

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

**MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, held in the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, on Tuesday, April 02, 2019, at 4:40 P.M. and at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present:**

<b>ANTONIO MARTINEZ</b>	)	<b>Mayor</b>
		<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>ROSE GOWEN</b>	)	<b>At-Large “B”</b>
<b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</b>	)	<b>District 1</b>
<b>JESSICA TETREAU</b>	)	<b>District 2</b>
<b>JOEL MUNGUIA</b>	)	<b>District 3</b>
<b>BEN NEECE</b>	)	<b>District 4</b>
<b>NOEL BERNAL</b>		<b>CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>HELEN RAMIREZ</b>		<b>DEPUTY CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>MICHAEL LOPEZ</b>		<b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>ARTURO RODRIGUEZ</b>		<b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>RENE DE COSS</b>		<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b>
<b>GRISELDA ROSAS</b>		<b>CITY SECRETARY</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>		<b>CESAR DE LEON – At-Large “A”</b>

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A quorum being present, Mayor Antonio Martinez, asked Ms. Griselda Rosas, City Secretary, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the City Secretary on March 29, 2019.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:40 P.M.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau, seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:55 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A) **Consultation with attorney pursuant to Section §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**
- B) **Consultation with attorney pursuant to Section §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**
- C) **Discussion pursuant to Section §551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic development.**

- D) **Consultation with attorney pursuant to Section §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session, Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened Regular Meeting at 6:39 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

*Commissioner Ben Neece arrived during the Executive Session.*

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Antonio Martinez and the Texas Pledge was led by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

***INVOCATION:***

The invocation was led by Pastor Brad Burkes, from Embassy of the Spirit Church, of Brownsville, Texas.

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***ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

- A) No Action
- B) No Action
- C) **Consideration and Possible ACTION regarding economic development as discussed in Executive Session.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved **to approve** based on the recommendation by City Staff and City Management and would like to advise City Management to continue discussions and negotiations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

- D) **Consideration and Possible ACTION as discussed in Executive Session.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved **to approve** the use of emergency funds should it become necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ben Neece and carried unanimously.

**1. *MAYOR'S ACTIVITY UPDATE:***

*Mayor Antonio Martinez* thanked City Staff and all volunteers with immigrant families, for the kindness that everyone has shown.

**2. COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Commissioner Rose Gowen* invited the public for the Opening Day Rails to Trails Conservancy to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 starting at San Fernando Building, 1114 E. Adams Street, from 8-11 a.m.

*Commissioner Jessica Tetreau* noted that due to recent rains, the patching to the street potholes have been washing out and reminded the public to report it to 546-HELP.

*Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.*, thanked everyone who attended services for his late mother and gave their condolences.

**3. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Noel Bernal, City Manager, briefly informed the Commission of the following:

- Announcement of the appointment of our Brownsville Police Chief Felix Saucedo.
- City of Brownsville in collaboration with Cameron and Willacy County Officials kicked off the countdown to the 2020 Census on Monday at Market Square to emphasize the importance of community participation.
- In an effort to ensure public health and safety the City of Brownsville has provided support to our local non-profit organizations as they assist the hundreds of migrants that have been released by the U.S. Department of Customs and Border Protection

**4. PRESENTATIONS:**

*Catalyst Commercial  
Retail Strategy  
(City Manager's Office)*

Ms. Helen Ramirez, Deputy City Manager, introduced Mr. Jason Claunch, Catalyst Commercial Project Manager, who delivered a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the Catalyst Commercial Retail Strategy.

Brief discussion ensued amongst the Commission.

*Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation  
(BCIC) Quarterly Report  
(City Manager's Office)*

Mr. Josh Mejia, BCIC Interim Executive Director, delivered the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation Quarterly Report.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and was approved by one motion.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items "a" through "r" were **approved**.

**ITEMS No. "a" through "r"**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2019.

b) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Eduardo Santillan	Engineering	San Antonio, TX	April 07-09, 2019
Luis Salinas	Finance	Austin, TX	April 17-19, 2019
Joe Vasquez	Grants	Fort Worth, TX	April 15-18, 2019
Miguel Gutierrez	Grants	Fort Worth, TX	April 15-18, 2019
Ysaias Enrique Presas	Health	Atlanta, GA	April 15-16, 2019
Anita Limon	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	June 10-12, 2019
Maricela Arellano	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	June 10-12, 2019
Miguel Sanchez III	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	June 17-19, 2019
Robert Dippong	Police	Austin, TX	April 26-29, 2019
Juan A. Garcia	Police	Austin, TX	April 26-29, 2019
Pedro Lezama	Police	Austin, TX	April 26-29, 2019
Mark Elbert	Police	Austin, TX	April 17-18, 2019
Carlos Zamorano	Police	Austin, TX	April 17-18, 2019
Teodulo Torres	Police	Austin, TX	April 17-18, 2019
Roberto C. Luna	Purchasing	Arlington, TX	May 20-23, 2019
Jose F. Perez	Purchasing	Arlington, TX	May 20-23, 2019
Janet Fuentes	Purchasing	Arlington, TX	May 20, 23, 2019

- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 2019-1654**, to authorize the City Manager to abandon and close a portion of a 20' alley adjacent to Lots 25 and 26, Brownsville Land and Improvement Company Subdivision.
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-005**, to rezone from Dwelling "G" (DG) to Light Commercial "G" (5CG) for Lot 4, Block 1, Portway Acres, First Section, located at 6640 Padre Island Highway.
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-006**, to rezone from Dwelling "A" (DA) to Dwelling "G" (DG) for Lot 55, Palomar Section 3, City of Brownsville, located at 385 Lewis Street.
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-007-S**, to allow a used car lot, a Light Commercial (5C) use, in General Retail "H" (4CH) for Lot 30, Block 9, East Brownsville, an addition to the City of Brownsville, located at 1757 Southmost Boulevard.
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-008**, to rezone from General Retail "F" (4CF) to General Retail "G" (4CG) for Lot 9, Block 142, Original Townsite, located at 925 East Monroe Street.
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-008-S**, to allow a duplex, a Dwelling (D) use, in General Retail "G" (4CG) for Lot 9, Block 142, Original Townsite, located at 925 East Monroe Street.
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-901-CO**, to rezone from Dwelling "F" (DF) to Dwelling "G" (DG-CO) for Sanchez Vela Subdivision, located near Old Military Road.
- j) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2019-902-CO**, to rezone from Dwelling "A" (DA)/Medium Retail "G" (3CG)/General Retail "G" (4CG) to Dwelling "G" (DG-CO) for The Preserve at Forest North Subdivision, save and except, Block 7, located near Paredes Line Road.

- k) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for Professional Development Consulting Services, as budgeted.
- l) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize to purchase two (2) Ford Travois Type II Transit ambulances, as budgeted.
- m) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for fuel system upgrades for Fire Stations 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, as budgeted.
- n) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the purchase of body armors for the Brownsville Police Department, as budgeted.
- o) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of veterinary supplies for the animal shelter and animal shelter clinic as budgeted in the amount of \$40,000.00.
- p) Consideration and **ACTION** to request authorization to renew final three (3) year term contract for the Municipal Fleet Maintenance Contract services, as budgeted.
- q) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for Retail Activation Strategy Services, as budgeted.
- r) Consideration and **ACTION** to confirm the appointment of Police Chief.

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

No one signed up for Public Comment Period.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of April, 2019.

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**Antonio Martinez**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

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**Griselda Rosas**  
**City Secretary**



Respectfully submitted by:  
 Yolanda Galarza, Administrative Supervisor  
 Office of the City Secretary