

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 AT 12:30 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, April 1, 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. Oscar Elizondo, Jr.
Comm. Edmund Maldonado, Jr.
Comm. Aquiles Garza

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Comm. Roberto Carrillo

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
Jaime Guzman, Fire Chief
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Edward Wylie, Pharr Dev. Services Dir.
Raul Garza, Admin. Services Director
Roel Garza, Athletics Director
Roy S. Garcia, Boggus Ford Events Center
Sergio Contreras, External Affairs Dir.

CITY ATTORNEY Michael Pruneda, City Attorney

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Palacios called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. and stated he would like to clarify some points that came out on the newspaper last week. He stated Comm. Farias mentioned that he was out due to illness when he had signed Fred Sandoval's payroll action form. He stated that comment was incorrect and that he was out ill on October 16, 2015 approximately one month after the form was signed. He stated he would be leaving his position as Mayor in May and would like to leave with a farewell to the community. He further stated he would like to have a State of the City address on Monday April 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and invited the news media to be present and extended an invitation to all to attend.

At this time, Mayor Palacios asked for roll call. Roll Call established a quorum.

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

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

**ITEM 2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INCENTIVE AGREEMENT
WITH P.A.L (POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE) FOR PHARR HUBPHEST ON
APRIL 10-11, 2015**

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and stated there were several components to this item. He stated the city had purchase a 132-acre property in the floodway for possible parkland development and other projects. In meeting with South Texas College and County Commissioner Eddie Cantu, it was discussed there were

some bonus items with the property such as low cost, an abundance of land, and its location is in the county which makes the City eligible to partner up with Precinct 2 for development.

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, further stated it was also discussed at some budget planning events that the city needed to upgrade and increase its green space to meet national standards. He stated with the purchase of the property, the city would be closer to the recommended national standards and be able to build soccer fields and practice fields for the baseball league and other recreational activities. He further stated other proposed uses were a hike and bike trail with grant opportunities from Texas Parks & Wildlife, a driving course for law enforcement training, and fair grounds. He stated because of the proposed developments, the Hub Phest was moved to the northwest corner of I69 and Sioux Road.

Fred Sandoval, City manager, also stated using P.A.L. as the city's 501C3 for the Hub Phest helps with the fundraising and P.A.L. would generate some revenue. Although the event was budgeted for, sponsorships would pay for the music as the main goal is to keep the event free for the community.

At this time, he called upon Juan Guerra, CFO to report on the incentive amount from the city to P.A.L.

Juan Guerra, Chief Financial Officer, reported the incentive amount was not budgeted. He explained the city would be contributing \$100,000 from the General Fund, \$20,000 from the Bridge, \$20,000 from Economic Development, and \$10,000 from hotel/motel tax for a total of \$150,000. He stated any other amount would be generated from sponsorships and booth sales and any overtime would be considered in-kind contributions.

Mayor Palacios asked if the city would be paying or leasing the property for the use of the Hub Phest activities. Fred Sandoval, City Manager, stated the property owner, Jay Patel, had lent it to the city at no charge.

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

ITEM 3 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RESOLUTION CANCELLING/RESCHEDULING THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2015

Fred Sandoval, City Manager, introduced the item and briefly stated this item was placed since it was after Easter and stated it could be re-scheduled or leave it as is.

The consensus of the board was to leave the meeting as is, therefore no action was taken.

ITEM 4 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON REQUEST FROM ST. MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR STREET PROCESSION ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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 5 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 2 – 4

None.

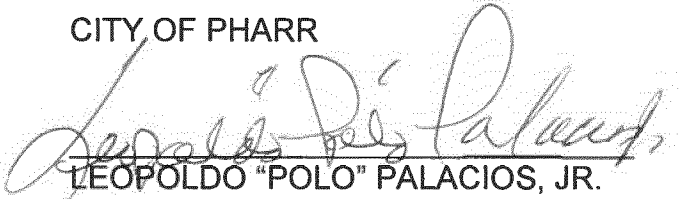
ITEM 6 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ITEM 7 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, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR


LEOPOLDO "POLO" PALACIOS, JR.
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 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: April 21, 2015