

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, ACM/City Clerk
Imelda Perez, Assistant City Clerk
Ruben Alfaro, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Interim Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Daniel Leal, Deputy Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roland Gomez, Code Compliance Director
Kimberly Mendoza, Dev. Svcs. Director
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Mayra Gomez, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comm. Dir.
Cynthia Gutierrez, Public Health 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 Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 AS NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED MONTH

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief, thanked the Commission for the proclamation and stated the proclamation was to acknowledge the importance of Stop the Bleed. Chief Ramirez further stated the Trauma Team responded to a call where patient Rodriguez was attended to and they played a role in saving his life.

Dr. Carlos Palacios, McAllen Medical Hospital Trauma Surgeon, stated teamwork really works to save someone's life and everyone present assisted with patient care.

Nathan Ramon, Executive Director for Trauma Regional Advisory Council, briefly explained the council examines at the regional level what performance improvement opportunities could be done to better enhance patient care. He stated this was a prime example where they could take learning experiences and apply it to other areas of the region to better enhance patient care.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief, presented staff with Clinical Excellence Commendation Awards for their act in saving a human life and stated five Stop the Bleed classes would be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 and encouraged everyone to participate.

Comm. Caballero read proclamation proclaiming May 2024 as Stop the Bleed Month and presented proclamation to Danny Ramirez and EMS staff.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 19-25, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Luis Marin, Public Works Director, thanked the Commission for the proclamation and recognized the staff for all their hard work in keeping the community's infrastructure running smoothly. He further introduced staff and invited the community to their Public Works Week event taking place on Friday, May 24, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Comm. Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming May 19 – 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week and presented proclamation to Luis Marin and staff.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Zack Williams registered to speak on item 2-A and spoke about the hard work and important role the EMS staff. At this time, Mayor Hernandez advised him of the process and procedures for public testimony Mr. Williams forfeited his remaining speaking time.

Aaron Sierra registered to speak on item 2-A and stated he was a current EMS employee and thanked the commission for acknowledging the EMS department with Stop the Bleed month proclamation. He further proceeded to formally announce they would like to start a EMS union. Mayor Hernandez advised him to stay on topic and not deviate from topic. Mr. Sierra advised he would step-back and left the podium.

Kiefer Roseman registered to speak on item 2-A. and advised he would be seizing his time.

Patrick Andrade registered to speak on item 2-A and introduced himself as a licensed paramedic with Pharr EMS. He expressed his joy on how much the City has grown from the start of Pharr EMS and further thanked EMS Chief for a job well done

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and his fellow employees in light of Stop the Bleed month. He then proceeded to advise the Commission they would like to start a union.

Mayor Hernandez advised him to leave podium because public testimony rules were not being followed.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to the next item. He further stated they would continue with Public Testimony toward end of agenda to give everyone an opportunity to speak.

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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MAY 2024

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 1.55% year to date true growth. He stated Jamison Merrick, Interim Finance Director, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

1. GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT CELEBRATION WITH TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and called on Cynthia Gutierrez for a grant announcement. He further recognized Manuel Vela, Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer from Texas A&M Higher Education in McAllen, Kate Faris from Texas A&M Forest Service Grant Specialist, Bill Green from Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Urban Forester, Alejandro Elias from PSJA ISD Superintendent, and Rodolfo Marquez from PSJA ISD Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Cynthia Gutierrez, Public Health Director, announced Texas A&M Forest Service was awarding City of Pharr and PSJA ISD a community forestry grant in the amount of \$3.12 million dollars to re-forest eight PSJA schools. She further thanked everyone involved in the grant writing process.

Kate Faris, Grant Specialist from Texas A&M Forest Service, announced the City of Pharr was a recipient for the community forestry grant and congratulated the City on their 7th year as a Tree City USA City. Ms. Faris further stated this was a \$3.12 million dollar grant that would go towards eight campuses to gain thirty (30) percent tree canopy coverage and implementation of outdoor learning spaces for the students. Lastly, Ms. Faris stated project implementation would be approximately over the course of three years.

Manuel Vela, Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer from Texas A&M, stated his was proud to be a lifelong resident of the Rio Grande Valley and mentioned he was grateful for the aggressive nature the City of Pharr and PSJA ISD had to create the best environment for the students. He further thanked the Commission for the continued partnerships.

Dr. Alejandro Elias, PSJA ISD Superintendent, stated this was a great occasion and one of many partnerships exemplifying the City and PSJA ISD working together for the students and the community.

Mayor Hernandez expressed his gratitude for the many partnerships with PSJA ISD thanked everyone for their leadership.

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Marisa Oliva, Texas Children Nature Network, stated they were looking forward to this project and mentioned they would be supporting PSJA ISD and the City with these efforts.

Alan Williams, Region One, briefly stated he was very grateful to be part of this project and mentioned this would be a long-term value and learning that goes into these spaces.

2. RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE FROM TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF COURSE STAFF MEMBER

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Frank Nunez.

Frank Nunez, Tierra Del Sol Golf Course Manager, stated recognized Jorge Adame Flores for his honesty in returning a wallet with \$1,800 cash in it back to his rightful owner. Mr. Nunez presented Mr. Flores with a recognition plaque.

Jorge Adame Flores thanked the Commission for the recognition.

B) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, called upon Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, for a report on upcoming city events.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, presented video recaps on Night Under the Stars Mother's Day event, Pharr Police Memorial Ceremony, and Pharr Connect.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported on the upcoming Alzheimer's Workshop Series to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Pharr One located at 1121 E. Nolana Loop at 5:30 p.m. She stated the topic was Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia and invited the community to attend and learn about the available resources.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported on the Public Works Week event taking place on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Pharr Public Works Department located at 1015 E. Ferguson Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She stated this would be a great opportunity for the community to meet the Public Works Department staff and extended an invitation to the public to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, also reported on Sneaker Phest event taking place on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Jose "Pepe" Salinas Recreation Center located at 1011 W. Kelly Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She stated this was an indoor market to buy, sell and trade sneakers, merchandise and memorabilia and extended an invitation to the public to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported on Memorial Day Ceremony at the Memorial Park located at 501 W. Egly Avenue at 9:00 a.m. She stated this event was being held to honor and remember our armed services and extended an invitation to the public to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported Swimming Lessons for Kids registration opening date would be Thursday, May 30, 2024 for the public to register for classes and classes would be \$30 per child from ages 6 months through 13 years of age. She stated these classes were being held through our Parks and Recreation department and encouraged the public to register their kids to learn how to swim.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported on the Work Mode On – Business 101 Workshop series to educate our business community and residents. She stated the first workshop would be on Hurricane Preparedness on

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Pharr One located at 1121 E. Nolana Loop from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She stated this workshop was to get the public prepared for hurricane season and extended an invitation to the public to attend.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2024 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) 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 6.154 ACRE TRACT SITUATED IN PORCION 71, NARCISO CABAZOS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 30, BEING A PORTION OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD AND EAST HI LINE ROAD, SAID PORTION BEING OUT OF PARCELS 70B, 70C, AND 70D, AND A 79.022 ACRE TRACT SITUATED IN PORCION 71, NARCISO CABAZOS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 30, BEING OUT OF LOTS 47 THROUGH 55, AND A PORTION OF A 40 FT. ROAD (NOT IN USE), AS SHOWN ON THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 5 TO 32 INCLUSIVE OF THE SAN JUAN PLANTATION SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD AND EAST HI LINE ROAD, IN THE CITY OF PHARR'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ), IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. (3RD AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-33 MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC FEE SCHEDULE (3RD AND FINAL READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (IT)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE COLLAPSE SERVICE REPAIRS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO REJECT SINGLE BID AND ADVERTISE THE RE-LETTING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM (FY 16 DAP) PROJECTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES: (ADMINISTRATION)**
- 1. SMOKIN' MOON, LLC., REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT 1-A AND THE EAST 26.7 FEET OF LOT 1, ALBRAD UNIT NO. 1 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1617 WEST POLK AVENUE. CUP#180648 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY**
 - 2. TAQUERIA TEPEQUE EXPRESS, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.041 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 2, HACIENDA SANTA LUCIA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 701 EAST NOLANA LOOP, SUITE #3A. CUP#230384 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY**

