

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016 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 Monday, January 18, 2016 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Ed Wylie, Asst. City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Imelda Barrera, Asst. City Clerk
Maria Rangel, Engineering Dept.
Gary Rodriguez, Community Affairs Liaison
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Cantu, HR Director
Rodolfo Martinez, Municipal Court Judge
Ruben Villescas, Police Chief
Lenny Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Development Services
Roy Garcia, Public Works Director
David Garza, Public Utilities Director
Roel Garza, Parks & Rec. Director
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Jason Arms, IT Director
Roy S. Garcia, Boggus Ford Events Center
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Sergio Contreras, PEDC Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, City Attorney

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum.

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

All members were present.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Juan Guerra, City Manager, led in the pledge of allegiance and David Garza, Public Utilities Director, said the prayer.

C) PUBLIC COMMENTS (ORDINANCE NO. O-2015-28)

Kenneth C. Fletcher approached the board and thanked Police and Fire Departments for all their hard work on preventing delivery trucks from parking in fire lanes at Costco. Mr. Fletcher commented on sign posted for delivery truck schedule hours of 5:00 am to 10:00 pm and lights turning on at 3:38 am. He also stated there

were cameras at Costco in the delivery docks area. Lastly, he commented that a certain city employee wanted him to mention drug testing for City Commission.

Lupe Chavez approached the board to speak regarding Item 6A on Inter-local agreement between Pharr Police Department and PSJA ISD. Mr. Chavez spoke about conferences held at PSJA ISD and there being no minutes for these meetings. He read some language from a 2011 agreement which stated "the City and the district agree to have periodic conferences to allow input from both parties regarding the program". Mr. Chavez requested to allow minutes be kept for these conferences so the information could be shared with the public. Lastly, he requested the City of Pharr to support City of Hidalgo on Border Fest event.

ITEM 2 CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS: (City Manager's Administrative Reports and discussion, if any, with governing body. The City Manager may also assign a designated spokesperson for any particular listed topic)

- A) City Engineer's Report
- B) Submission of monthly report – Pharr Municipal Court
- C) Submission of December 2015 Tax Collection Report
- D) Submission of January 2016 Sales Tax Report
- E) Consultants Quarterly Reports
- F) City events of interest

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated Bill Ueckert, City Engineer, was out but had staff available for any questions on projects.

There being no questions, Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced Pharr Municipal Court Monthly Report and stated that the court was up \$35,000 compared to last year.

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the December 2015 Tax Collection Report and stated that the current tax collection was up 2.3% points and the delinquent tax was down 1.2% points.

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the January 2016 Sales Tax Report and stated sales tax was down 0.56%. He also noted the majority of the Valley was down as well and stated he believed it was due to the valuation of the peso.

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the Consultants Quarterly Reports. He stated management was very satisfied with both consultants Ezequiel Ordonez and Hollis Rutledge and asked if there were any questions.

There being no questions, Juan Guerra, City Manager, went over the City of events of interest:

- Public Works Operation Clean Sweep on Saturday, January 30, 2016
- Pharr Memorial Library having their 1st Annual Poetry Contest, all entries to be submitted no later than February 8, 2016
- Migrants in Action at Boggus Ford Events Center, February 4, 2016
- Heartbeat DJ Concert at Boggus Ford Events Center, February 12, 2016
- Moe Bandy Concert at Boggus Ford Events Center, February 20, 2016
- Tus XV Expo at Boggus Ford Events Center, February 21, 2016
- Big Daddy Weave Christian Concert at Boggus Ford Events Center, February 25, 2016.
- Series of Trade Sessions by Pharr International Bridge for the Trade Industry, January 21, 2016
- Fire Extinguisher Trainings by Pharr Fire Department, January 22 & 24, 2016

ITEM 3 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 6, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced item 3A and recommended approval.

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

REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

ITEM 4 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION OF NEW TERRITORY INTO THE CITY OF PHARR'S CORPORATE LIMITS (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this was the land that was purchased for the STC Branch. He recommended approval.

Comm. Elizondo 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 RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE PEREZ LAW FIRM AS BOND COUNSEL FOR CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,240,000 (FINANCE)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval subject to legal review.

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

Resolution No. R-2016-04 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,240,000. (FINANCE)

Juan Guerra, 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.

Resolution No. R-2016-05 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 5 PURCHASING:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED AND FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMING TELEVISION STATION OPERATED BY THE CITY OF PHARR. (ADMINISTRATION)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated that this would be for the city commission room to move from analog to digital and the funds used for this would be from Time Warner Cable fees. He further stated the cost would be approximately \$40,000 and recommended approval.

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

ITEM 6 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PSJA ISD FOR A CIVILIAN RESOURCE ATTENDANCE LIAISON (POLICE)**

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated the City of Pharr received a \$25,000 grant to help improve student attendance at the PSJA schools. He further recommended approval with inclusion of keeping recorded minutes for these sessions and subject to legal review.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB), DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) LOAN FORGIVENESS AGREEMENT (PUBLIC UTILITIES)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this was to extend the completion date by one month to July 20, 2017. He further recommended approval.

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

C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AND NEGOTIATE INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PSJA ISD TO RENOVATE WITTEN PARK FOR CITY AND SCHOOL USE (PARKS & REC.)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated PSJA had requested the City to renovate Witten Park to include discus throwing area. Mr. Guerra stated the City was already considering renovating the park due to the playing structures being old. He further recommended approval.

Comm. Medina asked about the hours the City and PSJA ISD would use the park and how this would work. Roel Garza, Parks & Recreation Director, stated PSJA ISD would be using the park accordingly to the track and field practices during afterschool hours and in the summer during morning hours for the track and field program.

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

ITEM 7 CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE PHARR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA, INCLUDING ITEM 3

None.

ITEM 8 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

ITEM 9 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 5:18 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 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: February 1, 2016