

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Ramiro Caballero

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
Maritza Magallan, Interim Purchasing Dir.
Ben Martinez, Assistant EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Comm. Officer
Kenneth Ennis, 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 Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to excuse absent members. Comm. Chavez 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 4:11 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 OCTOBER 23-31, 2025 AS NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Rolando Garcia, PSJA ISD Police Chief, thanked the Commission for the proclamation and extended an invitation to attend the upcoming Red Ribbon Week parade on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in Pharr. He stated the purpose of the parade was to promote drug awareness and encourage a drug free lifestyle.

Mayor Hernandez read the proclamation proclaiming October 23-31, 2025, as Red Ribbon Week and presented it to PSJA ISD Police Chief Roland Garcia, Pharr Police Chief Juan Gonzalez, and his 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) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He stated Pilar Rodriguez, Interim City Engineer, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time. There were no questions.

B) RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - WATER PARTNERS: WATER SYSTEMS HELPING WATER SYSTEMS AWARD.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Oscar De Leon, Assistant Public Utilities Director.

Oscar De Leon, Assistant Public Utilities Director, introduced Omahar Badillo, Water Meter Supervisor; Manuel Ponce, Water Plant Supervisor; and Jesse Trejo, Superintendent of Operations. He announced Public Utilities received the Water Systems Helping Water Systems Award for the fourth time and stated the City of Pharr was the only city in Texas to receive this recognition.

At this time, the Commission congratulated staff on their outstanding work.

C) 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 highlighting the Lucha Libros event, City of Pharr Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program, and 109th Birthday Celebration for Juanita Salas.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Pharr Police Department will host their 5th Annual Stick By Me event on Friday, September 12, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pharr Vanguard Academy & Birding Center, 1025 S. Richmond Rd. She stated that the event was focuses on suicide prevention and encouraged the community to attend and support this cause.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported Building and Code Compliance Department would be hosting the 16 de Septiembre – Cody's Block Party on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Jones Box Park, 805 Rosa Lane. She stated there would be music, games, and food and invited the community to attend.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the 31st Rio Reforestation would take place on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Milagro Tract, 904 W. Doffin Rd. She encouraged volunteers to participate and

noted this event was a multi-agency collaboration involving restoration efforts across 100,000 acres.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2025 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF CLOUD MANAGEMENT SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FROM CALIX, INC. FOR PHARR CONNECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (IT)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR COMMISSIONING AGENT FOR THE PHARR EVENTS CENTER. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. OCTAVIO CANTU, REPRESENTING MICKEY ELIZONDO, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (O-P) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTIES ARE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 1, ORANGE GROVE SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PHARR, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTIES ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 817 AND 821 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. COZ#250714 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
 - 2. RAUL FONG, D/B/A JUNCTION CAFÉ, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 AND THE SOUTH 7 FT. OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, J.T. DOSTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 11 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#911291 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
- E) PLATS:**
 - 1. M2 ENGINEERING, PLLC., REPRESENTING ABEL HERNANDEZ, MANAGING MEMBER FOR HDZ HOLDINGS LLC., REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED VETERANS OAKS APARTMENTS SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 5.576 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF LOT 129, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 3100 BLOCK OF NORTH VETERANS BOULEVARD. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2025-29 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 FOUR (4) MEMBERS OF THE PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (PEDC II)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the reappointment of Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Comm. Ramiro Caballero, Comm. Ricardo Medina and appointment of Comm. Itza Flores.

Comm. Chavez **moved** to reappoint Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Comm. Ramiro Caballero, Comm. Ricardo Medina and appointment of Comm. Itza Flores. to the Pharr Economic Development Corporation II Board. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2025-44 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO.3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,206.86 AND THE ADDITION OF 2 CALENDAR DAYS TO THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE EXPANSION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,075.45 AND THE ADDITION OF SEVEN WORKING DAYS TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SUGAR AND MINNESOTA TRAFFIC SIGNAL. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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

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

ITEM 9. CLOSED SESSION

None

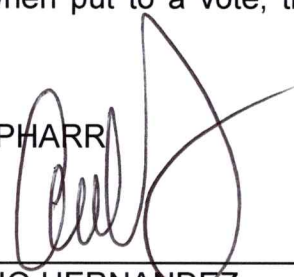
ITEM 10. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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: September 15, 2025

