

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.
118 SOUTH CAGE 2ND FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Leopoldo Palacios Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem Adan Farias
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Oscar Elizondo, Jr. (arrived at 5:45 pm)
Comm. Edmund Maldonado, Jr.
Comm. Aquiles Garza

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Arturo Cortez

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
Javier Gonzalez, Asst. Police Chief
Frank Marin, Parks & Recreation Dir.
Roy Garcia, Public Works Director
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Edward Wylie, Pharr Dev. Services Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Raul Garza, Admin. Services Director
Gary Rodriguez, Public Information Officer
Jason Arms, I.T. Director
Tony Sandoval, EDC Asst. Director

CITY ATTORNEY Michael Pruneda, City Attorney
CITY ENGINEER Bill Ueckert, City Engineer

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum.

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

Comm. Carrillo moved to excuse Comm. Cortez for being absent. Comm. Maldonado seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Comm. Elizondo was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 5:45 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

David Garza, Assistant City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and Kirk Clark said the prayer.

ITEM 2 PROCLAMATIONS:

**A) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
APRIL 6-11, 2015 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK
IN PHARR, TEXAS**

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 6-11, 2015 as National Community Development Week in Pharr, Texas. Javier Rodriguez and Santiago Salinas received the proclamation.

Javier Rodriguez, Community Development Director, thanked the board on behalf of staff and the Community Development Council for the recognition and for their continued support for the last 41 years. He further extended an invitation to everyone to attend their annual appreciation event on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at City Hall, first floor where some of the sub-recipients and non-profit agencies will be presenting information on their services.

B) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2015 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Library Week and presented proclamation to Adolfo Garcia and Romeo Rosales.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, thanked the board for the recognition and stated the library was in the process of adding a library branch in south Pharr. He further extended an invitation to all to attend an open house event on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

C) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month and presented proclamation to Claudia Ramirez, Pharr Housing Authority representative.

ITEM 3 CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- A) City Engineer's Report
- B) Consultants Quarterly Reports
- C) City Events of Interest
- D) Legislative/Project Update

Mayor Palacios introduced the item.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated the City Engineer was present and any questions on projects could be entertained at this time.

There being no questions Mr. Sandoval stated the Consultants reports were in their packets and questions could be entertained at this time or they could be addressed to him at a later time. There being no questions on the Consultant reports, he called upon Diana Smith to inform everyone on the National Day of Prayer.

Diana Smith introduced Pastor Magallan and Mercedes Guillen. She stated they were coordinating this year's National Day of Prayer Event scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 12:00 noon at City Hall with the Walk of Faith to take place at 6:00 p.m. She further stated they were also coordinating the four (4) corners of the city prayers to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and extended an invitation to everyone to attend both events. Pastor Magallan translated the information in Spanish and invited everyone to attend.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, reported the next City Hall on Call and Operation Clean Sweep were scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015 and Saturday April 25, 2015 at Jones Box Park and extended an invitation to all who could to volunteer. He called upon Gary Rodriguez to give an update on the 2015 HubPhest event.

Gary Rodriguez, Public Information Officer, extended an invitation to everyone to attend the city's 10th Annual HubPhest on Friday April 10th and Saturday, April 11, 2015. He further stated he will be visiting the radio stations to promote the event and extended

an invitation to the board to accompany him. He further stated the new location for the HUB Phest was at the corner of Sioux Road and Interstate Highway I69 and went over the activities and the music line-up.

Mayor Palacios translated the information in Spanish extending an invitation to everyone to attend Pharr's Annual Hub Phest.

Comm. Carrillo reminded everyone of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Academy Store. Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated the groundbreaking ceremony would be for the entire Pharr Town Center and its tenants with the highlight being the new Academy Store. He stated the groundbreaking would take place on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and extended an invitation to all to attend.

Comm. Carrillo reported a new strip mall development was taking place on Jackson Road. He stated one of the tenants would be Dunkin Donuts which should have its grand opening on June 15, 2015 and other tenants would be Corner Bakery or Sushi House and a Verizon Wireless Store.

ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA: (All items listed under consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. Any Commissioner may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda)

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PARTIAL STREET CLOSURE OF S. IRONWOOD FOR THE ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL JAMAICA ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 BETWEEN 3:00PM AND 9:00 PM.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$7,964.70 AND 260 CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE MOORE ROAD DRIVEWAY AT PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER #2 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF ADD \$39,387.20 AND 23 CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE SOUTH PHARR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH WATER TRANSMISSION PROJECT AND NORTH WATER TOWER PROJECT

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PLANNING & ZONING CASES:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Sergio R. Garcia, d/b/a Aragon Music Hall, 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 Lots 1, 2 & 4, Replat of Lot 1, Mexican Fiesta Subdivision Unit No. 1 and Lot 1, Mexican Fiesta Subdivision Unit No. 2 Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property's physical address is 1300 West Nolana.
2. Raul Martinez, d/b/a The Fraternal Order of Eagles of Pharr, Texas, requested renewal of the Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption in a Business District (C-2). The property is legally described as Lot 3, Block 58, Pharr Original Townsite Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property's physical address is 305 South Cage Boulevard.

3. Sebastian A. Sobczak dba La Ofrenda LLC requested renewal of the Conditional Use Permit and Late Hours 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 Lot A, Re-Plat of Lots 9 & 10, Steel Horse Industrial Park Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property's physical address is 5704 North Gumwood.
4. William R. Bauman representing Branch Towers, LLC, requested a Life-of-the-Use Conditional Use Permit to allow a new telecommunication tower in a Planned Unit Development District (PUD). The property is legally described as 0.057 of an acre tract of land more or less, out of Lot 2, Re-subdivision of Lot 1, of the Re-subdivision of Lots 43-46, Pharr/Las Milpas Industrial Park Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is physically located at 9302 South Lamar Drive.
5. William R. Bauman representing T-Mobile West, LLC, requested a Life-of-the-Use Conditional Use Permit to allow the co-location of telecommunication equipment on a new tower in a Planned Unit Development District (PUD). The property is legally described as 0.057 of an acre tract of land more or less, out of Lot 2, Re-subdivision of Lot 1, of the Re-subdivision of Lots 43-46, Pharr/Las Milpas Industrial Park Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is physically located at 9302 South Lamar Drive.

PLATS:

6. Melden & Hunt Inc., representing Jan R. Koepke, requested final plat approval of the proposed Janco Subdivision. The property is legally described as 1.76 acres out of Lot 85 Kelly-Pharr Subdivision, Pharr Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is located within the 5300 Block of US Hwy 281 South.
7. Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc., representing Jose F. De Hoyos, Eva De Hoyos, Rolando Aguirre and Janet Aguirre, requested final plat approval of the proposed Re-plat of the West half of Lot 59, Addition to Las Milpas Subdivision. The property is legally described as being a 0.50 acre tract of land out of the West half of Lot 59, Las Milpas Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is located within the 400 Block of West Ruisenor Avenue.

Mayor Palacios introduced items 4A through 4E (7).

Comm. Maldonado moved to approve items 4A through 4E (7) under the consent agenda. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:**ITEM 5 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:****A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2014-48. (RENTAL FEES BOGGUS FORD EVENTS CENTER FACILITY)**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the third and final reading of the ordinance and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance O-2015-11 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2012-33 ADOPTING THE CITY OF PHARR PURCHASING MANUAL

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated it was the second reading of the ordinance and recommended approval.

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

Mayor Palacios asked what changes were being made. Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, briefly explained it was a good practice to update the Purchasing

Manual every couple of years and the major change was the addition of credit card purchases.

The motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE APPOINTING JUDGES, ALTERNATE JUDGES, AND EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGE FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015. (TABLED)

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was a tabled item.

Comm. Carrillo moved to untable. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk, stated the ordinance being presented was for the appointment of Judges, Alternate Judges and Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the upcoming General Municipal Election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. She recommended the citizens named on the attached list be appointed to help serve with the election process and stated she had made contact with all of them and all had expressed their willingness to serve. She went over the names on the list and stated she was lacking two additional persons, one to serve as Judge at Pharr Housing Authority and the other as an Alternate Judge at Buckner Elementary.

