

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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, July 21, 2025 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

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
Pilar Rodriguez, Interim 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
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Isaac Escobedo, Parks & Rec. Asst. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Javier Martinez, Bridge Assistant Director
Maritza Magallan, Interim Purchasing Dir.
Daniel Ramirez, EMS Chief
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Kenneth Ennis, P.S. Communications Dir.
Niko Tapangan, Public Health Director
Victor Perez, PEDC Director
Abel Molina, Interim Special Events Director
Elizabeth Diaz, Grants Management Director

CITY ATTORNEY

Ricardo Rodriguez III, 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 Pacheco called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

David Friedlein, Assistant 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

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2025.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 5.14% year to date true growth for the month of April, an increase of 4.36% year to date true growth for the month of May, an increase of 4.27% year to date true growth for the month of June, and an increase of 3.70% year to date true growth for the month of July 2025.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, further stated Jamison Merrick, Finance Director, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES FROM THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM (CPM).

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He congratulated Danny Ramirez, Jose Pena, Juan Gonzalez, Kimberly Mendoza, Luis Marin, Roland Gomez, Ruben Rosales, Sergio Alanis, and Sergio Vasquez for successful completing the Certified Public Manager Program from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

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Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, presented video recap of the Kerr County Pharr Emergency Response during the devastating flooding that took place in the Hill Country region in July 2025. She further presented video recaps of the Pet Wellness Fair on Saturday, July 12, 2025, and the Fresh on the Border Conference and Avocado Festival Artist Lineup Promo that took place on July 17, 2025.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Red Sand Project event hosted by the Pharr Police Department would take place on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at Pharr City Hall at 3:00 p.m. She stated this event was to raise awareness about Human Trafficking and encouraged the public to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported Development Services would host the Our Pharr, Our Future Open House on July 24, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pharr Development and Research Center. She stated this would allow residents to provide input on future city projects and the opportunity to meet with city staff.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, also reported the annual Pharr Night Out event would take place on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Pharr Town Center – Main Event parking lot from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and stated there would be music, food, family fun, market vendors. She extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Night Under the Stars – Kids Edition event would take place on Friday, August 8, 2025 at City Hall Amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. She stated there would be live music, snacks, face painting and invited the public to attend.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 07, 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-2021-09 STANDARDS MANUAL CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDE. (3RD AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-17 FOR THE FY2025 OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT #5059901), TO INCLUDE A REQUIRED ASSURANCE CLAUSE AS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND TO UPDATE THE CERTIFYING CITY CLERK. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (POLICE)**

- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE (PSO) FOR THE FY2026 OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT #5059902). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (POLICE)**
- E) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 WITH RRP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE HI-LINE EAST AND WEST ROAD PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238,261.92 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE - IF. (ENGINEERING)**
- F) **PLATS:**
1. **PABLO SOTO JR., P.E., REPRESENTING ENRIQUE CASAS JR. AND LUZ VIRGINIA CASAS, OWNERS, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RICK'S FOOD COURT STATE AVENUE SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.37 OF AN ACRE OF LAND OUT OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, PHARR ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 400 BLOCK OF WEST STATE STREET. SUB#240823 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2025-24 and Resolution Nos. R-2025-31 and R-2025-32 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-06 UPDATING PROCUREMENT POLICY MANUAL. (1ST READING)THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-07 UPDATING PROCUREMENT CARD POLICY MANUAL. (1ST READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING / REAPPOINTING THREE (3) REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the reappointment of Andres Zuniga, Carlos Ramirez, and Ruben Luna.

Comm. Carrillo moved to re-appoint Andres Zuniga, Carlos Ramirez and Ruben Luna to the Board of Adjustment. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2025-33 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER TO THE BRIDGE BOARD. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (BRIDGE)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the reappointment of Lazaro Beas.

Comm. Chavez moved to re-appoint Lazaro Beas to the Bridge Board. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2025-34 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY2025 COPS HIRING PROGRAM TO FUND FIVE (5) FULL-TIME OFFICER POSITIONS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (POLICE)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2025-35 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE BUILDING TEXAS BROADBAND WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM (RFA NO. BDO-NOFA-008) TO SUPPORT BROADBAND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE -SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (IT)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2025-36 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MILLENNIUM ENGINEERS GROUP, INC. (MEG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,473.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF- INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 7. CLOSED SESSION

None

ITEM 8. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 21st DAY OF JULY 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: August 4, 2025

