

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager
Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Interim Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Code Compliance Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Dev. Svcs. Director
Rodrigo Davila, Public Works Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Cynthia Garza, External Affairs Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Daniel Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Marcela Beas, Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Roland Gomez, Code Compliance Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING ARBOR DAY

Hanna Marble, Urban Ecologist, went over the purpose and benefits of having trees and explained the meaning of arbor day. She further stated they were using the iTree canopy tool to classify land and tree cover across the city using random sampling of areal imagery.

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Comm. Guajardo read proclamation proclaiming December 19, 2022 as Arbor Day and urged all residents to support the efforts to protect our trees and promote the well-being of future generations.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

Mayor Hernandez 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 DECEMBER 2022

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 8.76% year to date true growth compared to last year and the City ranked No. 6 compared to neighbor cities. She further stated Finance Director was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) SUBMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, briefly reported current property tax collections were \$2.4 million and delinquent property tax collections were \$131,931 as of November 2022. She further stated Finance Director was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reported the Police Department Blue Santa Giveaway would take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 3000 North Cage Blvd. She stated staff coordinated with the schools and children from the community received a voucher for toy pickup.

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, further reported the Police Department would host the Bear giveaway at three local hospitals to distribute bears to the children who were hospitalized. She also reported the blue Guardian giveaway was held from December 8, 2022 to December 19, 2022 and stated patrol officers delivered clothing, shoes, and a small toy to a family a day for 12 days.

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reminded the residents the deadline to participate in the Deck the House Pharr Holiday contest was Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and the winner would be announced on social media on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at noon. She further reminded the public the New Year's Ball Drop featuring the Spazmatics on Saturday, December 31, 2022 from 7:30pm to 12 midnight in downtown Pharr.

At this time, Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, recognized Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, for receiving her bachelor's degree in Operations Management and graduating with honors with a 3.89 GPA. Ms. Pedraza stated she felt fortunate that God allowed her to complete her bachelor's degree, and this was something she wanted to do for

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herself and her family. She further stated it was hard, but not impossible and thanked the commission for the recognition.

Lastly, Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr gifted over 300 blankets to residents of nursing homes in Pharr and stated this was one of the many initiatives the city takes to engage members of all communities. A video recap was presented on the nursing homes visits and the Christmas Posada held on December 10, 2022. She further presented the Mayor and Commissioners with the Quality Texas Foundation Governor's award received in 2022.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING; DECEMBER 5, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING; AND DECEMBER 12, 2022 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-23 REGARDING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES (3RD AND FINAL READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2010-40 REGARDING BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION (3RD AND FINAL READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (BUILDING AND CODE COMPLIANCE)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-39 REGULATING EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES (3RD AND FINAL READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. O-2010-57 IN ITS ENTIRETY (2ND READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (ADMINISTRATION)**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. BEN-AVI, LLC., OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (O-P). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT 12, BLOCK 2, ELLERS RESUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1234 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. COZ#221165. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
 - 2. O & C BAR B QUE, LLC, D/B/A BAR B CUTIE SMOKEHOUSE, 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 BEING LOT 2B, PHARR COMMERCIAL PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1933 WEST INTERSTATE 2. CUP#160633. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
 - 3. JOSE ALBERTO HERNANDEZ, D/B/A DOC'S BILLIARDS & SPORTS BAR, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING THE SOUTH 150 FT. OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, BLOCK 1, SAN PATRICIA ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 917 WEST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#130630. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

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4. MARIO ALBERTO TORRES D/B/A ON THE GRILL 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 0.075 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, JACKSON RIDGE COURT SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1201 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE 7. CUP#170740. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

G) PLATS:

1. TREVIÑO ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING ELIAS J. GUTIERREZ, OWNER, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CASA GUTIERREZ SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.279 OF AN ACRE TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 3, SECOND AMENDED MAP OF HELMER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1300 BLOCK OF WEST CHEROKEE AVENUE. SUB#210719. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, 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 Nos. O-2022-53, O-2022-54, O-2022-55, and O-2022-56 are filed with the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE SERVICE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 17.425 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD AND EAST MILITARY HIGHWAY, IN THE CITY OF PHARR'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ), HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-48 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION CANCELING/RESCHEDULING THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the meeting of Monday, January 2, 2023 be rescheduled to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 due to the New Year's holiday.

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

Resolution No. R-2022-49 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST TO REJECT ALL PROPOSALS FOR MARKETING SERVICES FOR THE TEAMPHARR.NET PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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 RE-ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR MARKETING SERVICES FOR TEAMPHARR.NET PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ROTATION LIST AND ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TWO ADDITIONAL FIRMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9. PURCHASING:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR TEAMPHARR.NET FROM SOLID IT NETWORKS, INC. THROUGH DIR-TSO-4339. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF CLOUD SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR TEAMPHARR.NET FROM CALIX, INC. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF CLOUD FIBER DESIGN SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR TEAMPHARR.NET FROM IQGEO AMERICA, INC. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

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ITEM 10. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SPIKES MOTOR COMPANY, INC. FROM MISSION, TEXAS FOR THE FLEET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF – INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTH TEXAS ISD FOR USAGE OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING LOT AT 201 E. MOORE RD. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PARKS)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON A TIME AND FEE EXTENSION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE - TWIN BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (ADMINISTRATION)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON SUPPLEMENTAL FEE REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PHARR CITYWIDE FIBEROPTIC/ BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (ADMINISTRATION)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH PATRIOT STRATEGIES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (PURCHASING)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 11. 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.

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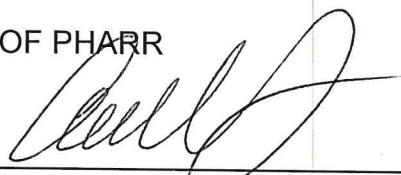
ITEM 12. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 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: January 3, 2023