Comm. Carrillo moved to appoint Consuelo Lozano as the Alternate Judge for Buckner Elementary and appoint the list of names as presented.

Hilda Pedraza stated if they needed time to appoint a Presiding Judge at Pharr Housing Authority, it would be placed on the next agenda.

Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2015-12 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve the list of names as presented. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Comm. Elizondo arrived at this time, the time being 5:45 p.m.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. O-2013-42 AND O-2011-12 SECTION 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING PROVISIONS RELATED TO PHARR ANIMAL SHELTER

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the second reading of the ordinance and recommended approval.

Comm. Maldonado moved to approve the second reading. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2015-03 FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2014-2015 BUDGET

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this amendment was being recommended by the Chief Financial Officer and recommended approval.

Mayor Palacios asked what the purpose for the amendment was.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, stated the reason for the budget amendment was to clean up the budget operation legally. He stated the city could not spend any money unless there is a budget associated with it. He stated in the past only two amendments were done, one in the middle of the fiscal year and another at the end of the fiscal year. He stated the city auditors recommended the process be changed therefore amendments were being done to keep track of what is being planned to be spent. He reminded the Board that funds were available and the bridge had some excess funds available. Mr. Guerra went over the proposed amendments stating there were two major purchases one being a new ladder truck for the fire department and the other was for general capital improvement projects.

Discussion ensued concerning the amendment and the hiring of additional employees.

Comm. Maldonado asked what the purpose of a ladder truck was. Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, briefly explained the ladder trucks have a certain useful life and this was a routine replacement. He stated he had requested the Fire Department to wait on the purchase until the middle of the fiscal year.

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve. Comm. Maldonado seconded the motion and when put to a vote, there were four (4) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) abstention. Mayor Palacios voted against the motion and Comm. Garza abstained from voting.

Michael Pruneda, City Attorney, briefly stated the motion failed to carry as the item needed a super majority vote to pass.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF PHARR – TIF REINVESTMENT ZONE #2. (TABLED)

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was a tabled item and recommended it remain tabled.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE SETTING GUIDELINES AND FRAMEWORK FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE/ BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the second reading of the ordinance and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Maldonado seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously,

H) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND THE CITY'S COMBINATION TAX AND INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015A; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER, THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 1207.007 AND 1207.008; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX (AND REVENUES, IF SO DETERMINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION); AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BOND PURCHASE CONTRACT; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AND TRUST AGREEMENT, AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING SUCH BONDS AND MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, reported the City's Fiscal Policy states that when the city is looking to refund bonds, there is a minimal of 3% of present value savings and the city has the option to save 6% on the present value savings.

Cris Vela, First Southwest, went over the information presented stating the eligible date for early redemption is August 15, 2015 and would be delivered in June 2015 to comply with the law. He went over the city's financial ratings, outstanding debt, proposed refunding, history of the bridge system, final maturity, and general obligation. He stated the maturity date is between 2016 and 2022 and the total amount considered for refunding is \$9,710,000 by the series 2015 bonds. He added this would be secured by a pledge of an ad valorem tax on the taxable property of the city as prescribed by law.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, further reported with the 6% in present value savings from both 2015A and 2015B bonds the city would save a gross total of \$939,000.

Comm. Garza moved to approve. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2015-13 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- I) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015B; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER, THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 1207.007 AND 1207.008; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX; AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BOND PURCHASE CONTRACT; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AND TRUST AGREEMENT, AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING SUCH BONDS AND MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was in fulfillment of the previous presentation and recommended approval.

Comm. Maldonado moved to approve. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2015-14 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

- J) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

Javier Rodriguez, Community Development Director, stated the new member needed to be a resident between the area of Bell Street and Business 83 and between Veterans Boulevard ("I") Road and Sugar Road for Census Tract 215.

The Board asked for additional time to appoint a member therefore, no action was taken on this item.

- K) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LONE STAR NATIONAL BANK SIGNATURES FOR WORKMAN'S COMP ACCOUNT CHANGES**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2015-21 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

L) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION FOR DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the items were fire department surplus equipment and recommended approval.

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-2015-22 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 6 ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) PRESENTATION ON COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2015

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and called upon Frank Marin.

Frank Marin, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan Update was needed to allow them to apply for grant funding from the Texas State Parks and Wildlife for the nature park project. He stated the last update was done back in 2008 and the needs and priorities of the community had changed due to current population. He stated the process to determine the needs and priorities would be through joint workshops between the City Commission and the PSJA School Board.

Comm. Maldonado requested that a separate joint workshop also be held with Valley View School District and IDEA Academy.

Frank Marin, Director of Parks and Recreation, thank the board for their support.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM POINT BLANK SPORTING GOODS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR PHARR ARCHERY TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated the event would be in conjunction with Parks and Recreation Department. He stated students from the archery program would be participating in the event and the city has insurance in place. He further stated proceeds from an archery bow being raffled would be donated to Parks and Recreation and recommended approval.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY ACTION RELATING TO THE JACKSON PLACE APARTMENTS AND JACKSON CROSSTOWN APARTMENTS ("APARTMENTS") INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO CREATION OF PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION AND OWNERSHIP ENTITIES, AND NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF THE APARTMENTS

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated after conferring with legal, the item needed to be taken to the Pharr Economic Development Corporation Board and recommended no action would be taken at this time.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ACCEPTANCE OF MOORE ROAD DRIVEWAY AT PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT WITH CANDELA ORGANIZATION AND RELEASE OF FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 16,841.91

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Garza moved to approve. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTH PHARR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH TEXAS CORDIA CONSTRUCTION AND RELEASE OF FINAL PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 29,665.42

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Farias moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDDING BID FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS FOR PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL USE (FY 2014-2015)

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Maldonado moved to award the bid to Pavement Markings, Inc. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

G) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM HIDALGO COUNTY MPO TO CONSIDER ALLOCATING THE REMAINING BALANCE OF COORDINATE BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE (CBI) PROGRAMS FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PHARR-REYNOSA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval. He called upon Andrew Canon to address the Board.

Andrew Canon, Hidalgo County MPO, stated there were \$3.6 million dollars in CBI funds available and the City could make a request to re-allocated funds to other CBI projects. He stated the State of Texas had notified him that they would be budgeting \$2.4 billion over a biennial period for other funding venues.

After a lengthy discussion concerning funding to the City of Donna and the Donna Bridge, Comm. Garza moved to approve. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Andrew Canon, Hidalgo County MPO, informed the Board the MPO was working on re-designation to meet federal guidelines at the policy level. He stated under the current policy level guidelines, the MPO Policy Committee was designated as the MPO. He stated they were operating under a re-designation signed by Governor Ann Richards which has the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council designated as the MPO. He stated they were working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to get the re-designation on their June 2015 Commission meeting.

Mr. Canon further requested that an item be placed on the next City Commission agenda for support in requesting that the Governor of the State of Texas re-designate the Hidalgo County MPO as the Transportation Policy Committee of the MPO.

ITEM 7 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR FOR LEASE ELECTION SERVICES**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE CAGE AND HELMER SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE SECTION 5310 PROGRAM

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 8 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 4 – 7

None.

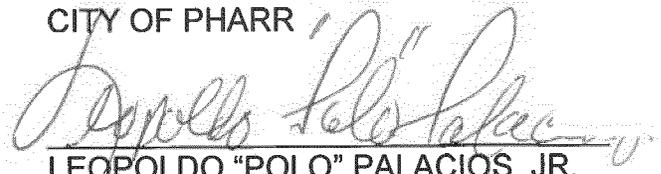
ITEM 9 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Elizondo moved to adjourn. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



LEOPOLDO "POLO" PALACIOS, JR.
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015 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, **HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

MINUTES: REGULAR CALLED MEETING
APRIL 7, 2015

ATTEST:


HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: May 12, 2014

