.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

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 (3RD AND FINAL READING) (PARKS)

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- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2021-44 FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC SERVICES (2ND READING) (IT)
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CITY-WIDE DITCH HYDROSEEDING (PURCHASING)
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY-WIDE DEBT COLLECTION SERVICE (PURCHASING)
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:
 - 1. HOWARD ADAMS, D/B/A, SOUTH TEXAS WASTEWATER LLC., REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 5 & 6, JOHNSTONE SUPPLY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 931 WEST SHARM DRIVE. COZ#220317 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 2. MELDEN & HUNT, INC., REPRESENTING BLU-MAN INVESTMENTS, LLC., REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (H-I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 46.20-ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 383 AND 384, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE 900 AND 1000 BLOCK OF EAST HI-LINE ROAD. COZ#220318 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 3. MELDEN & HUNT, INC., REPRESENTING JAIME AND SANDRA G. GALPERN, OWNERS, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/ OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.120-ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 8, BLOCK 12, A.J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE 7600 BLOCK OF SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. COZ#220319 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Ordinance Nos. O-2022-12, O-2022-13, O-2022-14, and O-2022-15 are 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 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 4:23 p.m., Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Daniel 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.

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Comm. Carrillo left the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 6:04 p.m.

ITEM 11. RECONVENE

The time being 6:05 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2018-04 TO MODIFY THE FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD THE PHARR NATATORIUM LOCATED AT 3001 N. CAGE. (1ST READING) (PARKS)**

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 RESOLUTION CONCERNING AEP TEXAS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVER FACTORS (DCRF) APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING LEGAL COUNSEL TO INTERVENE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING (ADMINISTRATION)**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the resolution authorized the hiring of Lloyd Gosselink and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-19 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A) DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE CITY OF PHARR'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027 (OSE)**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated no action was needed.

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JSJ RODRIGUEZ, INC. DBA TELE-PRO COMMUNICATIONS FROM MISSION, TEXAS FOR RESIDENTIAL FIBER INSTALLATION LABOR SERVICES FOR TEAMPHARR.NET - PHASE III SOUTH PHARR BUILD USING A PER-HOME UNIT COST THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 200105 (IT)**

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

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

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- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STX UNDERGROUND LLC FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEAMPHARR.NET FIBER OPTIC NETWORK - CENTRAL PHARR PHASE IV PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,169,621.35 THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 200201-3132. (IT)**

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

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

- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SMARTCOM TELEPHONE, LLC FOR MAINTAINING DATA AND VOICE SERVICES (IT)**

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.

ITEM 12. 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 6:08 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 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: May 2, 2022