

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ricardo Medina

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Deputy City Manager
David Friedlein, 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
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Kenneth Ennis, P.S. Communications Dir.
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 Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Pacheco moved to excuse absent member. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CREATING OFFICE OF CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT. (2ND READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE CREATING THE FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (2ND READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)

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.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO VACATE, ABANDON, AND CLOSE A 10 FT. BY 270.29 FT. ALLEY EASEMENT, CONSISTING OF 0.06 OF AN ACRE (2,702.90 SQUARE FEET) LOCATED ON LOT 14, BLOCK 160, L.R. BELL DEVELOPMENT "E", PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS (2ND READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-39 REGULATING THE DRILLING OF OIL, AND/OR GAS WELLS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PHARR. (1ST AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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.

Ordinance No. O-2025-25 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

At this time, Jonathan Flores, City Manager, deviated from the agenda and go to item 4.A. There was no objection.

ITEM 4. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 4, 2025 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

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

ITEM 5. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 3:03 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 6. RECONVENE

The time being 4:09 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION 2025 FOR THE COMMUNITY GREENING TRANSFORMATION GRANT FROM TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (PARKS)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Remy Vargas, Parks & Recreation Urban Ecologist, stated the City of Pharr had been awarded the 2025 Community Greening Transformation Grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service. He added this grant was to expand tree canopy growth and improve the quality of life for the residents and highlighted the importance of additional green space within the City of Pharr.

Elizabeth Diaz, Grants Management Director, stated the grant was in partnership with Texas A&M Forest Service and it would allow the expansion of parks. She further stated the grant award amount was \$1.18 Million over a three-year expansion.

Carlos Garcia-Patlán, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Community Ecologist, stated they were available as a resource for any assistance or training for the community and stated they were happy in partnering with the City of Pharr for these projects.

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

Resolution No. R-2025-39 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 7. 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 5:51 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



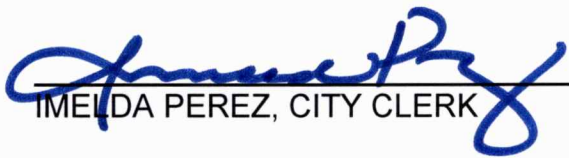
AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
August 11, 2025

ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2025 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **SPECIAL 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 18, 2025

