

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and following is the record of attendance.

- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Roberto “Bobby” Carrillo
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Comm. Itza Flores
- 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
Mike Singleterry, Library
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Daniel Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Eloina Gonzalez, Chamber
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. 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. Carrillo moved to excuse absent member. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No one signed up to speak.

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ITEM 3. 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 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, stated the engineer's report was in their packet and City Engineer was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer, briefly reported the construction of the Sidewalk Project Phase 1 had just begun. He also reported they were currently working on the environmental clearance for the Dog Park Project.

B) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting Community Health Talks every Wednesday in January at different locations. She further stated the events were free and invited the community to attend.

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, stated the Police Department would be hosting an event for human trafficking awareness and called upon Nancy Gonzalez, Human Trafficking Liaison, for a report.

Nancy Gonzalez, Human Trafficking Liaison, and Sergeant Danny Garcia invited the community to attend their upcoming Undertaking Against Human Trafficking event on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Pharr One Building from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ms. Gonzalez stated there would be three sessions with four options to choose from and only 15 individuals per session. The sessions would consist of kickboxing, yoga, painting, and self-defense and invited the public to attend.

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reported the It's Time Texas Community Challenge would start on January 9, 2023 to March 5, 2023. She stated the community challenge app was available for participants to register as an individual, as part of the community, or as part of the school district.

Lastly, Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, reported the New Year's Ball Drop held on Saturday, December 31, 2022 was a successful event and showed a recap video.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2022 REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. O-2010-57 IN ITS ENTIRETY (3RD AND FINAL READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**

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1. 33 CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY, LLC., REPRESENTING NORMA D. RODRIGUEZ TREJO, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 326, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 500 WEST DICKER ROAD. COZ#221169. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)
2. R. E. GARCIA & ASSOCIATES, REPRESENTING JENE & JONATHAN BYROM, OWNERS, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 1.83 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 249, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1000 - 1200 BLOCK OF WEST JAVELINA DRIVE. COZ#221168. 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-2023-01, O-2023-02, and O-2023-03 are filed with the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE KEEP PHARR BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE (PARKS)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended Romeo Cantu and Marisa Oliva.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Romeo Cantu and Marisa Oliva to the Keep Pharr Beautiful Committee. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2023-01 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-2022-48, ACCEPTING THE 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 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. Medina **moved** to approve. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2023-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. PURCHASING:

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING THE RENEWAL OF CARBON BLACK CLOUD ANTI-VIRUS SUBSCRIPTION FOR WINDOW SYSTEMS CITY WIDE FROM SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. THROUGH CONTRACT DIR-TSO-4291. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)**

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.

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON FIVE-YEAR FINANCE PURCHASE OF SIX SCALE COMPUTING SERVERS FROM SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. AND HPE FINANCIAL SERVICES THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT NO. 081419 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,000.00. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez asked staff if this would be cloud based. Jose Pena, IT Director, responded applications would be handled on one-to-one basis due to not all applications being supported. He further explained this was for the purchase of six servers, three were for public safety and three for city operations.

There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote, and it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RECITE ME NA LLC FOR CITY WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY SOFTWARE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (IT)**

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 ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUE STONE CAPITAL SOLUTIONS, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE BRIDGE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (BRIDGE)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended a 2-year contract term as approved by the Bridge Board.

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

- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$598,863.20 TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COBB FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE CITY-WIDE FIBER OPTIC PROJECT, TEAMPHARR.NET FOR ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (IT)**

Anali Alanis, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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Comm. Carrillo **moved** to table item. Comm. Chavez 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

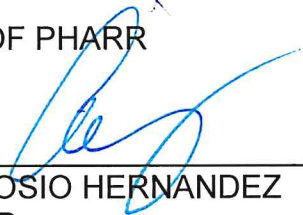
None.

ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 3rd DAY OF JANUARY 2023 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 16, 2023