

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan, City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk
Imelda Perez, Assistant City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, Asst. 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
Jamison Merrick, Asst. O.S.E. Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Dir.
Isaac Escobedo, Asst. Parks & Rec. Dir.
Mike Singleterry, Library
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Mayra Gomez, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Sara Salinas, Asst. Public Safety Dir.
Victor Perez, PEDC Director

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 Pro Tem Chavez called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

David Friedlein, Asst. City Manager, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

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A) SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, for a report on city events.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, announced the It's Time Community Challenge would kick-off Monday, January 8, 2024 through March 3, 2024. She stated this was a national campaign that promotes healthy habits, and the City of Pharr has won the Medium Sized City the past six years. She encouraged participation from employees, the public and organizations by downloading the ITT Application to start accumulating points for this challenge.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, presented a video recap on Nursing Home - Christmas Caroling and Winter Texan Welcome Tamaladas. She further gave a brief update on the Ball Drop 2023 Event and reported an estimate of 9,000 people were in attendance and stated it had been a very successful event.

1. IT'S TIME TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PLEDGE.

Vanessa Soto, Special Events Manager, reported It's Time Texas Community Challenge was an eight-week statewide initiative to promote a healthier lifestyle. She encouraged the community and staff members to participate in this challenge.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2023 REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS OF DIRT - SOUTH PHARR REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY (RDF) PROPERTY. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PHARR.THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (PURCHASING)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO USE PHARR ONE BUILDING AS A POLLING LOCATION FOR THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced consent agenda and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2024-01 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez 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 4:17 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Chavez 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 5:10 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Chavez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; DETERMINING THE ESTATE TO BE ACQUIRED; ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO COMMUNICATE OFFERS TO OWNERS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS BY CITY ATTORNEY; RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2024-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 6. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A HAMM COMPACTOR WITH PADFOOT DRUM (SHEEPFOOT ROLLER) FROM NUECES POWER EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,371.24 (BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 685-22). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PUBLIC WORKS)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

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- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM GALLS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,911.00 (BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NUMBER 670-22). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (FIRE)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 7. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A SALE AGREEMENT FOR JACKSON PLACE APARTMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PHARR HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUILDING LOCATED AT 104 W. POLK AVENUE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, 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 CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND VALIANT ENERGY SOURCES, LLC FOR ENERGY CONSULTING SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, COMBAT CASUALTY CARE RESEARCH PROGRAM AND CITY OF PHARR EMS FOR STOP THE BLEED. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

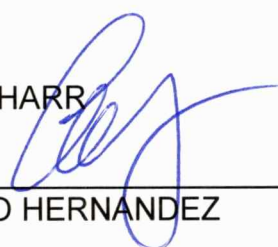
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ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF JANUARY 2024 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: February 5, 2024