

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §**

Anthony P. Troiani, At-large Commissioner “A”
Ricardo Longoria, Jr., District Commissioner 1
Melissa A. Zamora, District Commissioner 3

Rose M.Z. Gowen, M.D., At-large Commissioner “B”
Charlie Atkinson, District Commissioner 2
Edward C. Camarillo, District Commissioner 4

Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., Mayor

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Regular Meeting**, on **Tuesday, January 05, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

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REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ***UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE***

INVOCATION:

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- 1. ***MAYOR’S REPORT:*** Weir Project; MPO; PAWS;
 Toys for Disadvantage Children;
 Mayor’s Grant; Health Fair, Cruelty
 to Animals; Travel

- 2. ***COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:***
 - Commissioner Charlie Atkinson Brownsville Sports Park
 District 2

 - Commissioner Rose M. Gowen Imagine Brownsville

 - Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo Holiday Giving
 Plastic Bag Ordinance

 - Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. General Update 2009

3. **PROCLAMATIONS:** *Hudson Elementary School
2nd Grade Chess Team*
(Commissioner Charlie Atkinson)

Jimmy Gonzalez – Grupo Mazz
(Commissioner Charlie Atkinson.)

4. **PRESENTATIONS:** *Employee of the Month*
(January 2010)

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

ITEMS No. “a” through “e”

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norma H. Zamora	BUS	Austin, TX	Jan. 25-28, 2010
Gerardo Salazar	Library	Houston, TX	Jan. 13-14, 2010
John Williamson	Municipal Court	Galveston, TX	Feb. 21-23, 2010
Phil A. Bellamy	Municipal Court	San Antonio, TX	Jan. 11-13, 2010
Ben Medina, Jr.	Planning	Austin, TX	Jan. 05-07, 2010

- c) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2009-911-E** to amend Chapter 46 Article II Litter, by adding new Sections 46-47 thru 46-52, prohibiting the use of Plastic Bags in the City of Brownsville, Creating an Environmental Advisory Committee, and ordaining other provisions relating to the subject matter. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr./Commissioner and E.C. Camarillo)
- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2009-041** to rezone from Light Retail “F” (2CF) to Medium Retail “G” (3CG) for 5.00 acres out of Block 146 of El Jardin Subdivision located at 3631 Old Port Isabel Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- e) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2009-041-S** to allow a Light Retail Use (Mini Warehouse) in a General Retail Use for 5.00 acres out of El Jardin Subdivision located at 3631 Old Port Isabel Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint or re-appoint three (3) alternates to the Board of Adjustments. (Evaristo Gamez – Building)
7. Announcement of Mayoral appointment to the Brownsville Housing Authority Board. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada)

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8. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **PLEASE NOTE:**

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CONDUCT AT CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS IS GOVERNED BY CITY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-1090-F ADOPTED ON MARCH 3, 2009.

- THE “PUBLIC COMMENT FORM” IS DESIGNATED FOR SPEAKERS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A SUBJECT THAT IS **NOT A PUBLIC HEARING**.
- **ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE – DO NOT DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.**
- **THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES.**
- THERE IS A **THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT** PER SPEAKER.
- NO **FORMAL** ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.
- FOR THE RECORD, THE SPEAKER **MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME** BEFORE SPEAKING.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR AT THE CITY SECRETARY’S DESK IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS (on the day of the meeting).
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” MUST BE FILLED OUT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY SECRETARY STAFF **NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M.** TO BE CONSIDERED OR RECOGNIZED.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 P.M.
- **POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT CONDUCTED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** [For further information, contact The Office of the City Secretary at 548-6001]

PRESENTATIONS:

PERSONS/GROUPS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT A PRESENTATION OR DISTRIBUTING HANDOUTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF SAME TO THE CITY SECRETARY FOR THE RECORD.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt **Resolution Number 2010-001** re-accept, review, amend, and re-adopt all of the provisions listed in the documents, titled, “City of Brownsville, Texas Amended Investment Policy” and City of Brownsville, Texas, Amended Investment Strategy Statement. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)

- 10. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the Brownsville Police Department to apply for a 2010 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant being authorized by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office to assist state and local governments in the reduction of crime through border security enhancement. (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)
- 11. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize and accept an Interlocal Agreement for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) and the City of Brownsville. (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)

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PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

- 12. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) Heavy Duty Wheelchair-Lift Equipped Fix Route Transit Bus for the City of Brownsville BUS Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

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ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code.

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the January 05, 2010, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on December 31, 2009. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City's website and can be downloaded by accessing: www.cob.us/agendas.asp.



Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary