

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.  
118 SOUTH CAGE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and following is the record of attendance.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez  
Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Elizondo  
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo  
Comm. Roberto Carrillo  
Comm. Edmund Maldonado, Jr.  
Comm. Ricardo Medina  
Comm. Mario Bracamontes

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Fred Sandoval, City Manager  
David Garza, Asst. City Mgr./Utilities Dir.  
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk  
Javier Rodriguez, C.D. Director  
Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer  
Ruben Villescas, Police Chief  
Carlos Mandujano, Asst. Fire Chief  
Frank Marin, Parks & Recreation Dir.  
Roy Garcia, Public Works Director  
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations  
Edward Wylie, Pharr Dev. Services Dir.  
Raul Garza, Admin. Services Director  
Gary Rodriguez, Public Information Officer  
Jason Arms, I.T. Director  
Roel Garza, Athletics Director  
Roy S. Garcia, Boggus Ford Events Center  
Tony Sandoval, EDC Asst. Director  
Sergio Contreras, External Affairs Dir.

**CITY ATTORNEY**  
**CITY ENGINEER**

Michael Pruneda, City Attorney  
Bill Ueckert, City Engineer

**ITEM 1 ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum. All members were present.

Fred Sandoval led in the pledge of allegiance and Pastor Adan Magallan said the prayer.

At this time Mayor Hernandez stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into closed session to discuss item No.3. There was no objection.

**ITEM 4 CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE PHARR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA, INCLUDING ITEMS 2 – 3**

Mayor Hernandez stated the time being 5:08 p.m.; the Board of Commissioners would be entering a 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 5 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hernandez stated the time being 5:46 pm; the board had completed its closed session and would be resuming the open meeting.

**ITEM 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Hernandez introduced the item.

Comm. Guajardo moved to appoint Ricardo Medina as Mayor Pro-Tem. Comm. Medina seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion failed to carry by a vote of three (3) ayes to four (4) nays. Comm. Carrillo, Comm. Elizondo, Comm. Maldonado, and Comm. Bracamontes voted against the motion.

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Oscar Elizondo as Mayor Pro-Tem. Comm. Bracamontes seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried by a majority vote of four (4) ayes to three (3) nays. Mayor Hernandez, Comm. Guajardo, and Comm. Medina voted against the motion.

Comm. Elizondo moved to appoint Edmund Maldonado as Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem. Comm. Maldonado seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by a majority vote of five (5) ayes to two (2) nays. Comm. Guajardo and Comm. Medina voted against the motion.

**ITEM 3 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION, REASSIGNMENT, SEVERANCE AGREEMENT, AND/OR PUBLICATION OF THE VACANCY**

Mayor Hernandez introduced the item.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, requested that they all come together to move forward and allow him a customary two-week notice for separation as City Manager subject to a mutually agreed contract to serve as Executive Director for the Pharr Economic Development Corporation. He further stated that should a contract not be worked out in this time period, he requested approval of the severance package as presented today to the City Commission.

Comm. Maldonado moved to approve. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion.

Michael Pruneda, City Attorney, recommended that if the notice of separation was to be accepted, the motion be amended to include the publication of the vacancy of the City Manager.

Comm. Maldonado amended his motion to include the publication of the vacancy of City Manager. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote it carried by a majority of six (6) ayes to one (1) nay. Comm. Medina voted against the motion.

Mayor Hernandez thanked Fred Sandoval for his 18 years of service with the City of Pharr and stated his request would be placed on the Pharr Economic Development Corporation meeting scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015.

**ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Elizondo moved to adjourn. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



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AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ  
MAYOR**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
CITY OF PHARR**

**ON THIS THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015** the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas convened in a **SPECIAL 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, **HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

  
HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: July 21, 2015