

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular-Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2026, and the following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Ricardo Medina
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Melanie Cano, Assistant City Manager
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Laura Parra, HR Director
Juan Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Code Comp. Director
Roland Gomez, Development Services Director
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Keyla Jalife, OSE Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Sergio Alanis, Parks & Rec. Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Kenia Gomez, Chief Communications Officer
Danny Ramirez, Interim P.S. Comm. Director
Elizabeth Diaz, Public Health Director
Will Borowski, Golf Director
Abel Molina, Interim Special Events Director
Napoleon Coca, Interim Grants Mgmt. Director
Sara Guerra, Assistant Maintenance Dir.
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations
Yuri Gonzalez, Dir. Of Int'l Commercial Dev.

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 Pro-Tem Michael Pacheco called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Medina moves to excuse absent members. Comm. Caballero 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 APRIL 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Napoleon Coca, Grants Director, highlighted the importance of Fair Housing and emphasized that it was a foundation under the Fair Housing Act of 1968, ensuring the City's commitment to equal access to housing through partnerships and services. Pharr Housing Authority representatives, who serve over 3,200 residents, expressed appreciation for the Commission's support and reaffirmed their commitment to meeting the community's growing needs.

Comm. Flores read proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Fair Housing Month. Mario Lizcano and team received the proclamation.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 6–10, 2026 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Sandra Regalado, Assistant Grants Director, recognized National Community Development Week and highlighted the City's long-standing participation in the CDBG program. She stated that partner organizations shared how funding supports community programs, and appreciation was expressed for the Mayor and Commission's continued support.

Comm. Caballero read proclamation proclaiming April 6-10, 2026, as National Community Development Week.

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C) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 12–18, 2026 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.

Danny Ramirez, Interim Public Safety Comm. Director, recognized National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and highlighted the critical role of telecommunicators in emergency response. He commended their professionalism, dedication, and service to the community, and thanked the Mayor and Commission for their continued support.

Comm. Pacheco read proclamation proclaiming April 12-18, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Mayor Hernandez entered the meeting at this point in the agenda. The time being 4:39 p.m.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 4:40 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco 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.

ITEM 12. RECONVENE

The time being 4:53 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would resume the open meeting.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

J.D. Salinas, AT&T representative, spoke on agenda item 6.C and expressed his concerns regarding the Fiber Optic ordinance.

George Antuna, Charter Communications – Spectrum, spoke on agenda item 6.C., and also expressed his concerns regarding the Fiber Optic ordinance.

Mayor Hernandez emphasized that different opinions were respected, while reaffirming the City's commitment to acting in the best interest of the community. He also expressed support for continued collaboration and welcomed all service providers to contribute positively to the city and its residents.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

There were no public comments.

ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2026.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

B) CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, presented a series of video recaps. She highlighted the S.A.F.E.R Homes, the Easter Eggstravaganza, and the Easter Scavenger Hunt events.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported that the Pharr Grants Management & Community Development would be celebrating its 52nd CDBG Birthday. She stated the event would take place on April 9, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Hub Downtown Park and noted there would be cake, music, and games, and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, further reported on the City of Pharr Play for All Abilities event. She stated the event would take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Allen & William Arnold City/School Park. She noted there would be various fun games, activities, and resources for the children, and extended the invitation to everyone to attend.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, also reported on the City of Pharr Community Garage Sale. She stated the event would take place on April 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Jose "Pepe" Salinas Recreation Center. She noted vendors would be charged a \$10.00 fee and were required to show proof of residency.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2026 — REGULAR CALLED MEETING THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-18 REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION AND

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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN STAGE 2. (3RD AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-46 OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, CHAPTER 118, SUBDIVISION, MODIFYING SECTION X - FIBER OPTIC. (2ND READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR CLOSURE OF A SINGLE OUTSIDE LANE OF N. JACKSON RD. FROM SIOUX RD. TO OWASSA RD. AND FRONTAGE ROAD OF I69 CENTRAL FROM SIOUX RD. TO OWASSA RD. FOR THE ANNUAL PHARR WARRIOR RACE TRIATHLON ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, FROM 4:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HIDALGO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PHARR FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2026. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**
- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LIFT STATION NO. 31 AND FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 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 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, 7-11 CAGE ADDITION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6024 NORTH CAGE BOULEVARD. CUP#231106 - THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
 - 2. CAVAZOS MANAGEMENT, LLC., D/B/A TROPICAL ISLAND #2, 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 LOT 2B, OF THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2 & 3, JACKSON RIDGE COURT SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1801 WEST RIDGE ROAD. CUP#220951 - THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2026-08 and Resolution No R-2026-20 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-42 SETTING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND/OR OFFICERS FOR CITY OF PHARR BOARDS AND/OR COMMITTEES. (ADOPTION ON FIRST READING) **(TABLED)** THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.**

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

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

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, reintroduced the item and recommended no action.

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION SUSPENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM GRIP RATE ADJUSTMENTS PROPOSED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2026-21 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASTER VILLAS, LP TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR 2026 4% HOUSING TAX CREDIT FOR ASTER VILLAS APARTMENTS. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**

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.

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Resolution No. R-2026-22 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE KEEP PHARR BEAUTIFUL BOARD. THIS TIME SUPPORTS SG-SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended appointing Jaime Lopez.

Comm. Medina **moved** to appoint Jaime Lopez to the Keep Pharr Beautiful Board. Comm. Flores seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2026-23 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ACCEPTING THE CITY OF PHARR AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FY 2024-2025. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.

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

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

ITEM 9. PURCHASING

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A ROTARY FAN PRESS FROM A-SQUARE WATER TREATMENT, LLC OUT OF LEAKEY, TEXAS (THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) # 250104). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF FIBER AND SUPPLIES FOR PHARR CONNECT FROM GRAYBAR, INC, OUT OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$724,872.02 (OMNIA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #EV2370). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

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

ITEM 10. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO THE SIGN DEPOT FOR THE DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND INSTALLATION OF A LIGHTED MONUMENT SIGN (BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 777-25). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE.**

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.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOUTH REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH J&R ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ELIMINATION PROJECT FOR LIFT STATIONS 26 AND 30 (AMENDMENT NO. 2). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

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

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH R. GUTIERREZ FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRI-CITY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT — PHASE II. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

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

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Pacheco **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Flores seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF APRIL 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.

ATTEST:



IMELDA PEREZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: April 20, 2026

