

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.
118 SOUTH CAGE 2ND FLOOR**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 and following is the record of attendance.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Ricardo Medina

STAFF PRESENT: Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Edward Wylie, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Ruben Villescas, Police Chief
Roy Garcia, Public Works Director
David Garza, Public Utilities Director
Melanie Cano, Development Services Dir.
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Gary Rodriguez, Community Affairs Liaison
Jason Arms, IT Director
Roy S. Garcia, Boggus Ford Events Center
Anali Cantu, Human Resources Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, City Attorney

1. ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum. Comm. Elizondo was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 5:06 pm.

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

2. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (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.

Ordinance No. O-2015-46 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX RATE FOR FY 2015-2016 (FINANCE)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this was the biggest tax rate reduction since 1991.

Commissioner Carrillo moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.6540, which is effectively a 1% percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Maldonado seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Carrillo, Maldonado, Bracamontes and Mayor Hernandez.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Elizondo, Commissioners Medina and Guajardo

ABSTAINED: None

Ordinance No. O-2015-47 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM-PHARR NATURE PARK (PARKS & RECREATION)

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-2015-84 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF U.S. 281 (CAGE BLVD.) FROM RIDGE ROAD TO KELLY AVENUE FOR THE COLOR ME LOCO 5K RUN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015 FROM 7:00 AM TO 11:30 AM. (PAL)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

Resolution No. R-2015-85 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CLOSURE OF U.S. 281 (CAGE BLVD.) FROM RIDGE ROAD TO KELLY AVENUE FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL CANCER WALK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015 (PAL)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval and briefly stated walk with start after PAL's Color Me Loco Run/Walk.

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

Resolution No. R-2015-86 is filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Comm. Elizondo arrived at this time being 5:06 p.m.

7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REMOTE BROADCAST HARDWARE (IT)

Juan Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval.

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

8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, REJECTING BIDS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR FY 2015-2016 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS (HR)

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.

9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHARR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND GASES 101 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF HAZMAT EQUIPMENT (FIRE)

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

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

10. 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 ITEMS 2-9

None


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

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo moved to adjourn. Mayor Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, 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: October 6, 2015