- 3. KANS & KEGS #4 LLC., REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOTS 30 AND 31, BLOCK 5, EVANS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6804 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#200525 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY
- 4. CARLOS R. ELIZONDO, D/B/A SEPI'S, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT 22, BLOCK 30, PHARR ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 212 WEST STATE STREET. CUP#190641 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY
- 5. MARISELA LINAN PERALEZ AND LOREMI CANTU D/B/A EXCLUSIVE EVENT CENTER LLC., REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.351 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 27 THROUGH 30, BLOCK 2, LOS MARINEROS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 2200 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#230275 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY
- 6. JOSE RUBEN MENDEZ, D/B/A 100% ANTOJITOS MEXICANOS, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.04 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 1, JACKSON RIDGE COURT, PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1201 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE 9. CUP#140525 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY

G) PLATS:

- 1. MELDEN & HUNT INC., REPRESENTING HUMBERTO TIJERINA AND EVANGELINA A. TIJERINA, TRUSTEES, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CIRCLE K PHARR SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 LOT 1. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF 1.644 ACRES, CONSISTING OF 1.144 ACRES OUT OF LOT 220 KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION AND 0.500 OF AN ACRE BEING ALL OF ORDONEZ SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF LOT 1, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1800 BLOCK OF SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. SUB#210513 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY

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

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

Ordinance No.'s O-2024-16 and O-2024-17 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-47 REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN (ADOPTION ON ONE READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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.

Ordinance No. O-2024-18 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY CLERK. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (ADMINISTRATION)

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Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended Imelda Perez as City Clerk.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to appoint Imelda Perez as City Clerk. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2024-30 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (GMCD)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Rene Cantu.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to reappoint Rene Cantu to the Community Development Council. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2024-31 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING / REAPPOINTING TWO (2) REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended reappointment of Jonathan Larraga and appoint Romeo Cantu Jr. and Javier Gutierrez.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to reappoint Jonathan Larraga as Regular Member and appoint Romeo Cantu Jr. as Regular Member and Javier Gutierrez as Alternate Member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2024-32 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,265.84 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FUEL AND LUBE TRUCK FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTER OF PHARR, TEXAS THROUGH BUY BOARD PURCHASING COOPERATIVE NO. 601-19. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE -SERVICE EXCELLENCE**

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.

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH B2Z ENGINEERING FROM MISSION, TEXAS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING (CMT) SERVICES FOR THE PHARR-REYNOSA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,498,663.38. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AJ'S HEATING - COOLING & MORE, LLC. FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS FOR CITY WIDE ON-CALL HVAC SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)**

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, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CAMVIO INC. FROM LOS ANGELES, CA FOR BILLING AND OPERATIONS SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR TEAMPHARR.NET THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (PURCHASING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated company was sole source provider and recommended approval.

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, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH EZEQUIEL ORDONEZ ANIMAS D/B/A BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND LOBBYING SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (BRIDGE)**

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 unanimously.

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AUTHORIZING CAXCAN S.A. DE C.V. INGENIEROS CIVILES TO CONDUCT FIELD STUDIES AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN (PHASE VI) FOR BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT (TWIN BRIDGE/SECOND SPAN) IN MEXICO. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY (BRIDGE)**

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 unanimously.

- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CAPEX RESOURCES GROUP FROM FRISCO, TEXAS TO CONDUCT THE WATER RATE STUDY. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE (PURCHASING)**

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.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH RGV VOCATIONAL SERVICES L.L.C. FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STUDENT CLINICAL RIDE-OUTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.
Mayor Hernandez asked staff for clarification. Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief, briefly stated the school was from Rio Grande City and was requesting EMS student clinical ride-outs.

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

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON FIRST AMENDMENT TO PCS SITE AGREEMENT WITH STC FIVE LLC. FOR THE LEASE OF LAND AT JOSE "PEPE" SALINAS RECREATION CENTER FOR THE CELLULAR TOWER. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (PURCHASING)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion.

Jose Pena, IT Director, stated this was a renewal of the agreement initially approved by the board of commissioners in 1999. He further explained the initial agreement was for twenty-five (25) years and the renewal would be for twenty (20) years with a 15% rent increase every five (5) years plus a 33% revenue share for any additional sub-tenant.

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

At this time, Jonathan Flores, City Manager, stated they would deviate from the agenda and go back to Item 3. There was no objection.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Seth Hutchinson signed up to speak on item 2.A but was no longer present at the meeting.

ITEM 10. CLOSED SESSION

None

ITEM 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Mayor Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 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: ~~JUNE~~ 3, 2024