

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

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

Leonel T. Garza, 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 **Workshop** and **Regular Meeting**, on **Tuesday, January 6, 2009**, at **5:40 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** in 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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**WORKSHOP: 5:40 P.M.**

- a) Charter Review Committee Recommendations for Charter Amendment. (John Chosy – Assistant City Attorney – 20 min.)

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

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

***INVOCATION:***

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**1. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT(S):**

- Christmas Toy Drive
- Coffee with your Commissioner
- Youth Basketball Tournament
- Grafitti Clean Up
- Juice with your Commissioner  
(Commissioner E.C. Camarillo)
- New Year's Greeting
- Community Volunteerism
- Roadways/Transportation  
(Commissioner A.P. Troiani)

**2. PRESENTATION:**

***Employee of the Month***  
(January 2009)

**3. 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" and "b"***

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 02, 2008 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 09, 2008.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Pete Gonzalez	Finance	Austin, TX	Jan. 28 – 30, 2009
Daniel Zuniga	Fire	Pleasanton, TX	Jan. 23 – 26, 2009
Jaime Pizaña	Fire	Pleasanton, TX	Jan. 23 – 26, 2009
Reynaldo Long	Fire	Pleasanton, TX	Jan. 23 – 26, 2009
Phil A. Bellamy	Municipal Court	San Antonio, TX	Jan. 07 – 09, 2009
Ruben Castillo	Police	Bryan, TX	Jan. 11 – 16, 2009
Carlos L. Garcia	Police	New Braunfels, TX	Jan. 20 – 23, 2009
Thomas Clipper	Police	New Braunfels, TX	Jan. 20 – 23, 2009
Rolando Vasquez	Police	New Braunfels, TX	Jan. 20 – 23, 2009
Daniel DeAnda	Police	New Braunfels, TX	Jan. 20 – 23, 2009
David De Leon	Police	Dallas, TX	Jan. 23 – 25, 2009
Martino Trevino	Public Works	Houston, TX	Jan. 25 – 29, 2009
Pedro Espinoza	Public Works	Houston, TX	Jan. 25 – 29, 2009
Gina Mota	Public Works	Houston, TX	Jan. 25 – 29, 2009
Robert C. Luna	Purchasing	Austin, TX	Jan. 19 – 22, 2009
Reymundo Sanchez	Purchasing	Austin, TX	Jan. 19 – 22, 2009
Jeff Johnston	OEM	Humble, TX	Jan. 12 - 14, 2009

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**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint one (1) member to the Airport Advisory Committee. [TABLED Nov. 18, 2008]. (Larry A. Brown - Aviation)

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

5. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-070** to rezone from Dwelling “G” to Apartment “G” (AG) for .76 acres of E ½ Lot 10 of Chicago Garden Subdivision located at 1322 Morningside, Brownsville, Texas 78521. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
6. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-071** to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Medium Retail “G” and a 021 Overlay District (3CG), Lot 1 of Block 1 of Grandwood Apartments Subdivision located at Old Port Isabel and Hackberry Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
7. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-074-S** to allow Apartments Specific Use (Apartments) in a Dwelling “G” (DG), for Block 22 of Chicago Gardens Subdivision located at McKenzie Road and Iowa Street. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
8. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-075** to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Light Retail “G” (2CG), for Lot 26 Block 28 of El Valle Grande Section III located at 2624 Alton Gloor Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78521. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
9. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-606-CU** allowing a conditional use permit for sale of off-premise alcohol (wet store) on Lot E-11 of La Coma Subdivision, located at 645 Calle Milpa Verde. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
10. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-607-CU** an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit to sale on-premise alcohol (Bar) on 2.00 acres out of Share 19 of Espiritu Santo Grant, located at 2735 FM 802, Brownsville, Texas 78526. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CONDUCT AT CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS IS GOVERNED BY CITY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-1090-E ADOPTED ON JUNE 3, 2008.**

- 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 ENTRANCE OF 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]

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**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.**

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the transfer of ownership of new and used equipment to the City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, according to the terms of a Border 2012 EPA Grant, awarded to the Sister Cities as a health and environmental initiative, for the processing of scrap tires; the equipment listed as one (1) used 310G Backloader, one (1) 1997 freight liner dump truck, and one (1) new Eagle Tire-Cutter. (Santana Torres & Joe A. Hinojosa – Public Works)
13. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt **Resolution Number 2009-001** re-accepting, reviewing, amending and re-adopting 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 Director/Deputy City Manager)

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize staff to solicit proposals for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance Director/Deputy City Manager)

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***PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:***

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) grant from the State of Texas in the amount of \$315,627.94. (Jeff Johnston – BOEMHS)
16. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the Brownsville Fire Department to accept the FEMA/DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for Fiscal Year 2008, in the amount of \$268,000. (Leonardo L. Perez – Fire)
17. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of limestone (Base Cover) materials for the City of Brownsville. (Robert C. Luna – Purchasing)
18. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of concrete materials for the City of Brownsville. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
19. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for 2006 CIP Project Contract Number 3, for street paving and drainage improvements for Los Ebanos Boulevard, Woodmere Court, and Security Drive. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
20. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for 2007 CIP Project Contract Number 5, for street paving and drainage improvements for Bernal Drive. (Robert 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 06, 2009, 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, 2008. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City’s website and can be downloaded by accessing: [www.cob.us/agendas.asp](http://www.cob.us/agendas.asp).

  
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**Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary**