

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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, February 17, 2015 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Leopoldo Palacios Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem Adan Farias
Comm. Arturo Cortez
Comm. Roberto Carrillo (arrived at 5:11 pm)
Comm. Oscar Elizondo, Jr.
Comm. Edmund Maldonado, Jr.
Comm. Aquiles Garza

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Sandoval, City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Javier Rodriguez, C.D. Director
Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer
Ruben Villescascas, Police Chief
Jaime Guzman, Fire 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
Roel Garza, Athletics Director
Roy S. Garcia, Pharr Events Center
Sergio Contreras, External Affairs Dir.

**CITY ATTORNEY
CITY ENGINEER**

Michael Pruneda, City Attorney
Bill Ueckert, City Engineer

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 5:11 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION.

Tim Smith led in the pledge of allegiance and Marty Moore said the prayer.

ITEM 2 PROCLAMATIONS:

A) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AS TIM'S COATS DAY

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming February 17, 2015 as Tim's Coats Day and presented proclamation to Tim Smith and Marty Moore.

Tim Smith thanked the Board for the recognition on behalf of Tim's Coats Project and recognized John Kittleman, General Manager, and Jerry Lee Berg, Public Service Director, who have been in support of the project since its inception. He stated over 250,000 persons have been helped through this project. He further thanked Marty Moore and all Southwest Dry Cleaners Associations for making this project a great success.

B) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2015 AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, ESTRELLA'S HOUSE DAY

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming February 21, 2015 as February 21, 2015 as Children's Advocacy Center, Estrella's House Day and presented proclamation to Lorena Castillo.

Lorena Castillo thanked the Commission, on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center Board of Staff, for the proclamation and for their continued support. She went over their services and extended an invitation to all to attend their 5th Annual Vinos Fundraise Event taking place on Saturday, February 21, 2015. She further introduced Vicky Medina, Executive Director for Estrella's House and Pat Blum who helps with the Vinos Fundraising Event.

C) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015 AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Mayor Palacios read Proclamation proclaiming February 2015 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and presented proclamation to Alan Cantu.

Ruben Villescas, Police Chief, introduced Alan Cantu as the City of Pharr Police Department Domestic Violence Coordinator and thanked the Board for the proclamation. He stated his department was here for the victims of domestic violence no matter how young they may be and to let everyone know they take a stand for them. Alan Cantu thanked the Board for the recognition.

ITEM 3 CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- A) City Engineer's Report - Bill Ueckert
- B) Submission of monthly report – Pharr Municipal Court
- C) Submission of January 2015 Tax Collection Report
- D) Submission of February 2015 Sales Tax Report
- E) City events of interest
- F) Legislative/Project Update
- G) Comprehensive Quarterly Financial Report for FY 2014-2015 (1st Quarter – October 1, 2014 through December 2014)

Mayor Palacios introduced the item.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated the City Engineer report was in their packets and questions could be entertained at this time. There being no questions, Mr. Sandoval stated Judge Martinez was present to answer any questions on Municipal Court report.

Judge Rudy Martinez reported the Scofflaw Program was still being worked on and stated he had received a revised agreement from the County. He further stated there was a glitch with Incode but should be fixed in the next month or two.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, reported sales taxes were up by 7.68% for the month of February. He further reported the next City Hall On Call would take place on Friday, February, 27, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Operation Clean Sweep on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Pharr Police Athletic League (PAL) Offices. He stated he had received an inquiry from Vanguard Academy to

volunteer some of their students and asked staff to accommodate them. He further reported that the last City Hall On Call held at the Fire Station in South Pharr had been a great success with approximately 80 people in attendance.

Comm. Farias stated a gentleman attending the City Hall On Call had requested additional lighting along South Cage and asked for a status.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated David Garza had been in contact with Magic Valley Electric who was in the process to issue a work order to place additional lights from Juan Balli to Military Highway at no cost to the city or the citizens. He further stated the lights would be installed approximately 150 feet apart.

Mr. Sandoval further announced a press conference for the naming rights to the Boggus Ford Events Center would be held Thursday, February 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and extended an invitation to everyone to attend. He welcomed and called upon Eddie Cantu, County Commissioner Precinct 2, to address the Commission.

Eddie Cantu, County Commissioner Precinct 2, stated he had been working with staff to see where the County and the City could partner up and stated he was there to help the City in any way he could.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, reported Congressman Filemon Vela would be scheduling a tour of the Pharr Bridge on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. and stated seven or eight legislators, and Edward Avalos, Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs for USDA AFAS would be in attendance. He further called upon Sergio Contreras for a report on the Legislative Agenda.

Sergio Contreras, Director of External Affairs, reported on the first of the Professional Development Training Sessions. He stated UTPA Small Business Development Center hosted a Customer Service Training on Monday, February 16, 2015 at City Hall and 30 employees from Finance and Development Services Departments were in attendance. He stated these trainings would continue on a monthly basis. Mr. Contreras further reported Fred Sandoval, City Manager, Comm. Aquiles J. Garza and himself had participated in the RGV and Mid Valley Day last week as they discussed key Legislative priorities for the Valley and for the City of Pharr. He reported Governor Gregg Abbott had declared five emergency items earlier today during the State Address being early education, higher education, transportation funding, border security, and ethics reform. He stated Governor Abbott also promised to push to pass legislation allowing Texas to openly carry hand guns. He further reported on some bills of concern to TML and municipalities which would cut the amount of local property tax revenues in half. He reported on the upcoming bridge tours and briefings and stated the city had surpassed the \$30 billion dollar trade with the world, being a 7% increase from last year, with eighty-one countries. He reported a tour and briefing would be held tomorrow at the bridge with senior staff from Senator Ted Cruz to include Chief Counsels from U.S. Senators and Edward Avalos would be visiting on Thursday.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated the first quarter Comprehensive Quarterly Report was in their packets and was in fulfillment of the city's financial responsibilities.

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) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2015 – REGULAR-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND FEBRUARY 3, 2015 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR STREET STRIPING FOR PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL USE (FY2014-2015)

- C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$55,902.82 TO CUTLER REPAVING CONTRACT FOR REPAVING OF EAST EL DORA (US 281 TO VETERANS ROAD)
- D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON, CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$64,681.80 TO IOC COMPANY CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT MATERIAL FOR REPAVING OF EAST ELDORA (US 281 TO VETERANS ROAD)
- E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PLANNING & ZONING CASES:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Varinia, L.L.C., d/b/a La Barra, requested a 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 Lots 4 & 5 La Quinta Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property's physical address is 5808 South Cage Boulevard.
2. Charles D. Mueller, representing Lynn Tract, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, requested a change of zone from an Agricultural and/or Open Space District (A-O) to a General Business District (C). The property is legally described as the northeast 2.16 acres (261'x360') out of Lot 203, Kelly-Pharr Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is located within the 400 and 500 Block of West Ridge Road.

PLATS:

3. Melden & Hunt Inc., representing Thomas F. Phillips, requested final plat approval of the proposed Jackson Ridge Court Subdivision Phase III. The property is legally described as being a re-subdivision of 6.565 acres, out of Lot 5, Block 7, A.J. McColl Subdivision, Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is located at the 1000 Block of South Jackson Road.
4. Quintanilla Headley & Associates Inc., representing Vanguard Academy, Inc., Robert Olivarez, President, requested preliminary and final plat approval of the proposed Vanguard Academy Subdivision No. 8. The property is legally described as being a 7.20 acre tract of land being all of Lot 1, Vanguard Academy Subdivision No. 4 Replat of Vanguard Academy Subdivision No. 2 and No. 3, an addition to the City of Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. The property is located between the 1200 and 1500 Block of East Kelly Avenue.

Mayor Palacios introduced items 4A through 4E (4) and stated no one had signed up to speak during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Comm. Carrillo moved to approve items 4A through 4E (4) under the consent agenda as recommended. Item 4A was denied as recommended. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-2015-06 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING: SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF PHARR-TIF REINVESTMENT ZONE #2

Mayor Palacios opened up the public hearing and stated two individuals had signed up to speak.

Kenneth Fletcher voiced his concerns with the noise, light, water and ordinance violations. He stated he was present to learn about the TIF Reinvestment Zone and as to what it means to the residents. He stated he was in favor of business if it would eliminate property tax increases and all the proper ordinances were enforced.

Mayor Palacios called upon Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez but he was not present. Therefore, the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 5 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was the City's second Tax Increment Financing Zone (TIF) also known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #2. He briefly stated this was a partnership with the County to increase and incentivize developers to come in and change green fields into developed properties or re-develop properties in bad condition. He stated this would increase development, ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, job creation and roof tops, which could be used to lower property taxes and recommended approval.

Comm. Farias moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-84-45. (LATE HOURS MIXED BEVERAGE PERMITS)

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

Comm. Elizondo moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Comm. Cortez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-2013-51. (PERMITTING)

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

Edward Wylie, Development Services Director, explained the ordinance would give the department additional authority on regulating the businesses selling alcohol and would tie all permitting requirements together.

Comm. Cortez moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Comm. Farias seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. O-2011-56 AND O-2008-47 SECTION E. (CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS)

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.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION CREATING AND APPOINTING THE PHARR INTO THE FUTURE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE. (TABLED)

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated Texas A&M University had informed him this item was not ready. He stated additional meetings were needed and recommended no action be taken at this time.

F) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLICE CHIEF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRST OFFENDER PROJECT

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this was a grant application and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2015-11 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 6 ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) PRESENTATION BY LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR AND SAMPSON, LLP ON FIRST QUARTER DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

Kelly Salazar, representative for Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson LLP, went over the quarter delinquent tax collection report. She stated two mailings had been completed targeting 3,258 accounts, over 1300 phone calls were received, 64 pay-off requests, 111 property visits were conducted and received 195 taxpayer walk-ins. She stated 75 lawsuits/interventions had been filed, 36 judgments were taken, 24 suits were dismissed, 3 tax warrants were issued, as of February 2015 there were 464 pending litigations and there were 95 pending bankruptcy cases. She stated collections were up as of the same time last year, collecting over \$207,000 in base pay being a 1.5% increase.

Comm. Cortez asked if there were any high dollar delinquent tax accounts. Ms. Salazar responded she would look into it this week and report back to them.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AUDIT FOR FY 2013-2014 PRESENTED BY OSCAR R. GONZALEZ & ASSOCIATES

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Oscar Gonzalez, CPA, and Melissa Gonzalez, CPA, to present the audit for FY 2013-2014.

Melissa Gonzalez presented the City's Annual Financial Report for year ending September 30, 2014. She stated the Opinion Financial Statements presented fairly in all material respects resulting in a Clean Opinion. She went over the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund and reported on the Budget. She further reported on the proprietary funds being the Utilities Fund, Toll Bridge and Golf Course. She added there were some findings in the report of which the letter describing the findings in detail would be mailed to the city.

Mayor Palacios asked about the report of the Toby Keith concert in which The Monitor Newspaper had reported the amount of monies paid by the city was an approximate \$800,000 to \$850,000. He asked if the newspaper had made a mistake in reporting that the city lost money in both the concert and the Pharr Events Center.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, stated the information concerning the concert and partnership agreement was located on page 68. He explained the Pharr Events Center began in September 2011 and had not generated a profit. He stated the newspaper was correct in describing the physical activity taking place at the Pharr Events Center, the contracts, and the Toby Keith concert. He further explained Resolution R-2012-02 authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement, promoter, entertainer or tenant for the use of the Events Center.

Mayor Palacios asked if money was lost due to the Toby Keith concert and stated, for the record, he was not aware of the loses.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, stated the city had incurred an investment fee for the partnership agreement, but based on the resolution the City Manager was in his right to do so and was one of many events held in the city.

Comm. Carrillo stated the reason the city had obtained the naming rights for the Pharr Events Center was due to the Toby Keith concert. He stated the city gained \$300,000 for the naming rights with a possible five year extension of an additional \$500,000. He stated this also didn't include the sales taxes received from the events by filling up the hotel/motel rooms and monies spent on food and lodging in the city. He further stated with every event held, the city is being promoted and the city is in the business in providing a service to our constituents.

Comm. Elizondo stated he had spoken to some of the people from the hotels/motels and they were happy with the Pharr Events Center by filling up their rooms. He added if any mistakes were made, they would all learn from it and believes the naming rights were a result of the Toby Keith concert.

