

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022
1121 E. NOLANA, PHARR, TEXAS**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Imelda Perez, Assistant City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Judge
Joel Robles, Asst. Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Kimberly Mendoza, Dev. Svcs. Director
Roland Gomez, Code Compliance Director
Rodrigo Davila, Public Works Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, CDBG/External Affairs Dir.
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, Chief Comm. Officer
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director

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 9:05 a.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.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) WELCOMING REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR

Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager, welcomed everyone in attendance.

B) DISCUSSION OF PENDING AND/OR PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS, DUTIES, ROLES, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY GENERALLY AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES; TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ); TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE II (TIRZ II); PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II (PEDC II); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (PHFC); PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION JACKSON PLACE APTS.; AND PHARR PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational Strategic Excellence Director, for a report on the budget priorities citizen survey results.

Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational and Strategic Excellence Director, went over the 2022-2023 budget priorities citizen survey results. She reported respondents were asked to identify a top priority from strategic priorities such as service excellence, city infrastructure, quality of life, economic development, and public safety. Once selected, they were asked to identify a focus area. She stated the survey resulted in 1,532 responses. She further went over citywide demographics from the north, central, and south side, and the percentages for their top priorities and focus areas.

At this time, Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, for presentation on the city-wide budget.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, gave an overview of the general fund and proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. She went over the highlights of last year's budget workshop, property taxes, property values and revenues, utility and bridge funds, and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones budget. She further went over current budget and adopted budget changes and stated the budget was balanced.

After much discussion on sales tax trends and general tax revenue projections, Comm. Chavez requested to have a joint budget workshop with Pharr Economic Development Corporation or for them to attend PEDC budget workshop. He further requested an expense account breakdown per department.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 10:30 a.m.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 10:48 a.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 5. RECONVENE

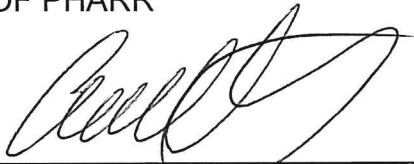
The time being 1:22 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 6. 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 1:23 p.m.

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August 30, 2022

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2022 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **WORKSHOP MEETING** at the Jose “Pepe” Salinas Memorial Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly Ave., 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: September 19, 2022