

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016 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 Monday, August 29, 2016 and following is the record of attendance.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Comm. Eleazar Guajardo
Comm. Roberto Carrillo
Comm. Edmund Maldonado
Comm. Mario Bracamontes

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Elizondo, Jr.
Comm. Ricardo Medina

STAFF PRESENT: Juan G. Guerra, City Manager
Ed Wylie, Asst. City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, City Clerk
Imelda Barrera, Asst. City Clerk
William Ueckert, City Engineer
Karla Moya, Finance Director
Anali Cantu, HR Director
Lenny Perez, Fire Chief
Melanie Cano, Development Services
Roy Garcia, Public Works Director
David Garza, Public Utilities Dir.
Roel Garza, Parks & Rec. Asst. Dir.
Raul Garza, CDBG Director
Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Tony Sandoval, Asst. PEDC Director

CITY ATTORNEY Patricia Rigney, Attorney

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 moved to excuse Comm. Medina, and Comm. Elizondo. Comm. Guajardo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**A) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON THE
PROPOSED TAX RATE**

No one signed up to speak under the public hearing.

**B) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item.

Kenneth Fletcher spoke on environmental infrastructure assets. He proposed a Tamaulipas Thorn Forest Tree Nursery and stated the City of Pharr should join Tree City USA and establish a Tree Board.

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, stated the City of Pharr was looking into establishing a Tree City USA Board.

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) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SELF-FUNDED EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLANS

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 FROM 10 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT PHARR WEST NIGHT CLUB PARKING LOT, 1203 W NOLANA LOOP (ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

At this time, Mayor Hernandez, stated they would deviate and go into closed session. There were no objections.

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 MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA, INCLUDING ITEMS 2-5

The time being 5:06 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission 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 CLOSED SESSION

The time being 5:36 p.m., Mayor Hernandez stated the commission had completed its closed session would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 4 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, TERMINATING AGREEMENT WITH CURRENT FINANCIAL ADVISORS (FINANCE)

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

Comm. Guajardo **moved** to approve. Comm. Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried by majority vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) nay. Comm. Maldonado voted against the motion.

B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON AGREEMENT WITH ESTRADA HINOJOSA & COMPANY, INC. FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES (FINANCE)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated there was no action needed. However, he further recommended authorization to advertise for proposals.

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

ITEM 5 LEGAL:

A) ATTORNEY CONSULTATION RELATED TO CASE NO. CL-16-3135-F CITY OF PHARR VS. VECCHIO MOTEL (LEGAL)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and recommended approval as discussed in executive session.

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

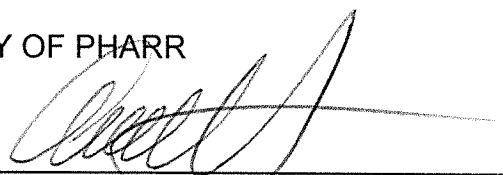
B) ATTORNEY UPDATE ON CASE NO. C-3205-16-E D&M VENTURES, LLC VS CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS PHARR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION AND PHFC JACKSON PLACE APARTMENTS CORPORATION (LEGAL)

Juan G. Guerra, City Manager, introduced the item and stated no action was needed.

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Comm. Carrillo **moved** to adjourn. Comm. Maldonado seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THIS THE 29th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016 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: September 19, 2016