

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Budget Workshop on Monday, August 25, 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. Ricardo Medina

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Itza Flores

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.
Danny Ramirez, 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

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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 8:37 a.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) WELCOMING REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, welcomed everyone in attendance and stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to Item C. There was no objection.

C) TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2025 TAX YEAR. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated additional information was available in the packet. He further state Jamison Merrick, Finance Director, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) DISCUSSION OF PENDING AND/OR PROPOSED CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS, DUTIES, ROLES, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY GENERALLY AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES; TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ); TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE II (TIRZ II); PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II (PEDC II); AND PHARR PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL PURCHASES, PERSONNEL, AND DEBT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational Strategic Excellence Director, for a report on the budget priorities citizen survey results.

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Melanie Cano, Office of Organizational and Strategic Excellence Director, went over the 2025-2026 budget priorities citizen survey results. She reported top priority areas were identified from the strategic priorities such as Service Excellence, City Infrastructure, Quality of Life, Economic Development and Public Safety. She stated the survey resulted in 1,253 responses and went over survey results by city-wide segmented data by geographical location from north, central and south side, and the percentages for their top priorities and focus areas.

At this time, Jonathan Flores, City Manager, called upon Jamison Merrick, Finance Director, for presentation on the city-wide budget.

Jamison Merrick, Finance Director, gave an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 went over property taxes, the city tax rate and history, sales taxes, general fund proposed budget revenues, expenditures, general fund summary, utility funds, Pharr EMS revenues and expenditures, TeamPharr.Net revenues and expenditures, Pharr International Bridge revenues and expenditures, and city-wide debt. He further went over current budget and adopted budget changes.

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

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 9:19 a.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.

Comm. Carrillo left the workshop meeting at 11:22 a.m.

ITEM 5. RECONVENE

The time being 11:26 a.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would resume the open meeting.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, provided closing remarks.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Medina **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF AUGUST 2025 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **BUDGET WORKSHOP** at Pharr One located at 1121 E. Nolana Loop, 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

