

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 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 19, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Harvey, City Manager/Police Chief
Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Judge
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Dev. Svcs. Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Code Enforcement Dir.
Rodrigo Davila, Public Works Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
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 Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JULY 2022 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH (PARKS)

Comm. Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming July 2022 as Parks and Recreation month and presented proclamation to Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director, and staff.

Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they had about 15,000 kids from throughout the Pharr community who participate in their programs, camps,

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sports, and after-school programs year-round. He thanked the Commission for the recognition and the volunteers, parents, and children who take part in the programs.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no public comments.

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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JULY 2022

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, stated the City of Pharr showed an increase of 8.34% month-to month compared to last year and an overall growth of 12.72% compared to last year's collections.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, reported the Fire Department would be hosting an event for their 100 year anniversary on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in downtown Pharr. He stated there will be free food, game activities, antique fire trucks, and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized the All-Star girl's baseball team for placing third in the league and introduced the team and coaches. Coach Marco Antonio Snell thanked the Commission and parents for their support and his team for their dedication and hard work.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, further introduced and recognized the new City Engineer, Ruben Alfaro, and Public Works Director, Rodrigo Davila.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, 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 4:26 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 11. RECONVENE

The time being 5:03 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 5, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

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- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING RESOLUTION RESCHEDULING CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 (ADMINISTRATION)
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR A SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ALUMINUM SULFATE LIQUID POLYMER BLEND AND LIQUID AMMONIUM SULFATE (PUBLIC UTILITIES)
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING (CMT) AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL (ENGINEERING)
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR A SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF CHLORINE & CALCIUM HYPO-CHLORITE (PUBLIC UTILITIES)
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:
 - 1. IGLESIA PENTECOSTES EL BUEN PASTOR, OWNER, REQUESTED A LIFE OF THE USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CHURCH IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 15 THRU 18, HIDALGO PARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 213 E. ST. JOHN. CUP#220532 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
- G) PLATS:
 - 1. MELDEN & HUNT, INC., REPRESENTING IRENE URIBE MANRIQUE DE LARA, PRESIDENT FOR GARMEN INVESTMENTS, LP, A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SUGAR GARDEN VILLAGE SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 9.697 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 119, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 3800 BLOCK OF NORTH SUGAR ROAD. SUB#210308 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 2. MELDEN & HUNT INC., REPRESENTING MENDY SHAPIRO, MEMBER FOR TEXAS NH MANAGEMENT, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED COROLLA CAPITAL SUBDIVISION PHASE I LOT 1. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 4.004 ACRES OUT OF LOT 317 KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 6800 BLOCK OF S. CAGE BLVD. SUB#210617 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 3. SALINAS ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES, REPRESENTING VICTOR RIOS, SR. OWNER, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LOTS 44A, 44B, 44C, AND 44D, REPLAT OF LOT 44, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.65 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS ALL OF LOT 44, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1401 W. EISENHOWER STREET. SUB#211142 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
 - 4. TREVIÑO ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING ROGELIO A. PRUNEDA, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PRUNEDA SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.454 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FORMING A PART OR PORTION OF LOT 325, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST DICKER ROAD. SUB#160618 (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-28 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

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ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S (TGS) COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (COSA) FILING (ADOPTION ON ONE READING) (ADMINISTRATION)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

Ordinance No. O-2022-27 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

- B) 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 ONE READING) (FINANCE)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item. Andy Harvey, City Manager, stated staff recommended the item be tabled.

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

ITEM 8. PURCHASING:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF MANHOLES IN THE CITY OF PHARR FROM SOUTHERN TRECHLESS SOLUTIONS OUT OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT # 635-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191,431.00 (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR/PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR CERTIFIED CUSTOMS SPECIALIST (CCS) PROGRAM (BRIDGE)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREESE & NICHOLS ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT A TITLE XVI WATERSMART FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PHARR (ADMINISTRATION)

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

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- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM FREESE & NICHOLS ENGINEERS TO EXPAND THE CURRENT CITY OF PHARR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) (ADMINISTRATION)**

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FREESE & NICHOLS ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT A GROUNDWATER SUPPLY ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR APPROXIMATELY 240 ACRES (ADMINISTRATION)**

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND AMEND CONTRACT WITH CITY OF PHARR'S CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM FOR OVERSIGHT AND INSPECTION OF THE MEXICAN PORTION OF THE TWIN BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BOARD (BRIDGE)**

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item. Andy Harvey, City Manager, stated staff recommended the item be tabled.

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

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 19th 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: August 1, 2022