Mayor Palacios stated that naming rights and sales taxes were different from a show. He stated promoters that bring the shows should have enough money to pay for the shows and the city must be more careful with the promoters and not have the city act as a finance or loan company and pay the promoters. He stated he did not believe the city should not cover a loss with the money being received from the naming rights. He stated the city should be making money from the shows, naming rights, and on sales taxes.

Comm. Cortez stated he has heard people say that the city was losing money with the Golf Course. He stated he was very proud to have a golf course rated number one by our winter Texans. He added the libraries and parks are never mentioned and they do not bring in revenues. He added installing equipment in the library and the parks is very expensive but they are a quality of life and he firmly believes the golf course is a place where not many revenues will result from it but it is a quality of life of which he is very proud of.

Comm. Farias stated he has been here since 2006 and he can't remember a year in which the golf course has made money. He stated the Pharr Events Center, prior to becoming a concert event hall, was an entity which was being invested into. He stated it needed to be looked at by the impact it has with the economy in the community. He stated when people come into the community they look at things that are good for a community and feels it is important to have those qualities of life.

Comm. Elizondo asked Juan Guerra how the city was doing financially as a whole and what the major problem with the fund balance was in 2007.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, stated all of the city's contingency funds balances are fully funded, all major indicators are at the highest they have ever been, and the city was very healthy and very prosperous. He stated in 2007 the general fund balance had a negative \$8 million fund balance and the city's credit ratings fell to a triple B.

Comm. Garza asked how the credit rating was now. Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, stated the city historically had a bad credit rating but all of it has been erased. He stated the cash flow was positive, the fund balance is fully funded and now the city's credit rating is an A with SNP, A2 with Moody's, and –AA with Fitch which are the best credit ratings the city has received. He further stated the credit ratings are used for investment purposes and obtaining the best interest rates.

Comm. Cortez asked Juan Guerra about the city's transparency and finances. Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, explained the city's transparency means as good as it can get as measured by the Texas State Comptroller. He stated the State Comptroller's office started a transparency award program and the City of Pharr was the first city in the region to receive the award. This past year the comptroller's office increased the transparency requirements and the City of Pharr applied and received the platinum transparency award. The Board of Commissioners commended and thanked Juan Guerra on a job well done.

There being no further comments, Comm. Carrillo moved to approve. Comm. Cortez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDED BID FOR THE SUGAR ROAD AT SIOUX ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT

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

Comm. Carrillo moved to award the bid to Austin Traffic Signal. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDED BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SECONDARY CLARIFIER NO. 1 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

Comm. Garza moved to award the bid to Associated Construction Partners, Ltd. Comm. Cortez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, IN NAMING SPECIAL NEEDS PARK, DR. WILLIAM LONG CITY/SCHOOL PARK

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated this park was created not only for the residents in the area but also for a special needs park. He stated Dr. Long was a great servant to the community and recommended the park be named Dr. William H. Long City/School Park.

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

ITEM 7 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2 FOR EAST ELDORA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2 AND BORDER COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM FOR NAVARRO STREET IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHARR AND HIDALGO COUNTY FOR SCOFFLAW SERVICES

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH S&GE, LLC TO UPDATE WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the last time the plan was updated was in early 2007 and recommended approval.

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

At this time, Fred Sandoval, City Manager, recommended to deviate from the agenda and to into closed session. There was no objection.

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

Mayor Palacios stated the time being 6:35 pm; 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.

Comm. Carrillo left the meeting, the time being 6:38 p.m.

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

Mayor Palacios stated the time being 7:30 pm; the board had completed its closed session and would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 7 E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A 380 INCENTIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MCALLEN LEVCAL, LLC

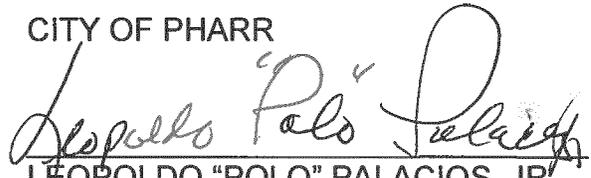
Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Elizondo moved to adjourn. Comm. Cortez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


LEOPOLDO "POLO" PALACIOS, JR.
MAYORSTATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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.

ATTEST:


HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: March 3, 2015