

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014 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, January 7, 2014 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 5:06 p.m.)
Comm. Oscar Elizondo, Jr.
Comm. Edmund Maldonado, Jr.
Comm. Aquiles Garza

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
Edward Wylie, Pharr Dev. Services Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Raul Garza, Admin. Services Director
Gary Rodriguez, External Affairs Mgr.
Jason Arms, I.T. Director
Roel Garza, Athletics Director
Roy S. Garcia, Pharr Events Center
Fred Brouwen, Asst. Bridge Director
Tony Sandoval, EDC Manager

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 5:04 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. Cortez moved to excuse Comm. Carrillo for being absent. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Comm. Carrillo arrived at 5:06 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION.

Ed Arjona led in the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.

Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the Alba Family on the passing of their father Pablo Alba on Friday, January 3, 2014 at the age of 104.

ITEM 2 CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- A) City Engineer's Report – Bill Ueckert
- B) City Events of Interest – PAL Super Bowl Winners
- C) Legislative/Project Update

Mayor Palacios introduced the item.

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

There being no questions, Comm. Cortez wished Mayor Palacios a happy birthday on behalf of all the City Commissioners.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, called upon Ruben Villescas, Police Chief and Roel Garza, Athletic Director, to recognize the winners of the PAL Super Bowl.

Ruben Villescas, Police Chief, thanked the Commission for their support and stated the Pharr Athletic League (PAL) program has been instrumental in bringing positive influences to the youth in the community. He thanked the parents, family members and coaches for their support and for allowing their children to participate in the program.

Roel Garza, Athletic Director, thanked the Commissioners for their support and thanked all the coaches who helped throughout the league. He further stated participation increased from 210 last year to 297 this year and stated it continues to grow each year.

Cleo Lopez, Athletic Supervisor presented a small video of the PAL Superbowl event. He further stated the two teams that competed had a perfect season and went undefeated all season long. He proceeded to introduce the Sooners Team coached by Juan Ramos, 4th and 5th grade division Superbowl Champions, and the Liberty Team coached by Juan Valdez, 6th grade Superbowl Champions.

Roel Garza, Athletic Director, further thanked Gary Rodriguez and Jason Arms for all for their support on social media and advertising. Fred Sandoval, City Manager, congratulated the parents and everyone involved on behalf of staff and the commission.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, briefly reported a trip was being scheduled to College Station on January 22- 23, 2014 for an overview of Texas A&M Agri-Life capabilities as it relates to the food safety and produce industry. He further stated the trip would be facilitated through Congressman Ruben Hinojosa's D.C. office. Any member wishing to attend please call the City Clerk's office for the necessary travel arrangements.

ITEM 3 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES WITH LONE STAR NATIONAL BANK

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated the Commissioners were the only signatories on the Employee Benefit Trust account and recommended the regulatory staff signatures.

Comm. Farias moved to approve. Comm. Garza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Resolution No. R-2014-01 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

B) 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 STOP FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL PROJECT

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. Resolution No. R-2014-02 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

ITEM 4 ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 17, 2013 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item.

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

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AWARDED BID FOR CAPITAL LEASE FINANCING FY 2013-2014 (BID NO. 1314-01-511-0001)

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

Comm. Cortez moved to award the bid to U.S. Bancorp for the Capital Lease Financing FY 2013-2014. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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

ITEM 6 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 3 – 5

Mayor Palacios stated the time being 5:23 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.

ITEM 7 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Palacios stated the time being 6:29 pm; the board had completed its closed session and would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 4 C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PHARR PORT CONNECTOR TO TXDOT BORDER SAFETY INSPECTION FACILITY

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated a viable solution had been reached between TxDOT's BSIF and Pharr's Port of Entry at the GSA's property. He stated this solution would allow the most room for growth and the most efficiency from gate to gate concept for those trucks not requiring inspection to continue to move and not hold up traffic. He further recommended approval.

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

D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF ADD \$1,500.00 FOR THE PHARR TRAFFIC SIGNALS – US 281 (CAGE BLVD) AND RANCHO BLANCO ROAD

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

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

ITEM 5 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RIGOBERTO EGUIA/PHARR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LLC

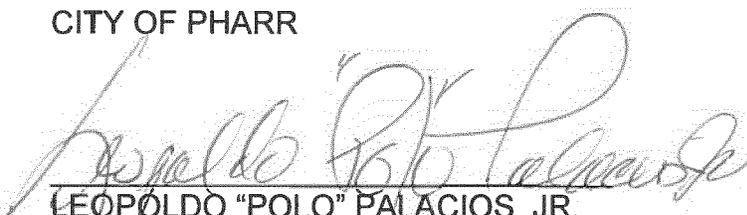
Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated staff recommended approval of a three (3) month contract with the option to continue for one year. He further recommended approval.

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

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Comm. Elizondo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

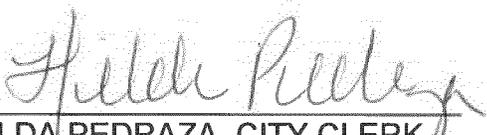
CITY OF PHARR


LEOPOLDO "POLO" PALACIOS, JR.
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014 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: January 21, 2014