

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Michael Pacheco

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Cynthia Garza, Deputy City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager
Melanie Cano, Assistant City Manager
Alessandra Garcia, Assistant City Clerk
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Ashley Melendez, Assistant HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Code Compliance Dir.
Roland Gomez, Dev. Svcs. Director
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Keyla Jalife, Interim 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
Ben Martinez, Assistant EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer
Kenneth Ennis, P.S. Communications Dir.
Elizabeth Diaz, Public Health Director
Abel Molina, Interim Special Events Director
Napoleon Coca, Interim Grants Mgmt. Director
Kenneth Walsch, Food Services Director
Isaac Escobedo, Interim Maintenance Dir.
Will Borowski, Golf Director
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations

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 4:00 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.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 1, 2025 AS ARBOR DAY.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Caballero entered the meeting at this point of the agenda. The time being 4:04 p.m.

Urban Ecologist Remy Vargas thanked the Board of Commissioners for the recognition and briefly explained the Re-Expand the 2K Green Transformation Grant was submitted nearly two years ago and would support urban forest improvements and create new job opportunities. Mr. Vargas further introduced Larissa Villegas, Forestry Coordinator and Jasmine Rivera, Community Urban Forester, who would be working closely with the grant.

Jasmine Rivera, Community Urban Forester, stated the City of Pharr participates in the Trees USA program to promote tree awareness and proper care. She emphasized that expanding the city's tree canopy supports better public health and a stronger community.

At this time, Remy Vargas introduced Carlos Patlan with the Texas A&M Forest Service. Mr. Patlan briefly stated their partnership with Pharr was to expand the tree canopy and promote the community benefits of a healthy urban forest through the Arbor Day proclamation.

Larissa Villegas, Community Coordinator, stated she would be leading community and educational outreach and was excited for the work ahead under the grant.

Comm. Carrillo read the proclamation proclaiming December 1, 2025 as Arbor Day and presented proclamation to Remy Vargas and team members.

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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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 3.77% year to date true growth for November 2025.

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

B) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Mayor Hernandez asked Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, to introduce herself. Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, expressed her excitement about the opportunity to work with the City of Pharr and noted she has worked in an engineering capacity since 2003.

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 Communication Officer, presented video recaps highlighting the Turkey Distribution event and the Museum of South Texas History program at the Pharr Memorial Library.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported the City of Pharr would host its Winter Wonderland event on Friday, December 5, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in downtown Pharr. She stated the Christmas Tree Lighting would begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by music, games, food, Elf on the Shelf experience, and other activities. She extended an invitation to the community.

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Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Parks and Recreation Department would be hosting the Winter Garden Market on December 13, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She encouraged the public to attend and participate in the educational activities focused on supporting a cleaner and more beautiful city.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported Police, Fire, EMS, and Communications departments would be hosting the annual Tips for Toys fundraiser. She stated public safety personnel would be serving as waitstaff at participating local restaurants to collect tips used to purchase toys. She further stated the toy giveaway event was scheduled for December 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pharr One Amphitheater.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting its final event of the year on December 31, 2025 in downtown. She stated the New Year Ball Drop event was a free event featuring the Spazmatics and encouraged the community to attend.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SET PROPOSED TOLL FEE RATE INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL HAZMAT AND TANKER TRUCKS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SET PROPOSED TOLL FEE RATE INCREASE FOR SALVAGE VEHICLES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO USE JOSE "PEPE" SALINAS CIVIC CENTER AND DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER AS POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE 2026 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION AND PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF LIFT STATION #31 LOCATED ON NOLANA WITH SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS FROM LA FERIA, TX THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO.730-24 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**

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1. 7-ELEVEN INC. DBA 7-ELEVEN CONVENIENCE STORE'S AND STRIPES STORES, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (L-I). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT 1B, MAP OF LOTS 1A AND 1B, NOLANA SQUARE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 100 WEST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#240923 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
2. 7-ELEVEN INC. DBA 7-ELEVEN CONVENIENCE STORE'S AND STRIPES STORES, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOTS 1 & 2, BEAMSLEY SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1407 WEST NOLANA LOOP. CUP#240924 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
3. STEFANO'S PIZZA EXPRESS REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.06 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4A, REPLAT OF VACATED CAR-MEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO MALL NO. 3 & 4 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE N-3. CUP#190961 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.
4. JUAN DAVID LARIOS AND ANDREW ALLEN RAINS D/B/A THE LONE STAR THEATER, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-2). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 10, 11, 12, AND THE NORTH 11.5 FEET OF LOT 13, BLOCK 1, J.T. DOSTER RESUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 115 EAST PARK AVENUE. CUP#240716 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

G) PLATS

1. SUPREME ENGINEERING, PLLC, REPRESENTING HUGO A. DE LA GARZA, OWNER REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED YELLOW STORAGE SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 1.667 ACRES OUT OF THE SOUTH, 5.00 ACRES OF THE WEST, 10.0 ACRES OF THE EAST 20 ACRES OF LOT 326, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 500 BLOCK OF W. DICKER RD. SUB#231236. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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

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

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REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AMENDING WRECKER ROTATION LIST. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2025-60 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO OWN AND OPERATE NEW COLD STORAGE AND INSPECTION FACILITIES AT THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2025-61 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the reappointment of Romeo Cantu, Andy Castro, Rafael Munguia and Charlie Ramirez.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to reappoint Romeo Cantu, Andy Castro, Rafael Munguia and Charlie Ramirez as Regular Members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comm. Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2025-52 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 8. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2025 CHASSIS AND REMOUNTING OF ONE (1) TYPE 3 AMBULANCE FROM MONACO GLOBAL SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,000.00. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

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

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 TYPE 3 AMBULANCES FROM SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE SALES FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$631,565.34 (HGAC CONTRACT # AM 10-23) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

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

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR TEXAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAMS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COUNTER EQUIPMENT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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.

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- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE STATE OF TEXAS COMMERCIAL CARD PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT CARD SERVICES WITH U.S. BANK. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE.**

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

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Chavez seconded the motion.

Comm. Medina asked staff about Citibank. Jonathan Flores, City Manager, briefly explained Citibank was not renewed under the State of Texas Procurement Program and US Bank was awarded the new contract. Therefore, the transition needed to be made at this time.

There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO RENEW NETWORK SECURITY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CITY OF PHARR AND PHARR CONNECT THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) CONTRACT 230105 WITH TELEPRO COMMUNICATIONS FROM MISSION, TEXAS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE.**

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

Comm. Flores 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 NUMBER 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,781.94 AND THE ADDITION OF 15 WORKING DAYS TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH D. WILSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE DONATION ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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.

ITEM 10. CLOSED SESSION

None

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ITEM 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. 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 4:29 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

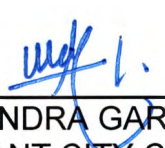


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 1st DAY OF DECEMBER 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, **ALESSANDRA GARCIA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:



ALESSANDRA GARCIA
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

APPROVED: December 15, 2025

