

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026, and the following is the record of attendance.

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

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

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
Laura Parra, HR Director
Juan Villescascas, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Alyn Cervantes, Asst. Code Comp. Director
Joe Garza, Asst. Development Services Dir.
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Keyla Jalife, OSE Director
Ruben Rosales, Public Utilities Director
Anthony Rivera, Asst. Parks & Rec Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jose Pena, I.T. Director
Javier Martinez, Assistant 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
Abel Molina, Special Events Director
Napoleon Coca, Grants Mgmt. Director
Sara Guerra, Asst. Maintenance Director
Victoria Brewster, Dir. of External Relations
Kenneth Walsch, Food Service Director

CITY ATTORNEY: Ricardo Rodriguez, 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 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Javier Martinez, Assistant Bridge Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PROCLAMATIONS

A) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Laura Karam, Chairperson of the Alzheimer's Association, introduced everyone and expressed her heartfelt appreciation to Mayor Hernandez and the Commissioners for their dedication to the fight against Alzheimer's disease. She highlighted the City's ongoing support for awareness, research, and community initiatives such as The Walk to End Alzheimer's, which continues to make a meaningful impact. She further stated millions were affected by the disease and encouraged the community to come together on October 3rd, 2026, for The Walk to End Alzheimer's to be held at the Pharr Vanguard Academy Nature & Birding Center.

At this time, Comm. Flores read the proclamation proclaiming June 2026 as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Karam.

B) PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS TRANSVERSE MYELITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Audrey Garza's grandmother shared her inspiring journey, highlighting Audrey's courage and resilience as she continues to overcome the obstacles associated with Transverse Myelitis. She stated the disorder can cause varying degrees of physical disability, paralysis, sensory impairment, and chronic pain, emphasizing the importance of public awareness, continued research, and access to support resources for patients and caregivers.

At this time, Comm. Pacheco read the proclamation proclaiming June 2026 as Transverse Myelitis Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Audrey Garza and her family.

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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) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MAY 2026.

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly reported the City of Pharr showed a 5.37% year-to-date true growth increase and stated the Finance Director was in the audience and that questions could be entertained at this time.

B) RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM VANGUARD ACADEMY PICASSO ELEMENTARY FOR EARNING 1ST PLACE NATIONALLY IN THE GREENPOWER USA COMPETITION

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Dr. Lizette Longoria, Director of 21st Century Learning at Vanguard Academy, recognized students from Vanguard Academy Picasso Elementary for earning first place in the Greenpower USA competition and noted this was a national STEM engineering program that challenges students to design, build, and race electric-powered vehicles. She further stated as participants in Vanguard Academy's STEM ACE after-school program, the students showcased exceptional teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving skills while competing against schools from across the country and proudly representing both their school and the City of Pharr on a national stage.

Mayor congratulated the students, Vanguard Academy teachers, and their parents for their support in helping make this remarkable championship achievement possible.

C) TRAILBLAZER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and stated recognition would take place at the next city commission meeting.

D) 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 groundbreaking event for the City of Pharr Multi-Use Facility,

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the Summer Splash-a-Palooza at the Pharr Aquatic Center, and the TAMIO Annual Conference, recognizing the Office of City Communications for earning three awards.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported the Pharr Police Department would be hosting the Mental Paws Veterans Aqua Reset event on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Pharr Aquatic Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She stated that this was an event to recognize our military and veterans, and welcomed them to join us for this free event. She further stated that tickets would be available at the Pharr Police Department and that each ticket would admit one veteran and five (5) guests.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported Cody's Birthday Bash – Block Party would be taking place Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Pharr City Hall downtown area from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She stated the event was free and open to the public and invited the community to attend and enjoy music, food, and raffles.

Lastly, Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported the City of Pharr would be hosting the 250th Anniversary Independence Day Festival on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at the Allen & William Arnold City/School Park from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. She stated the Drone Show would begin at 9:30 p.m., followed by the Fireworks Show at 10:30 p.m. She further stated this was a free event and invited the community to attend and enjoy food, carnival rides, and live music.

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 01, 2026 — REGULAR CALLED MEETING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (ADMINISTRATION)**
- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2025-46 REGULATING PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS, OPEN-AIR MARKETS, MASS GATHERINGS AND OTHER APPLICABLE EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES; UPDATING REQUIREMENTS, CATEGORIES, FEES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL PROCESSES. (2ND READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (SPECIAL EVENTS)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHARR PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS, CAGE, VETERANS, AND JACKSON SIDEWALK PROJECT (LRGVDC 5310 GRANT). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT ON USE OF JOSE "PEPE" SALINAS RECREATION CENTER AND DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS AND PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PHARR ONE FOR ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING 2026 GENERAL ELECTION AND**

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GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)

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

1. **SR. CRUDA CEVICHE AND MICHELADAS, LLC., 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 0.035 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 1, TROPIC STAR COMMERCIAL PLAZA, PHASE I SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1501 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD, SUITE A. CUP#211065 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
2. **O & C BAR B QUE, LLC, D/B/A BAR B CUTIE SMOKEHOUSE, 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, PHARR COMMERCIAL PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1933 WEST INTERSTATE 2. CUP#160633 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
3. **REGENCY HALL REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION IN A HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (H-C). THE PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOTS 10 AND 11, MACO BUSINESS CENTER SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 207 EAST FERGUSON AVENUE. CUP#161155 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
4. **MARISCOS EL MUELLE, LLC, D/B/A MUELLE 37, 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 0.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT A, H E B FUTURAMA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1300 EAST BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83, SUITE 6. CUP#201258 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
5. **RED TAPE II, INC., D/B/A STILETTOS CABARET, REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND LATE HOURS 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 2, ALBRAD SUBDIVISION UNIT #3, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 1050 NORTH SUGAR ROAD. CUP#120418 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

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ITEM 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (WSIG) PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S SYSTEM-WIDE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (GMCD)**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2026-29 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND SIX (6) FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS. 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. Flores seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2026-30 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO COMMUNICATE OFFERS TO OWNERS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING BY CITY ATTORNEY, CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (ENGINEERING)**

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

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Comm. Pacheco moved to approve as recommended. Comm. Flores seconded the motion. Upon the call to vote, the motion failed for lack of a sufficient number of affirmative votes. Comm. Caballero abstained from voting.

- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO COMMUNICATE OFFERS TO OWNERS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING BY CITY ATTORNEY, CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

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

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

Resolution No. R-2026-32 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE KEEP PHARR BEAUTIFUL BOARD. THIS TIME SUPPORTS SG-SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (MAINTENANCE)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the re-appointment of Mari Caballero and Jessica Trevino.

Comm. Flores moved to re-appoint Mari Caballero and Jessica Trevino to the Keep Pharr Beautiful Board. Comm. Pacheco seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2026-33 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended the re-appointment of Rogelio Torres and Ramiro Gutierrez.

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Comm. Flores **moved** to re-appoint Rogelio Torres and Ramiro Gutierrez to the Board of Adjustment. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2026-34 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. Pacheco **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Caballero seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF JUNE 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: July 6, 2026

