

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Sabrina Solis, Finance Comp. of Operations
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Asst. Code Compliance Dir.
Joe Garza, Asst. Dev. Svcs. Director
Jesus Pena, Asst. Public Works Director
Melanie Cano, O.S.E. Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Mike Singleterry, Library Branch Manager
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Maritza Magallan, Purchasing Dept.
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Sara Salinas, Asst. P.S. Communications Dir.
Niko Tapangan, Public Health Director
Abel Molina, Interim 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.

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

Mayor Hernandez was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:04 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 APRIL 21 - 25, 2025 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Elizabeth Diaz, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Director, introduced her staff and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication to the community and citizens of Pharr. She further extended an invitation to the to everyone to attend the CDBG 51st Birthday Celebration taking place on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

At this time, Comm. Pacheco read the proclamation proclaiming April 21 – 25, 2025 as National Community Development Week and presented proclamation to Elizabeth Diaz and staff.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Elizabeth Diaz, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Director, and Napoleon Coca, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Assistant Director, thanked the commission for the proclamation and recognition. Mr. Coca stated the month of April was celebrated as Fair Housing month as a commitment to ensuring equal access to safe and affordable housing through CDBG grants.

At this time, Comm. Caballero read the proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month and presented proclamation to Elizabeth Diaz and staff.

C) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Niko Tapangan, Public Health Director, introduced Ms. Veronica Quintana, PSJA Director of Special Education and students from the PSJA Pathways Towards Independence program. Ms. Quintana briefly stated PSJA School District served seven hundred fifty (750) students with varying levels of Autism.

At this time, Comm. Medina read the proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month and presented proclamation to Niko Tapangan and Veronica Quintana.

D) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief stated the month of April was Child Abuse Prevention month and explained this was to raise awareness for child abuse and promoting prevention and support services. He further introduced Driscoll Children's Hospital representatives and Pharr EMS command staff.

Mayor Hernandez welcomed Driscoll Children's Hospital staff and read proclamation proclaiming Child Abuse Prevention month.

Proclamation was presented to Danny Ramirez and Driscoll Children's Hospital staff.

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) 2025 HEALTHIER TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PRESENTATION**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, called upon Abel Molina, Special Events Director, to give a presentation on the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge.

Abel Molina, Special Events Director, announced the City of Pharr has won the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge for five consecutive years. He stated the City placed first place in the medium-sized category and introduced Healthier Texas Community representative, Ricardo Parra.

Ricardo Parra, Healthier Texas Community Representative, reported the City of Pharr earned 1.8 million points, logged over one thousand (1,000) miles and spent sixty-eight thousand (68,000) minutes being physically active. He stated these numbers were more than just data and represented a community that showed up for one another and prioritized health. Lastly, Mr. Parra announced the City of Pharr won the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge and presented the City with a trophy.

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 Easter Eggstaviganza, Easter Scavenger Hunt, Pharr ECO Youth Alliance, and VIVA Fresh Expo events.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Community Development Block Grant 51st Birthday Celebration would take place at The Hub at Downtown Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025. She further extended an invite to the community to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Trash-Off Event would take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. She reported the meeting point would be at Pharr City Hall and this would include a two (2) mile stretch from Business 83 to Moore Road. She further stated volunteers were needed and anyone interested to call our offices.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, also reported the Parks & Recreation Department would be hosting Movies at the Park on Saturday, May 3, 2025, showcasing "The Garfield Movie" and invited the community to come out and enjoy this family event.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported the Night Under the Stars Mother's Day event would take place on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Pharr Development and Research Center starting at 7:00 p.m. She further stated this was a free ticketed event and ticket distribution would start on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Special Events Department. She invited everyone to bring their moms to this memorable event.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported Our Pharr, Our Future Open House event would take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Jose "Pepe" Salinas Recreation Center located at 1011 W. Kelly Ave from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She invited the community to attend and take part in a survey for community future needs in the areas of transportation, sidewalks and quality of life. She further stated this was a free event with fun activities and raffles and encouraged the public to attend.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA**A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2025 - 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-2023-09 RELATING TO RENTAL OF CITY FACILITIES. (3RD AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (PARKS)
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EDINBURG FOR LANDFILL SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (PURCHASING)
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR SURVEY AND SITE ASSESSMENT ON TRACT NO. RGV-WSL-1032 BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ADMINISTRATION)
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN TRUNK LINE REPAIRS PERFORMED BY SAENZ BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000.00, LOCATED AT FLAG ST. AND BELL AVE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (PURCHASING)
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR AVOCADO FESTIVAL WITH AAE HOLDINGS INC DBA ALL AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT FROM DURHAM, NC. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)
- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)
- H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:
1. 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. 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 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
 2. TOPGOLF USA PHARR, 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 A 1.48 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, TOP GOLF PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1901 WEST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 2. CUP#170846 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
 3. SR. CRUDA CEVICHE AND MICHELADAS, 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 0.035 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, TROPIC STAR COMMERCIAL PLAZA, PHASE I SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1501 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD, SUITE A. CUP#211065 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
 4. MARISCOS EL MUELLE, LLC, D/B/A MUELLE 37, 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 0.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT A, H E B FUTURAMA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1300 EAST BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83, SUITE 6. CUP#201258 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

5. REGENCY HALL, 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 LOTS 10 AND 11, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 207 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#161155 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

I) PLATS:

1. RIO DELTA ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING THOMAS F. PHILLIPS, OWNER REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED JACKSON PLACE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.99 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 5, A. J. MCCOLL SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 2700 BLOCK OF NORTH JACKSON ROAD. SUB#240206 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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

Comm. Medina moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Pacheco abstained from voting on Item 6.I.1.

Ordinance No. O-2025-15 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING SEVEN (7) BOARD MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He recommended the reappointment of Sabrina Garcia, Victor Alvarez, Olga Cardoza, Norma Trevino, Marco Gonzalez and Lucio Gaytan as members of the Community Development Council.

Comm. Medina moved to reappoint Sabrina Garcia, Victor Alvarez, Olga Cardoza, Norma Trevino, Marco Gonzalez and Lucio Gaytan as members of the Community Development Council. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously

Resolution No. R-2025-18 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND ACCESSORIES WITH AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. FROM SCOTTSDALE, AZ. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,200.30 THROUGH BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM NO. 743-24. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (PURCHASING)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,929.65, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE II PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$568,367.48, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE III PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$608,453.02, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE IV PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,633.64, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE V PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- F) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,879.28, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE 5-A PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

- G) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294,456.54, AND TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PHASE VI PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9. CLOSED SESSION

None

ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 11. 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 4:38 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 21st DAY OF APRIL 2025 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.

ATTEST:



IMELDA PEREZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: May 5, 2025