

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular-Special Called Meeting on Monday, February 23, 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. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager
Melanie Cano, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Veronica Ramirez, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Alyn Cervantes, Asst. Code Comp. Director
Roland Gomez, Development Services Director
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Alec Cortez, OSE Performance Mgmt. Analyst
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Anthony Rivera, Assistant Parks & Rec. Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge 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

CITY ATTORNEY: Andres Guerra, 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 4:32 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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 22 - 28, 2026 AS ENGINEER'S WEEK.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, introduced herself and recognized staff engineers from the City of Pharr, Terracon, and Garver representatives. She stated the week was being observed as Engineers Week and thanked the commission for the recognition.

Comm. Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming February 22-28, 2026, as Engineers' week. Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, and staff received the proclamation.

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) TRAILBLAZER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Kenia Gomez, Assistant Director of City Communications, presented the February Trailblazer Award to Nyah Coronado Zarate, GIS Technician in the Engineering Department. Ms. Gomez stated Nyah was selected for her dedication, teamwork, and consistent support of multiple departments, exemplifying the City's spirit of excellence.

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Nyah Coronado expressed her gratitude to the Commission.

Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer expressed appreciation for the opportunity to recognize Nyah. She stated since Nyah joined the City of Pharr in May 2022, she advanced from Administrative Assistant to GIS Technician and demonstrated strong dedication to self-improvement. She briefly highlighted her assumption of additional administrative responsibilities during a staffing transition, exemplifying leadership, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve.

B) RECOGNITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT ESTEBAN GONZALEZ JR. - RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, recognized Lieutenant Esteban Gonzalez Jr. on his retirement. He noted his 40 years of dedicated service since November 10, 1985, and his exemplary leadership, professionalism, and commitment as a frontline firefighter. He further highlighted Lt. Gonzalez served as Honor Guard Commander, contributed to the apparatus committee, and represented the Department and the City with distinction throughout his career.

Lieutenant Gonzalez expressed gratitude to God, the Mayor and Commission, City administration, fire chiefs, and his family for their support throughout his 40-year career, highlighting the Department's growth, innovation, and advancements in training and fire prevention. He stated he was proud of the City's progress, grateful for his time of service, and he would greatly miss the profession while hoping to remain involved in some capacity.

C) RECOGNITION OF THE PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIES AWARD BY THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director introduced his Library staff and announced the Pharr Memorial Library received the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Excellence in Libraries Award for the second time, reflecting the dedication of staff and the City's support. He further introduced guests in attendance, including a library patron and a representative on behalf of the Library Advisory Board President.

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D) RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR KENNETH ENNIS ON OBTAINING EMERGENCY NUMBER PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly stated the certification was considered one of the hardest exams to take and there were only 1,100 certified in the US and 139 in Texas. At this time, he called upon Kenneth Ennis.

Kenneth Ennis, Public Safety Communications Director, expressed appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to achieve the Emergency Number Professional certification. He stated this was a significant and rare accomplishment in his profession and he was grateful to have reached this milestone during his service with the city.

E) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Kenia Gomez, Assistant Director of City Communications, presented a series of video recaps highlighting the Trash-Off, Coastal Expo, Feeding America and the Capable Kids Promo.

Kenia Gomez, Assistant Director of City Communications, reported the City of Pharr would host the Healthier Texas Jiu Jitsu Event at the Jose "Pepe" Salinas Center on February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. She further reported the city had successfully secured wins at this event for five consecutive years and extended an invitation to everyone to come out and join.

Kenia Gomez, Assistant Director of City Communications, also reported Parks and Recreation Department would be hosting the St. Patrick's 5K on March 7, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. at the Pharr Aquatic Center. She encouraged public participation and urged interested individuals to register for the upcoming event.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 02, 2026 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:

1. RED ROBIN RESTAURANT, 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 2, PARADISE COMMERCIAL PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 409 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#030747 - THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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2. EL RODEO GRILL, LLC., DBA 7 MARES REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.070 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT A, MEDICAL RIDGE SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1401 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITES 3 & 4. CUP#251116 - THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

C) PLATS:

1. HALFF, REPRESENTING ANDRES ZUNIGA, MEMBER FOR ZUKO FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PHARR TRADE CENTER SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 54.66 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 371 AND 372, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 400 BLOCK OF E. HI-LINE ROAD. SUB#251036- THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-18 REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN STAGE 2. (1ST READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**

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

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

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION NOMINATING CANDIDATE TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve all votes go to nominee Mario Reyna Sr. Comm. Pacheco seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. R-2026-14 is filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2025 OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE GRANT REQUIREMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2026-15 is filled with the City Clerk’s Office.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE THE CITY'S COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF INTENTION AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2026-16 is filled with the City Clerk’s Office.

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEADOW HEIGHTS, LP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR 2026 COMPETITIVE 9% HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR MEADOW HEIGHTS APARTMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Resolution No. R-2026-17 is filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

ITEM 8. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF VERMEER HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR PHARR CONNECT FROM VERMEER TEXAS-LOUISIANA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,191.56 (BUYBOARD CONTRACT #787-25). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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 THE PURCHASE OF SERVERS FOR IT DATACENTER FROM SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$137,744.76. (TEXAS DIR CONTRACT #DIR-TSO-4317) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO ENTER CITY OF PHARR PROPERTY TO ENSURE AGENTS SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY PATROL THE UNITED STATES BORDER. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manger, introduced the item.

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

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES CONTRACT TO TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE CITY OF PHARR MULTI-USE FACILITY. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the item be tabled.

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

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ITEM 10. CLOSED SESSION

None


ITEM 11. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 12. 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 5:24 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR

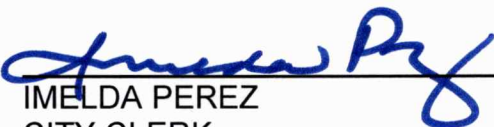


AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **REGULAR-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: March 25, 2026