MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, September 7, 2021 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez Comm. Eleazar Guajardo Comm. Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo Comm. Ramiro Caballero Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Chavez Comm. Ricardo Medina Comm. Itza Flores
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Edward Wylie, Interim City Manager Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer Karla Saavedra, Finance Director Veronica Ramirez, HR Director Juan Villescas, Municipal Judge Andrew Harvey, Police Chief Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief Roland Gomez, Interim Dev. Srvcs. Director Olga Garza, Public Works Director Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director Adolfo Garcia, Library Director Jose Pena, I.T. Director Luis Bazan, Bridge Director Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comm. Dir. Marcela Beas, Chamber President Michelle Lopez, Chief Comm. Officer Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director
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 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF MURDER VICTIMS.

Robert Garcia, Founder of Rio Grande Valley Families & Friends of Murdered Children, Inc., and murder victim's families were present to accept proclamation. Mr.

Garcia thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the respect, compassion and dignity they have showed the families by this and past proclamations.

Mayor Hernandez shared some words of sympathy with those present for their loved ones.

Comm. Guajardo read proclamation proclaiming September 25, 2021 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims Day.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY.

Narciso Garcia, Vanguard Academy Superintendent, and Reynaldo Perez, Teacher, were both present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Garcia announced Vanguard Academy would be having a September 11 20th Anniversary Ceremony on Saturday, September 11, 2021 taking place at their newest campus Vango located at 1407 W. Moore Road from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. He invited the City Commission and City Manager to memorialize this event.

Comm. Medina read proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2021 as Remembering and Honoring the 20th Anniversary of September 11th at Vanguard Academy.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

B) <u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE 2021 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PHARR. (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

C) <u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced Marcela Beas, Pharr Chamber President, to report on Ms. Pharr Pageant.

Marcela Beas, Pharr Chamber President, reported the 2021 Scholarship Pageant was held and winners were selected for the categories of Miss Pharr and Miss Teen Pharr. Alexandria Valdez, Miss Pharr, introduced herself as being 18 years old who was currently attending South Texas College. Zarina Garza, Miss Teen Pharr, introduced herself as being 17 years old who was currently attending Southwest High School.

Mayor Hernandez and City Commission congratulated both ladies.

Mayor Hernandez further stated a pageant was about leadership skills and achieving educational goals and mentioned they would be meeting several role models within the City of Pharr which were relevant because these role models were the same gender as them.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced new Assistant City Manager, Annie Reeves and welcomed her to the podium.

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager, stated she was originally from the Pharr area and gave a brief summary of her educational background. She mentioned she was thankful the City of Pharr had placed their faith in her and was very excited to be part of such an extraordinary team.

Mayor Hernandez presented recently promoted female leaders within the City of Pharr by presenting Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager; Olga Garza, Public Works Director; Michelle Lopez, Chief Communications Officer; Marcela Beas, Pharr Chamber President; Melanie Cano, Organizational and Strategic Excellence Director; and Cynthia Garza Reyes, External Affairs Director. He further mentioned to the public and the Miss Pharr winners that the City of Pharr had a big diverse group of professionals leading the City of Pharr and encouraged these young ladies to set their goals high.

A) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated all projects were on time and on budget. He further stated City Engineer was available and questions could be entertained at this time.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 4:34 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 12. RECONVENE

The time being 5:56 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A SUPPLY CONTRACT TO PURCHASE STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING HELMETS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (FIRE)

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

1. **RICH HERITAGE CONSTRUCTION INC., OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (H-I) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY HIGH DENSITY (R-MFHD). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 2.68-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, POSADAS SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 3515 NORTH SUGAR ROAD. COZ#210742**

2. **MARGARITA PENA, 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 ALL OF LOT 17,**

TRI-CITY ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1008 WEST MINNESOTA ROAD. COZ#210743

3. **LEM GROUP LLC, D/B/A THE BRIDGE BAR, REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 .099 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 1 & 2, LUVIL LLC ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 508 WEST IH-2 SUITES 12 & 13. CUP#210741**

4. **JOSE ALBERTO HERNANDEZ, D/B/A DOC'S BILLIARDS & SPORTS BAR, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 THE S150' OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, BLOCK 1, SAN PATRICIA ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 917 WEST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#130630**

5. **MARTA'S BAR, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-2). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOTS 13-16, AND THE W10' OUT OF LOT 12, BLOCK 32, PHARR ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 410 WEST STATE STREET, SUITE D. CUP#160737**

6. **SCALISI'S CHICAGO PIZZA & MORE, 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 BEING 0.073 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 2, NOLANA BUSINESS PLAZA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 912 EAST NOLANA LOOP, SUITES R, S AND T. CUP#170637**

7. **O & C BAR B QUE, LLC, D/B/A BAR B CUTIE SMOKEHOUSE, 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 BEING LOT 2B, PHARR COMMERCIAL PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1933 WEST INTERSTATE 2. CUP#160633**

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval of consent agenda.

