

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Ramiro Caballero
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
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
Imelda Perez, City Clerk
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Alexandra Rangel, Asst. HR Director
Juan Villescás, Municipal Court Judge
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Roy Rodriguez, Code Comp. Director
Roland Gomez, Development Services Dir.
Luis Marin, Public Works Director
Alec Cortez, Asst. 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
Maritza Magallan, Purchasing Director
Ben Martinez, Assistant EMS Chief
CJ Sanchez, Pharr Chamber President
Kenia Gomez, Chief Comm. Officer
Sara Salinas, P.S. Comm. Director
Elizabeth Diaz, Public Health Director
Napoleon Coca, Grants Mgmt. Director
Isaac Escobedo, Maintenance Director
Kenneth Walsch, Food Service Director
Yuri Gonzalez, Int'l Comm. Dev. Dir.

CITY ATTORNEY: Ricardo Rodriguez, 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.

Comm. Carrillo called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Comm. Medina **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 4:10 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) PUBLIC HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A) SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JULY 2026

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item. He briefly reported the City of Pharr showed an increase of 5.40% year to date true growth and stated Finance Director was in the audience, and questions could be entertained at this time.

B) TRAILBLAZER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Pilar Rodriguez, Fire Chief, announced Firefighter Eduardo Diaz of the Fire Department as the recipient of the June Trailblazer of the month. He commended him for his dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to excellence. Chief Rodriguez stated that Firefighter Diaz is a model firefighter who consistently works hard and demonstrates a strong commitment to training, making him an outstanding representative of the Pharr Fire Department.

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Eduardo Diaz, Firefighter, shared that he has previously served with several fire departments and considers the Pharr Fire Department to be the best department he has ever worked for. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Pharr community and stated that he is grateful to God for placing him in the right place at the right time.

C) PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE FROM SUZANNAH SMILES FOR SPINA BIFIDA 250

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and stated presentation 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 highlighting Fresh On The Border Event, the Ribbon Cutting for Mother-Friendly Room, and the Eat Smart, Being Active event.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported on the upcoming Trash Bash event scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2026. She stated this event would be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Residential Collection Station located at 800 Maco Dr. and stated this was a one-visit opportunity to dispose of bulky household trash.

Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, reported on the upcoming Pharr Police Department Pharr Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026 to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pharr Town Center – Main Event parking lot located at 500 N. Jackson Rd. She stated that the event would feature live music, food, family activities and free school supplies while supplies last. She further extended an invitation to the public to attend.

Lastly, Kenia Gomez, Director of City Communications, announced the City of Pharr was named National Finalist for 2026 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. She stated this was the nation's highest presidential honor recognizing organizational performance excellence, honoring organizations that serve as national role models. Ms. Gomez stated only thirteen (13) organizations nationwide were selected as finalists this year and the City of Pharr is the only city in the United States to earn finalist status in the 2026 award cycle.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2007-40 DECREASING LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS FROM NINE (9) TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS AND ADDING AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER. (2ND

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READING) THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SG - SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (LIBRARY)

- B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE RELATING TO MONUMENT, HEADSTONE, AND MARKER RESTORATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT IN CITY-OWNED OR CITY-MAINTAINED CEMETERIES. (2ND READING). THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (LIBRARY)**
- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS ON A TERM CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF HMAC, COLD MIX AND CALICHE. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS IF - INFRASTRUCTURE. (PUBLIC WORKS)**
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CASES:**
 - 1. AIESTY, INC., D/B/A SEOUL ASIAN MARKET, 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 0.3 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 4A, REPLAT OF VACATED CARMEL SUBDIVISION, VACATED EL CENTRO SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 500 NORTH JACKSON ROAD, SUITE M. CUP#191272 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
 - 2. R.G.V. & ASSOCIATES/LAURA L. GARZA, D/B/A GEORGE'S DANCE HALL, 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 BEING LOTS 197, 198, AND 199, VALLE DE LA PRIMAVERA SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 6801 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#120529 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**
 - 3. 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, CIRCLE K #9142 SUBDIVISION, PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 7401 SOUTH JACKSON ROAD. CUP#231107 THIS ITEM SUPPORTS EV - ECONOMIC VITALITY.**

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

ITEM 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended to un-table item.

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

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

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as recommended. Comm. Medina seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention. Comm. Caballero abstained from voting.

ITEM 7. PURCHASING

- A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 KENWORTH 2000-GALLON WATER TRUCK FROM FRENCH ELLISON TRUCK CENTER OF PHARR, TEXAS, UTILIZING SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 032824-KTC. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS QL - QUALITY OF LIFE. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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

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

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ITEM 8. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE FINAL RECONCILIATION OF QUANTITIES, RELEASE OF RETAINAGE AND CLOSE OUT OF THE SUGAR AND MINNESOTA TRAFFIC SIGNAL 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 unanimously.

- B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON UPDATED REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE RIO GANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THIS ITEM SUPPORTS SSC - SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY. (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)**

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

Comm. Carrillo 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, ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ADDING 31 DAYS TO THE CONTRACT TIME FOR THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AND LIFT STATION ELIMINATION 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. Medina seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 10. CLOSED SESSION

The time being 4:21 p.m., Mayor Hernandez 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 11. RECONVENE

The time being 4:56 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission would be resuming the open meeting.

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ITEM 9. LEGAL

- A) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PHARR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL PFAS PHASE 2 SETTLEMENT PROGRAM, REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY STATUS, AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT AND SUBMIT REQUIRED SYSTEM INFORMATION, AND PRESERVATION OF ALL RIGHTS AVAILABLE UNDER THE COURT-APPROVED PFAS SETTLEMENTS BEFORE THE JULY 31, 2026 DEADLINE. (ADMINISTRATION)**

Jonathan Flores, City Manager, introduced the item.

Comm. Carrillo **moved** to approve as discussed in closed session. Comm. Medina seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 12. 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 4:57 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF JULY 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: August 17, 2026