

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Harvey, City Manager/Police Chief
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Maria Rangel, Asst. City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Judge
Joel Robles, Asst. Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Dev. Svcs. Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Code Enforcement Dir.
Luis Marin, Asst. Public Works Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comms. 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 members. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Pete Arredondo led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JULY 18-22, 2022 AS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT (FIRE)

Comm. Medina read proclamation proclaiming the week of July 18-22, 2022 as 100th Anniversary of the Pharr Fire Department and presented proclamation to Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, and staff.

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Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, thanked the Commission for the recognition and stated they would be hosting an event as part of their 100th Anniversary celebration on July 21, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in downtown park.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Edith Castillo, McAllen resident, spoke on item 6.B and voiced her concerns regarding the \$10.00 non-resident fee.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, 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 (ENGINEERING)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, stated City Engineer’s report was in their packets and questions could be entertained at this time. There being no questions, he called upon Sergio Alanis, Parks & Recreation Director.

Sergio Alanis, Parks & Recreation Director, recognized the All Start Baseball team members for placing their Regional Tournament and qualifying to the World Series. Coaches Roberto Hernandez and Cesar Maldonado introduced the boys and girls team members and thanked the Commission for their continued support.

Comm. Flores congratulated the team members for their accomplishments and thanked the coaches and parents for their time and dedication. Comm. Chavez, Comm. Medina, and Comm. Guajardo echoed Comm. Flores comments.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief, reported on the Spina Bifida (SB) 250 bike ride from McAllen to San Antonio and introduced Casey Swanson. Mr. Swanson stated they hosted a charity cycling event for the Suzannah Smiles non-profit corporation and thanked Pharr EMS for assisting them throughout the course and ensuring riders safety.

Jose Pena, IT Director, and Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs Director reported on the Fiber Connect 2022 Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Pena stated 15 home installations were complete as of today and showed a video on Gray Bar supplier. Ms. Garza stated city leaders spoke at the conference about the City of Pharr’s story on the broadband project network and presented a video.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported on the 4th of July Independence Day festival held on Saturday, July 2, 2022 and stated it had been a success. A recap video of the event was presented.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 20, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2022-19 TO MODIFY THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PHARR NATATORIUM LOCATED AT 3001 N. CAGE BLVD. (3RD AND FINAL READING) (PARKS)

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

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1. MELDEN & HUNT, INC., REPRESENTING ADELANTE HOLDINGS, LTD., OWNER, REQUESTED A LIFE OF THE USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 2.30 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 151, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 2605 NORTH SUGAR ROAD. CUP#220429 (TABLED) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

2. FUERA DE LUGAR, LLC, D/B/A FUERA DE LUGAR RESTAURANT, 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 0.071 OF AN ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF PLAZA SPORTS CENTER PHASE 1 LOT 1 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1101 EAST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#150101 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

Comm. Guajardo moved to untable item 6.C.1. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Comm. Medina moved to approve consent agenda items. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2022-25 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE (ADOPTION ON ONE READING) (ADMINISTRATION)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, briefly stated Rodolfo "Rudy" Martinez was the current Alternate Municipal Judge and recommended approval with same terms and conditions.

Comm. Medina moved to reappoint Rodolfo "Rudy" Martinez as Alternate Municipal Judge as recommended. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2022-26 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO (2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, briefly stated current alternate members wished to be reappointed and recommended approval.

Comm. Flores moved to reappoint Rogelio Torres and Ramiro Gutierrez as alternate members to the Board of Adjustment. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2022-27 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

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- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COASTAL BEND REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)**

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED STUDY AGREEMENT BETWEEN BFLY OPERATIONS, INC. AND THE CITY OF PHARR / PHARR EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)**

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

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

None

ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 11. 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 4:51 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF JULY 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: July 19, 2022