

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
1121 E. NOLANA, PHARR, TEXAS**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez
Alt. Mayor Pro Tem Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan, Interim City Manager
David Friedlein, ACM
Hilda Pedraza, Interim ACM/City Clerk
Imelda Perez, Asst. City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Police Chief
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Code Compliance Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Dev. Svcs. Director
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, Director of O.S.E.
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Dir.
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Michael Vargas, CDBG Asst. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Rogelio Martinez, Asst. I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Mayra Gomez, Purchasing Director
Daniel Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Dir.

CITY ATTORNEY Ricardo Rodriguez, 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 4:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Chavez was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:07 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS:

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS NATIONAL LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA & MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

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Mario Lizcano, Administrator of Corporate Affairs DHR Health, and DHR Health Advance Care Team members were present. Clara Chapa stated DHR Health Advance Care Institute was a patient-centered care team dedicated to providing cancer treatment and support services to patients and their families.

Comm. Caballero read proclamation proclaiming September 2023 as Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month. DHR Health Advance Care Team representatives received the proclamation.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AS REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH AT VANGUARD ACADEMY

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2023 as Remembering and Honoring the 22nd Anniversary of September 11th at Vanguard Academy. Rey Perez and Vanguard Academy representatives received the proclamation.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated City Engineer was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, announced the Pharr Police Department would be hosting their 3rd Annual Suicide Prevention Awareness event on Friday, September 8, 2023 at Pharr/Vanguard Academy Nature & Birding Center. She stated the event was called the "Stick By Me" and there would be different activities offered to include a trail walk, mental health booths, glow stick vigil, and special guests.

At this time, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, showed a video recap on the Industrial Warehouse Summit that took place on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the Development and Research Center.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2023 REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2006-47 OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, CHAPTER 118, SUBDIVISION, ADDING SECTION X - FIBER OPTIC (2ND READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)

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C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS AND ANNEXING NEW TERRITORY INTO THE CITY OF PHARR CONSISTING OF A 14.88 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 5, CLOSER SUBDIVISION, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD AND HI-LINE ROAD, IN THE CITY OF PHARR'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS (2ND READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PURCHASING A ROTARY FAN PRESS FROM A-SQUARED WATER TREATMENT, LLC OUT OF RIO FRIO, TEXAS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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

1. KRYSTALL EVENT CENTER, REQUESTED A 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 0.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1 OF RE-SUBDIVISION PLAT OF WILLOW GROVE SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1200 WEST SAM HOUSTON AVENUE, SUITE B. CUP#230715 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

2. JOSEPH W. HOLAND, REPRESENTING JUST A CLOSET #7, LLC., REQUESTED A LIFE OF THE USE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 6.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE SOUTH 24.19 ACRES OUT OF LOT 5, BLOCK 4, A.J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION (PROPOSED LOT 6, JUST A CLOSET #7 SUBDIVISION), PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 3800 NORTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#230717 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

3. PAPPAS RESTAURANTS, INC., D/B/A PAPPADEAUX SEAFOOD KITCHEN, 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 LOT 2, PAPPAS SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1610 WEST EXPRESSWAY 83. CUP#100103 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

F) PLATS:

1. M. GARCIA ENGINEERING, LLC., REPRESENTING NATASHA DEL BARRIO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR MIDNIGHT RIVER, LLC, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BERT OGDEN PHARR SUBDIVISION PHASE I. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 10.64 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 76, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 5600-5700 BLOCK OF NORTH IH 69C. SUB#200516 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to item 9.A. There was no objection.

ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE:

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- A) PRESENTATION ON PENDING AND/OR PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS, DUTIES, ROLES, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY GENERALLY AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES; TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ); AND TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE II (TIRZ II); DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, Interim 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 2023-2024 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 1,482 responses. She further went over citywide demographics from the north, central, and south side, and the percentages for their top priorities and focus areas.

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, 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 2023-2024. She went over the highlights of property taxes, property values and revenues, utility and Pharr International Bridge funds, Pharr EMS, TeamPharr.net, and city-wide debt summary. She further went over proposed budget summary and stated the budget was balanced.

At this time, Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo 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 5:50 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 9:39 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE DONATION ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT (DAA) WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE DAP FY 16 PHARR/REYNOSA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE-LAND PORT OF ENTRY PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2023-54 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Dolores Rodriguez.

Comm. Medina moved to reappoint Dolores Rodriguez to the Civil Service Commission. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2023-55 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE PHARR ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PUBLIC WORKS)

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Dr. Kelly Macmanus, and appointment of Luis Marin, Daniel Castro, and Rebekah De la Fuente.

Comm. Medina moved to reappoint Dr. Kelly Macmanus, and appoint Luis Marin, Daniel Castro, and Rebekah De la Fuente to the Pharr Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2023-56 is filed with the City Clerk's office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO (2) REGULAR MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Danny Wylie and appointment of Ruben Luna.

Comm. Carrillo moved to reappoint Danny Wylie and appoint Ruben Luna to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2023-57 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Ruben Luna.

Comm. Medina moved to reappoint Ruben Luna to the Board of Adjustment. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. R-2023-58 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WESLACO FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES (PROJECT #1718-01-517-S030-001). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PUBLIC WORKS)**

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS FOR THE TEXAS FIRST RESPONDERS PEER NETWORK. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY (POLICE)**

Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND SOUTH TEXAS ISD FOR THE USE OF SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING LOT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PARKS)**

Jonathan Flores, 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.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND ZENDESK, INC. FOR TEAMPHARR.NET CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SUBSCRIPTION SOFTWARE SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (IT)**

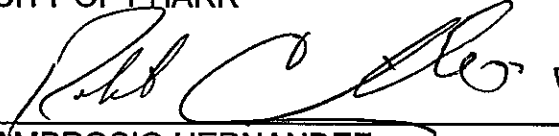
Jonathan Flores, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

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ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **REGULAR CALLED MEETING** at the Pharr One Building located at 1121 E. Nolana, 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 18, 2023