

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, 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
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager
Melanie Cano, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Sabrina Solis, Comptroller of Operations
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Albert Gonzalez, Assistant Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Code Comp. Director
Roland Gomez, Dev. Services 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
Maritza Magallan, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer
Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Comm. Director
Elizabeth Diaz, Public Health Director
Will Borowski, Golf Director
Abel Molina, Interim Special Events Director
Napoleon Coca, Interim Grants Mgmt. Director
Isaac Escobedo, Interim Maintenance Dir.
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations
Kenneth Walsh, Food Service Director
Ricardo Rodriguez, City Attorney

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 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Medina moved to excuse absent member. Comm. Flores 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 FEBRUARY 2026 AS NATIONAL HEART MONTH.

Mario Lizcano, Administrator of Corporate Affairs at DHR Health, Jo Anna Garza, Business Development Manager, and Dr. Herschl Silberman were present. They thanked the Commission for their support and stated their partnership allowed DHR Hospital to bring awareness to the community about the importance of heart health awareness and education.

Dr. Herschl Silberman, MD, Cardiologist with the DHR Health Heart Institute, further encouraged the community to remain educated, proactive, and strong advocates for heart health and support.

Comm. Caballero read the proclamation proclaiming February 2026 as National Heart Month. Mario Lizcano and Dr. Herschl Silberman received the proclamation.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 28, 2026, AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY DAY.

Pat Blum and Executive Director Nadia Ochoa from the Children's Advocacy Center, gave a brief overview of their services. Ms. Blum further extended an invitation to their Annual VINO's Fundraiser Event on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at the McAllen Convention Center and thanked the Commission for their continued support.

Comm. Flores read the proclamation proclaiming March 28, 2026 as Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County Day. Pat Blum and Nadia Ochoa received the proclamation.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

At this time, Jonathan Flores, City Manager, called upon Keyla Jalife, Office of Strategic Excellence Director, to introduce the Trailblazer of the Month.

Keyla Jalife, Office of Strategic Excellence Director, recognized Brenda Mireles as Trailblazer for the month of January 2026. She stated Ms. Mireles was selected for her outstanding dedication, compassion, and excelling in service, embodying the values and spirit of the Trailblazer Award.

Brenda Mireles, Executive Administrative Assistant, expressed gratitude for the recognition and thanked her mentors. She further stated she was looking forward to continuing to grow professionally.

A) PRESENTATION OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 01, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 PRESENTED BY LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP (KELLY R SALAZAR).

Kelly Salazar, Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented the delinquent tax report for FY 2024-2025. She reported on the two (2) delinquent tax program basic premises; the first to collect from the individual taxpayer and secondly to use the tool litigation only as a final option to collect. Ms. Salazar further reported on the various means for communication and efforts for delinquent tax collections. Lastly, she reported a total of \$3,484,669 was collected in delinquent taxes.

B) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 14.3% year to date true growth compared to January 2025.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, further stated Sabrina Solis from Finance Department was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

C) RECOGNIZING JOSE ANTONIO "TONY" PADRON, SR. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ON HIS RETIREMENT.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer.

Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, recognized Tony Padron's retirement with the City of Pharr and stated Mr. Padron has brought a wealth of experience and integrity that

helped the foundation on the City's infrastructure. She further thanked Mr. Padron for his years of dedicated service and wished him all the best in retirement.

Tony Padron thanked the City Commission and city staff for their continued support and stated he was going to miss his thirty-eight (38) years of service in the Engineering field and was looking forward to his retirement time ahead.

D) HEALTHIER TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PLEDGE

Abel Molina, Special Events Director, stated the 2026 Healthier Texas Challenge was a free, eight-week statewide initiative that promote healthier lifestyles through wellness activities and community engagement. At this time, he invited the commission to accept the 2026 Healthier Texas Challenge pledge. Mayor Hernandez and Commissioners accepted and signed the pledge as part of the city's participation in the challenge.

