

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, and the following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Comm. Michael Pacheco
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Daniel Chavez
Comm. Itza Flores

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Ricardo Medina

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 Villescas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Alyn Cervantes, Code Comp. Asst. 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
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Maritza Magallan, Purchasing Director
Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Kenia Gomez, Chief Communications Officer
Sara Salinas, 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, Asst. Maintenance Director
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations
Kenneth Walsch, Food Service Director
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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pacheco 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 MAY 21, 2026, AS NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED DAY.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Danny Ramirez, EMS Chief, thanked the Commission for continued support of Stop The Bleed and Hands Only CPR and stated they would be hosting trainings and a blood drive on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Pharr One in partnership with Trauma Regional Advisory Council (TRAC-V) and South Texas Health Systems. He further introduced Nathan Ramon from Trauma Regional Advisory Council along with Scott Nelson and Bianca Hayes from South Texas Health Systems.

At this time, Comm. Caballero read proclamation proclaiming May 21, 2026, as National Stop The Bleed Day and presented proclamation to Danny Ramirez, EMS Staff, South Texas Health Systems staff and Trauma Regional Advisory Council member.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 17-23, 2026, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES WEEK.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Luis Marin, Public Works Director, and Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director, thanked the City Commission and City Management for their leadership and support and further thanked employees for all their hard work and service to the City of Pharr.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco read the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 17 – 23, 2026 as National Public Works and Public Utilities Week and presented proclamation to Luis Marin, Ruben Rosales and staff.

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 and stated recognition would take place at the next city commission meeting.

B) RECOGNITION OF ESL GRADUATES THROUGH THE CITY OF PHARR AND SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Laura Parra, Human Resources Director, recognized the twenty-six (26) employees for successfully completing their English as a Second Language (ESL) basic literacy class offered through South Texas College. Mrs. Parra briefly explained the course was a twelve-week program and included participants from various city departments and commended the employees for their dedication and achievement in completing the course.

C) 2026 HEALTHIER TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PRESENTATION.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Abel Molina, Special Events Director, announced the City of Pharr won first place in the medium-sized category for the ninth consecutive year and introduced Healthier Texas Community representative, Carmen Degollado.

Carmen Degollado, Healthier Texas Community Representative, reported the City of Pharr earned 2.4 million points earning recognition as the winner for the Medium-Sized division. She stated these numbers reflected more than activity alone, they represent consistency, encouragement and a community choosing to prioritize health.

D) CITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

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Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, presented a series of video recaps. She highlighted the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, Summer Splash at the Pharr Aquatic Center, the Pharr Memorial Ceremony, and the Texas A&M visit to the Pharr International Bridge.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported Pharr EMS Department would be hosting free Stop the Bleed and Hands Only CPR trainings on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Pharr One from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She stated anyone interested could scan the QR code provided to secure their spot for these free training opportunities.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, also reported Public Works Department would kick off Public Works Week and went over the weekly events schedule. She further stated an annual celebration would be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 1015 E. Ferguson Ave. from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and invited the community to attend.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 04, 2026 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING. (ADMINISTRATION)

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING EMERGENCY 24-INCH SANITARY SEWER LINE REPAIR. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

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

1. LEBIRAM, LLC., REPRESENTING PIN HIGH GOLF STUDIO, LLC., OWNER, REQUESTED A 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 0.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 2, PRINCE SAMEER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 5101 NORTH CAGE BOULEVARD, UNIT 100. CUP#260303 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

2. BEN SMITH, OWNER, REQUESTED A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 0.398 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 163, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN 500 BLOCK OF EAST POLK AVENUE. COZ#260408 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.

D) PLATS:

1. HALFF, REPRESENTING GUY D. WALKER, PRESIDENT FOR BLUE BEACON, INC., REQUESTED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LOT 1 BLUE BEACON SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A 3.40 ACRES OUT OF LOT 93, KELLY-PHARR SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 5000 BLOCK OF NORTH IH 69C. SUB #25010

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

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

Ordinance No. O-2026-16 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING RESOLUTION R-2026-25 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGV-MPO) FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND COMMITTING TO A LOCAL MATCH FOR THE I RD HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL - PHASE II PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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 by majority vote of five (4) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

Resolution No. R-2026-25 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, RATIFYING RESOLUTION R-2026-26 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGV - MPO) FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND COMMITTING TO A LOCAL MATCH FOR THE SOUTH JACKSON RD EXPANSION PROJECT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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 by majority vote of five (4) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Chavez abstained from voting.

Resolution No. R-2026-26 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS RIDER MOBILE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ELECTRIC ENERGY FACILITIES (TEEEF RIDER). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SE - SERVICE EXCELLENCE. (ADMINISTRATION)

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-2026-27 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 8. CLOSED SESSION

None

ITEM 9. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Flores seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

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

ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF MAY 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: June 1, 2026

