

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 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
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Judge
Joel Robles, Asst. Fire Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Dev. Svcs. Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Code Enforcement Dir.
Rodrigo Davila, Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, Director of O.S.E.
Oscar De Leon, Asst. Public Utilities Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Michael Vargas, External Affairs Asst. Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Daisy Martinez, Asst. Comms. Officer
Marcela Beas, Chamber President
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 member. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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 public comments.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

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Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Andy Harvey, City Manager, stated the City Engineer's report was in their packet and questions could be entertained at this time.

There being no questions, Andy Harvey, City Manager, called upon Sergio Alanis, Parks & Recreation Director, for an update on the Pony World Series.

Sergio Alanis, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the City of Pharr PONY 6U Baseball All-Stars team competed in the 6U PONY Baseball World Series in Louisiana. He further stated they had three back-to-back wins and presented a recap video.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported the Pharr International Bridge in partnership with South Texas College would be offering a Certified Customs Specialist Program. He stated the program was designed to assist trade professionals involved in the import industry to become experts in the current import regulations and stated six (6) students were enrolled in the program. He further introduced Crispin Flores, President of the U.S. Customs Broker Association, Janie Gamboa, Mr. Galvanares, STC Program Director, and students Antonio Camacho and Jesus Camacho. They thanked the City of Pharr for the program and for their continued support.

Andy Harvey, City Manager, reminded the Board the Pharr Night Out Event would be held Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Pharr Aquatic Center and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTY (EDC) PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE WEST MOORE ROAD PROJECT FROM JACKSON ROAD TO CAGE BOULEVARD (ENGINEERING)

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

1. TEJAS BAR REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-2). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 13 THRU 16 AND A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 32, PHARR ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 410 WEST STATE AVENUE, SUITE D. CUP#220634

2. M & S ESTATE LTD., OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT 1, FOX SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1527 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. COZ#220636

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, introduced the item.

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

Ordinance No. O-2022-28 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

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At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 8. 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 4:22 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 9. RECONVENE

The time being 5:23 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A) CONSIDERATION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-52 FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET (ADOPTION ON ONE READING) (TABLED) (FINANCE)

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo moved untble the item. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance No. O-2022-29 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE (1ST READING) (ADMINISTRATION)

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE BRIDGE BOARD (BRIDGE)

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 7. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S PLACE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF CHILDREN'S FURNITURE AND BOOKS FOR THE PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY (LIBRARY)

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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Comm. Carrillo 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 A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND CLEARPOINT OUT OF ARLINGTON, VA FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE THROUGH GSA CONTRACT# 511210-300 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 (OSE)**

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PM AM CORPORATION FOR ALARM PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES (ADMINISTRATION)**

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (UTRGV) FOR THE USE OF THE PHARR NATATORIUM (ADMINISTRATION)**

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH TEDSI INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND BSIF EXIT & NORTHBOUND LANE EXPANSION PROJECT (ENGINEERING)**

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Guajardo moved approve. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by a majority vote of five (5) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 5 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 866 CALENDAR DAYS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. (SEA) FOR THE PHARR-REYNOSA BRIDGE EXPANSION PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT APPLICATION (ENGINEERING)**

Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 WITH HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM (DAP) FISCAL YEAR 2016 (ENGINEERING)**

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Andy Harvey, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 10. 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 5:27 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 1st DAY OF AUGUST 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 15, 2022