E) 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 City of Pharr 117th birthday celebration and the Parks & Recreation Coffee and Canopy event. She further presented promotional videos for the upcoming Healthier Texas Community Challenge and Healthier Texas Community - Cooking with Mayor.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported a Healthier Texas Cycle with First Responders event would be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Hike & Bike Trail. She stated this event would begin at 5:30 p.m. and invited the community to bring their bicycles and helmets to enjoy a group ride along with our first responders.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, further reported the Pharr Fire Department Burn Awareness event would take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Pharr One from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She stated this was a free event with informational booths, family activities and burn care tips and extended an invitation to the community to attend.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, also reported the City of Pharr "Say I do" Valentines Day Weddings would take place on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at Pharr One – French Garden located at 1121 E. Nolana Loop. She stated those interested in getting married were encouraged to get their wedding license seventy-two (72) hours in advance and stated there would be photo ops, free food and free photography services.

Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the Night Under the Stars – Candle-Lit Concert would take place on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at Pharr One

Amphitheater located at 1121 E. Nolana Loop at 8:00 p.m. She stated this would be a ticketed event and would provide additional information later when tickets were available for pick up at our Special Events Office.

Lastly, Yuri Gonzalez, Chief Communications Officer, reported the 20th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Walk/Run would take place on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 1000 S. Fir St. with race start time at 8:00 a.m. She encouraged the public to participate and stated information could be obtained by calling the Pharr Parks and Recreation Department

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 2026 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF SERVICE CONTRACT WITH JORDAN JOHNSON, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES ON PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (PURCHASING)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE SCHOOLYARD FORESTRY PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (PURCHASING)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE CITY OF PHARR TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF COURSE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (PURCHASING)**
- E) PLATS:**
 - 1. SALINAS ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING JACINTO CANO AND ALICE R. CANO, OWNERS, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED JACINTO CANO SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.72 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF AND FORMING A PART OF LOT 274, KELLY PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 3100 BLOCK OF SOUTH GARDENIA ST. SUB# 240513 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
 - 2. WEAVER CONSULTANTS GROUP, REPRESENTING CHRIS ILEKIS, MEMBER FOR 801 S CAGE LLC, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED D. PEARSON SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 1.738 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 1 THRU 8, LOTS 11 THRU 13 AND A STRIP OF LAND 20.00 FEET WIDE LYING EAST AND ADJACENT TO AND ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF LOT 11, ORANGE GROVE ADDITION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY,**

TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 801 S. CAGE BOULEVARD.SUB#250930 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG) FY2027 APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE PHARR METAL DETECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE GRANT REQUIREMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (GMCD)**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2026-08 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE PEACE OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM (FY2027) APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THE PHARR PEACE OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH & RESILIENCY PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (GMCD)**

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.

Resolution No. R-2026-09 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BORDER ZONE FIRE DEPARTMENTS (BZFD) GRANT PROGRAM FY2027 APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE CITY OF PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE GRANT REQUIREMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (GMCD)**

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.

Resolution No. R-2026-10 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM FY2027 APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE CITY OF PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE GRANT REQUIREMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (GMCD)**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2026-11 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF ADVISORY BOARD. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (GOLF)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended re-appointment of Ricardo Medina to the Tierra Del Sol Golf Advisory Board.

Comm. Flores **moved** to re-appoint Ricardo Medina to the Tierra Del Sol Golf Advisory Board. Comm. Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2026-12 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PHARR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STREET CLOSURES OF STATE ROADWAYS FOR 2026 PUBLIC EVENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (SPECIAL EVENTS)**

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.

Resolution No. R-2026-13 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

At this time, Jonathan Flores, City Manager, stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to Item 8.A. There was no objection.

ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO BROWNSTONE CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR THE DAP FY2016 COMMERCIAL PARKING LOT PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING) (ENGINEERING)**

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

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 TO EXTEND CONTRACT TIME TO JUNE 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,122.00 TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BROWNSTONE CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR THE PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING) (ENGINEERING)**

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

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

ITEM 9. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 4:42 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to

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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 10. RECONVENE

The time being 5:28 p.m. Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) PRESENTATION ON GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATION UPDATES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (GOLF)

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and stated no action was needed.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 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.

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ATTEST:


IMELDA PEREZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: February 23, 2026

