

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
David Friedlein, Assistant City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, 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
Oscar De Leon, Asst. Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Maritza Magallan, Purchasing Dept.
Raul Escamilla, EMS Captain
C.J. Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Cynthia Gutierrez, Public Health Director
Frank Nunez, Special Events Director
Elizabeth Diaz, Grants Management 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.

Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Carrillo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

Comm. Pacheco was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:03 p.m.

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

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B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

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 of the Trail of Terror and Trunk or Treat events.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported the Salute for Veterans Parade and Fireworks event would take place on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 200 S. Cage Blvd. She advised the parade would commence at 5:30 p.m., followed by a hub market, live music and fireworks show at 8:00 p.m. She further extended an invitation to the everyone to attend.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Winter Wonderland event would be taking place on Friday, December 6, 2024 at Pharr Downtown Park from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to include the lighting of the Christmas tree at 7:30 p.m. She stated this was a free event and encouraged all families to attend.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 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 55.97 ACRES OF LAND AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OUT OF THE NARCISO CABAZOS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 30, GENERALLY LOCATED ON SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD AND STATE HIGHWAY 365, AND ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST U.S. HIGHWAY 281 (MILITARY HIGHWAY), APPROXIMATELY 800 FT. EAST OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF PHARR'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. (2ND READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

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1. 7-ELEVEN, INC. REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 215, 216, 217, 218 AND 219, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS TO THE PROPERTY IS 6601 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#240922 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
2. 7-ELEVEN, INC. REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1B, MAP OF LOTS 1A AND 1B, NOLANA SQUARE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY IS 100 WEST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#240923 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
3. 7-ELEVEN, INC. REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 & 2, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY IS 1407 WEST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#240924 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
4. TEJAS BAR, 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 0.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 13 & 14, BLOCK 32, PHARR ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 410 WEST STATE AVENUE, SUITE D. CUP#220634 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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

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

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ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-07 ADOPTING AN UPDATED PROCUREMENT CARD POLICY MANUAL. (1ST READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-17 MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC FEE SCHEDULE (1ST READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (IT)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

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- C) **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 A 22.94 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING PART OR PORTION OF LOT 255, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION OF PORCIONES 69 AND 70, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST JAVELINA DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 1,700 FT. WEST OF SOUTH VETERANS BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF PHARR'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ), HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2024-60 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ALLOWING PARTICIPATION WITH EQUALIS GROUP FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASES AND/OR SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2024-61 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SH 68 AND DESIGN MODIFICATION ROUTE NO. 7. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ADMINISTRATION)**

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.

Resolution No. R-2024-62 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS OUT OF LA FERIA, TEXAS FOR THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF MANHOLES THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 730-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,466.00. (TABLED) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (PUBLIC UTILITIES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Comm. Medina **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. Carrillo abstained from voting.

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- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (FIRE)**

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 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (UTRGV) AND THE CITY OF PHARR FOR THE USE OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (RSOC) SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (IT)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Jose Pena, IT Director, briefly stated services included monitoring of cyber-attacks and free cybersecurity trainings.

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

ITEM 8. CLOSED SESSION

None

ITEM 9. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 10. 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 4:10 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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, **IMELDA PEREZ, CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

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ATTEST:


IMELDA PEREZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: November 18, 2024