

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR CALLED MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**  
**118 SOUTH CAGE 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, and the following is the record of attendance.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Comm. Michael Pacheco  
Comm. Daniel Chavez

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jonathan Flores, City Manager  
Cynthia Garza Reyes, Deputy City Manager  
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager  
Melanie Cano, Assistant City Manager  
Imelda Perez, City Clerk  
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer  
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director  
Laura Parra, HR Director  
Juan Villescascas, 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  
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director  
Jose Pena, I.T. Director  
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief  
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President  
Kenia Gomez, Chief Communications Officer  
Sara Salinas, 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  
Isaac Escobedo, Maintenance Director  
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations  
Yuri Gonzalez, Dir. Of Int'l Commercial Dev.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ricardo Rodriguez, City Attorney

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.**

Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem Flores called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

Mayor Hernandez was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 4:03 p.m.

**B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Will Borowski, Golf Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

**ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS**

**A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Minerva Barrera Garcia addressed the City Commission regarding her advocacy efforts on her son Andres Lobato. She thanked the City for their efforts to advocate, educate and include the Autism community.

Comm. Flores read proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Autism Awareness Month. Proclamation was presented to Minerva Barrera Garcia.

**B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 19–25, 2026 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, introduced his staff and stated they all served the community with events, activities and reading experiences that engaged children and the community.

Comm. Carrillo read proclamation proclaiming April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week. Proclamation was presented to Adolfo Garcia and staff.

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Christopher Becker signed up to speak on agenda item 6.C but was not present at meeting.

Akhil Kumar signed up to speak on agenda item 6.C but was not present at meeting.

Rudy Beltran, DTC Church Pastor, spoke on agenda item 6.C. He shared a testimonial on the positive impact Pharr Connect internet service was having on students and families in the city.

Joaquin Spamer with CIL Commodities Integrated Logistic spoke on agenda item 6.C. He shared positive feedback on Pharr Connect internet services for his business.

Mentor Cantu with M.A.S. Logistics spoke on agenda item 6.C. He also shared positive feedback on Pharr Connect internet services for his business.

Abel Ochoa signed up to speak on agenda item 6.C but was not present at meeting.

Gerardo Higareda with Aldape Development, LLC. spoke on agenda item 6.C. He further shared positive feedback on Pharr Connect internet services for his business.

Mario Barragon, AT&T Representative, spoke on agenda item 6.C and voiced his concerns regarding the Fiber Optic ordinance.

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

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES**

There were no public comments.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to item 6. There were no objections.

**ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2026 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)**

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- B) **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. (3RD AND FINAL READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (IT)**
- C) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PLANNING GRANT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (ENGINEERING)**
- D) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
1. **ARTURO GABRIEL CASTELLO DURAN, REPRESENTING AW & R GREGG LLC, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.48-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOTS 6-7 & W1/2 LOT 8, BLOCK 1, VAN WILLIAMS SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 201 WEST SAM HOUSTON AVENUE. COZ#260203 — THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
  2. **OMAR CANO, REPRESENTING ALDAPE DEVELOPMENT LLC, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM AGRICULTURAL AND/OR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (A-O) TO TOWNHOUSE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-TH). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 5.0 - ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 236, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION OF PORCIONES 69 AND 70, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE 200 BLOCK OF WEST HALL ACRES ROAD. COZ#260204. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
  3. **ROSA HILDA CAVAZOS, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT (R-MF) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL OF LOT 1, ANGEL S. C. SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 229 WEST SAM HOUSTON AVENUE. COZ# 260205 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
  4. **SAMES INC., REPRESENTING MECA INVESTMENT INC., OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT (R-MF) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT (R1-E). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 20-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 95, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1100 AS EAST MINNESOTA ROAD. COZ#260306 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

Ordinance No's. O-2026-09, O-2026-10, O-2026-11, O-2026-12 and O-2026-13 are filed with the City Clerk's Office.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate from the agenda and go to item 5. There were no objections.

## **ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS**

### **A) RECOGNITION OF EMS CHIEF AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR DANNY RAMIREZ ON RECEIVING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IMPACT AWARD.**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, recognized EMS Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Danny Ramirez for receiving the Emergency Management Impact Award at the 2026 South Texas All-Hazards Conference. He stated this prestigious recognition honors leadership, coordination and dedication to strengthening emergency preparedness and community resilience.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, thanked his peers, staff and City Commission for allowing him to grow professionally and for continuing to serve our community.

Mayor Hernandez stated he was proud of him and his leadership and thanked him and his team for their service and contributions to our community.

### **B) TRAILBLAZER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated recognition would be made at next meeting.

### **C) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, called upon Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, to give a report on upcoming city events.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, presented a series of video recaps. She highlighted the Community Development Block Grant 52<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration and Pharr Connect Testimonials and Milestones.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported the City of Pharr Trash-Off event would be taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Pharr Baseball Complex located at 1901 S. Cage Blvd. She further stated volunteers were needed to assist with cleaning efforts and encouraged the public to register by scanning QR Code.

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Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, also reported the Earth Day Bash would be taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pharr Baseball Complex located at 1901 S. Cage Blvd. She stated this free event was for residents to drop-off and dispose of bulky items, tires and yard waste.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, further reported the City of Pharr would be having the Pharr City Limits events every Friday evening for the entire summer starting on May 29, 2026 through August 14, 2026. She stated these events would be from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and stated there would be a variety of live music, food trucks, market vendors and more for the entire family.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported the Pharr Warrior Race would be taking place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Pharr Natatorium located at 3001 N. Cage Blvd. with a check-in time of 5:45 a.m. She stated this was a Triathlon Challenge that included 300 Meter swim, 12-Mile Bike and 2-Mile run relay to include an optional Warrior Obstacle Course. She further stated registration was still open and encouraged the public to participate.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting a Hurricane Preparedness event on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Jose "Pepe" Salinas Recreation Center located at 1011 W. Kelly Ave. from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She stated Andrew Chung, KRGV Meteorologist, would be presenting and city departments would be at location to answer any questions. She further stated the event was open to all businesses and residents in the Rio Grande Valley.

Lastly, Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported Night Under the Stars – Mother's Day event would be held at the Pharr Development and Research Center located at 850 W. Dicker Rd. on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. She stated this was a free event and encouraged everyone to attend and bring your moms for a nice event and some treats.

**REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION**

**ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF INTENTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX AND A LIEN ON AND PLEDGE OF PLEDGED REVENUES; DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO EFFECT THE FORGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (ADOPTION ON 1ST READING.) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (FINANCE)**

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.

Ordinance No. O-2026-14 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

## **ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROPOSAL FROM GAR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPARATUS BAY AT FIRE STATION 3 THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NUMBER 24010401 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$362,180.71. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (FIRE)**

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, 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) **(TABLED)**. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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

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

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DONNA FOR FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (COMMUNICATIONS)**

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.

**D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF PHARR AND THE PHARR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE ASTER VILLAS APARTMENTS PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY. (ADMINISTRATION)**

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. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ITEM 10. RECONVENE**

None

**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 5:01 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ  
MAYOR

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

**ON THIS THE 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

  
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IMELDA PEREZ  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: May 4, 2026