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

Ordinance No.'s O-2021-46 and O-2021-47 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Comm. Carrillo left the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 5:56 p.m.

ITEM REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, ZONING, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1.70, A(7), TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. *(2ND READING)* (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was for changes to setbacks to Expressway to make them more developer friendly. He further recommended approval.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE SETTING SPEED LIMITS ON SAM HOUSTON BOULEVARD. *(1ST READING)* (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated a speed study was done and recommendations from Engineer were as follows: speed limit increase from Veterans Road to Cage Boulevard from 30 mph to 35 mph and speed limit increase from Cage Boulevard to Jackson Road from 30 mph to 40 mph. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez asked City Engineer how the speed limit was determined and why the difference between both sides of Cage Boulevard.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, stated the difference was due to traffic patterns, counters and the spacing between entrances. He further mentioned the speed was determined by the 85 percentile of the traffic statistics.

Comm. Medina asked why a traffic study was not considered for Ridge Road.

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, stated it could be done but a lot of land on West Ridge Road was still not developed, therefore, traffic study would not be accurate, and this would also limit the amount of entrances Ridge Road could have.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-78-39, SPEED LIMITS ON VETERANS BOULEVARD ("I" ROAD) FOR THE SEGMENT BETWEEN OWASSA ROAD AND JAVELINA DRIVE. *(1ST READING)* (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated a speed study was done and recommendations from Engineer were as follows: speed limit increase from Owassa Road to Expressway from 30 mph to 45 mph, speed limit increase from Expressway to Moore Road from 30 mph to 40 mph and speed limit from Moore Road to Javelina Road to stay at 45 mph. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Medina **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Flores seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez questioned the City Engineer why the increase and decrease in speed limits for certain areas of street.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, stated this was due to the congestion of traffic and the volume of traffic as well as remaining within 85 percentile of the traffic statistics.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 0-2121-21 SEC. 50-96. -ALLOWABLE CHARGES, ADDING THE CHARGES FOR FIXED WING AND FOR SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES. *(1ST READING)* (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated there was an error in the wording of agenda. No action was taken on agenda item.

E) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS INTERNATIONAL TOLL BRIDGE

SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO APPROVE ALL FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE SUCH PROCEEDS FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED HEREIN; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(1ST AND FINAL READING)* (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City of Pharr was issuing $20 Million for FY 16 DAP projects. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez asked if the City of Pharr acquired funds from Recovery Act or Federal funds, would funds be allowed to be allocated to payoff $20 Million sooner versus being stuck with bond for certain amount of years.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, stated the City would be bound for a period of 10 years unless the City of Pharr went with a different structure.

David Gonzalez with PFM Advisors stated these bonds had not been sold on the market yet. He further stated if the City of Pharr came across a lump sum of funds, the City could do a defeasance and build an escrow account to payoff debt.

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

Ordinance No. O-2021-48 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022-2023. (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated in the past the City of Pharr had issued their votes to Albert Cardenas.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to nominate Albert Cardenas to the Hidalgo County Appraisals District Board of Directors. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2021-51 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO (2) REGULAR MEMBERS AND TWO (2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the terms for regular members Luis Madrigal and Danny Wylie were fixing to expire and both wished to be reappointed. He also stated the alternate members did not wish to be reappointed so City would bring agenda item back with recommendation on names for alternate members. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Caballero **moved** to reappoint Luis Madrigal and Danny Wylie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2021-52 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

H) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT. (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was for the FY 16 Dap projects. He further stated the general fund would be reimbursed by the proceeds of the bond issued and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2021-53 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

I) 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 PUBLIC PURPOSE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO COMMUNICATE OFFERS TO OWNERS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING BY CITY ATTORNEY, CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated City of Pharr has been talking to certain property owners regarding an additional nature park. He stated after some agreements, City of Pharr needs to execute and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2021-~~45~~ 54 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.
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ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2021-2022 (FINANCE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, stated this was preliminary for proposed budget and still subject to change. She further stated agenda item will be brought back on September 20, 2021 City Commission Meeting for final adoption. She mentioned any questions could be entertained at this time.

No action taken on agenda item.

B) PRESENTATION OF TEXAS MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE CENTER (TMAC) UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated it was discussed in executive session.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTY (EDC) PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR TWIN SPAN BRIDGE, CSJ #0921-02-479 (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the $40 Million issued for Twin Span Bridge project came from the Federal Highway Administration. He explained this was the parent to Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the City of Pharr had obtained an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) to fund the City with

$2 Million. He further explained funding for this project was at an 80/20 split and 20% equaled to $400,000 but stated once accepted to Economically Disadvantaged County (EDC) program, this amount would be reduced to $140,000 and recommended approval to submit application.

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT WITH HOLLIS RUTLEDGE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR LOBBYING SERVICES. (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING WITH INBOUND LOGISTICS A THOMAS COMPANY FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. (BRIDGE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was advertising for the Pharr International Bridge. He recommended approval.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Flores seconded the motion.

Comm. Medina asked why the City of Pharr was getting someone from New York to do the advertising for the bridge.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated the City has been doing this for several years and mentioned this allows the bridge to get into areas they normally wouldn't be able to get in for advertising. He also stated they have done advertising in California, New York, Mexico City and Miami but this particular company was founded in New York and a relative from company owner operates a transport business here locally in Reynosa, Mexico.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REPAIR FIRE APPARATUS UNIT 312 (RESCUE 4) UTILIZING SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP OUT OF PHARR, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $81,132.46 UTILIZING BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NUMBER 571-18 (FIRE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated that initially this rescue truck was being traded-in, but City of Pharr decided to keep it. He mentioned this truck would be assigned to Fire Station No. 4 in South Pharr to respond to anything south of floodway to get longer life out of both rescue vehicles. He further recommended to keep rescue truck in service.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MASTER EQUITY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR LEASE OF EMERGENCY AND

NON-EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE CITY OF PHARR UTILIZING SOURCEWELL CONTRACT ID #060618-EFM. (FIRE)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated Enterprise Fleet Services was proposed during budget workshop to replace City vehicles. He recommended approval.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez reminded staff to utilize local vendors for maintenance of these vehicles.

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

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ACCEPTANCE OF EXPRESSWAY 83 ELEVATED STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND RELEASE OF FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,865.00 (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated these were Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funds and reported tower was fully complete. He recommended approval.

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

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR WWTP (WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT) OXIDATION DITCH NO. 2 & ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PH 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,500 AND THE ADDITION OF 50 CALENDAR DAYS (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated the additional calendar days were due to the freeze and unable to obtain power. He recommended approval.

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

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE SUPPLY CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF CITY WIDE UNIFORMS. (PURCHASING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and recommended awarding bid to International Apparel Warehouse as primary company. He stated the City would also have three (3) secondary companies if incase the first company could not perform. Mr. Wylie further stated this would standardize uniforms for all City staff and uniform color would be navy blue.

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

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES. (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District requested coverage for these types of events. He recommended approval.

Comm. Flores **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez asked if ambulances would be wrapped due to agreement.

Danny Ramirez, E.M.S. Chief, stated contract was for a period of one (1) year and E.C.I.S.D. would be paying hourly while at events and Pharr EMS would be utilizing vehicles they currently have. Furthermore, he mentioned if considered for a longer period, then Pharr EMS may consider wrapping vehicles.

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

I) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $220,793.22 FOR ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK ITEM TO THE NORTHBOUND LANES AND 2ND BSIF EXIT PROJECT. (ENGINEERING)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) changed their standards. He mentioned this was for new requirements being requested and recommended approval.

Comm. Medina **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of five (5) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

J) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT WITH HOLLIS RUTLEDGE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE CITY OF PHARR FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADMINISTRATION SERVICES. (GMCD)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated current employee trained in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was leaving to another entity. He further mentioned until City could hire someone, he recommended Hollis Rutledge and Associates would assist City with these services.

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

K) CONSIDERATION AND ACTIONS, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF LIFT STATION #6 UTILIZING SOUTHERN TRECHLESS SOLUTIONS OUT OF LA FERIA, TX IN THE AMOUNT OF $238,850.00 TRUE BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NUMBER 635-21. (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was an emergency repair to lift station. He recommended approval.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Flores seconded the motion.

Mayor Hernandez questioned the location of lift station.

Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director, stated lift station was located next to utility billing building on East Sam Houston.

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

ITEM 10. LEGAL

A) CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL ON PHARR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, LLC (ADMINISTRATION)

Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager, introduced the item and stated agenda item was for consultation only. No action on agenda item.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Medina **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 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 BARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

IMELDA BARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

APPROVED: November 15, 2021