

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, January 8, 2019** at **4:20 P.M., 5:30 P.M.,** and at **6:00P.M.** with the following members present:

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

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 January 04, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:20 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 4:26 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A) Discussion pursuant to Section §551.072, of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**
- 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) 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.**

- 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 the Work Session and Regular Meeting at 5:50 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioners Rose Gowen and Jessica Tetreau arrived during the Executive Session.

WORK SESSION: 5:30 P.M. (Open to the Public) City Manager’s Conference Room

- A) Discussion regarding Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- B) Discussion regarding the Whistleblower Policy.
- C) Discussion regarding the Brownsville Code of Ethics.

At this time, the Commission walked into the City Manager’s Conference Room to discuss the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (MPO).

No action was taken.

Work Sessions B and C were not discussed.

During the Work Session, the Commission and public moved from the City Manager’s Conference Room to the Chambers.

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.

1. *MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:*

Mayor Antonio Martinez wished the community a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. *COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:*

Commissioner Rose Gowen invited the community to The Challenge registration to be held on Friday, January 11, 2019, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the following locations:

Friday - Brownsville Southmost Public Library – 4320 Southmost Blvd.

Brownsville Public Library Main Branch (Central) – 2600 Central Blvd.

Saturday – Linear Park – E. 7th Street and Harrison

Commissioner Gowen, also invited the community to the Ride With the Commissioner Event, for a 6-Mile Long Bike Ride throughout Brownsville beginning at the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 starting at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., informed the community about the street maintenance & paving, by noting that the information is posted on the City’s website under Public Works Department, so the community can see which streets are in the list for preventative maintenance repairs.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the Ice Skating Rink Event. Commissioner Tetreau also thanked the Fire/Police Department for the rescue of an 88-year-old man.

3. CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE:

Mr. Noel Bernal, City Manager reported the following:

- Wished the Mayor and City Commissioners a Happy New Year
- His 100-Day Plan, and City Staff continues their professional development to enhance collaborations and cultivate a workplace culture of respect, integrity, accountability and transparency

4. PRESENTATIONS:

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(City Manager’s Office)

Ms. Christina Patino and Ms. Nancy Guevara, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Los Imaginistas.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Consent Agenda Items “a” through “l”, be **approved**.

At this time, Commissioner Ben Neece noted that corrections needed to be done on the December 4, 2018, minutes on Agenda Item #20, by adding, “I tendered the Independent Audit to the City Secretary that was prepared by Burton McCumber and Longoria”.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried as follow:

Ayes: Commissioners Longoria, Gowen, Munguia, Neece and Mayor Martinez

Nays: None

Abstained: Commissioner Tetreau

ITEMS No. “a” through “j”

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 04, 2018.
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018.
- c) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norma H. Zamora	BMetro	Austin, TX	Jan. 22-24, 2019
Tracie Ann Orcillez	BMetro	El Paso, TX	Feb 27-Mar. 03, 2019
Ramiro Gonzalez	City Manager	Washington, DC	Jan. 22-25, 2019
Raymond D. Harris	Fire	New Orleans, LA	Jan. 28-31, 2019
Miriam C. Suarez	Planning	Laredo, TX	Jan. 12, 2019
Juan Velez	Planning	Laredo, TX	Jan. 12, 2019
Fred Gonzalez	Planning	San Antonio, TX	Jan. 24-25, 2019
Ysaias Enrique Presas	Public Health	Austin, TX	Jan. 28-30, 2019
Christopher Haggstrom	Public Health	Atlanta, GA	April 1-4, 2019
Ysaias Enrique Presas	Public Health	Atlanta, GA	April 1-4, 2019
Eric Castillo	Police	Las Vegas, NV	Jan. 20-25, 2019

- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-048**, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot D-24 of the unrecorded plat of La Coma Subdivision and being a 0.143 acre tract out of a 68.12 acre tract out of Tract No. 2, Subdivision “A” Paredes Partition, Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant, located at 3424 Gardenia Street. (District 1)
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-049**, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 8, Block 3, La Lomita, Section II, a resubdivision of Black 14, Lenena Subdivision, located at 618 Jo Ann Lane. (District 4)
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-050**, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to General Retail “A” (4CA) for Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 4, Neuville Subdivision, located at 14 and 54 Pearl Drive. (District 2)
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-051**, to rezone from Professional Office “F” (1CF) to Professional Office “G” (1CG) for Lot 3, Block 45, Original Townsite, located near the corner of Palm Boulevard and Levee Street. (District 4)
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-052**, to rezone from Dwelling “Y” (DY) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for a 0.81 acre tract out of Block 7, Share 19/27, El Jardin Subdivision, located at 594 Billy Mitchell Boulevard. (District 1)
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-055-CO**, to rezone from General Retail “G” (4CG) to Apartment “H” (AH-CO) for Lot 4, Block 2, Masso Commercial Park Subdivision, located at 7701 Via del Mar Circle. (District 2)
- j) **APPROVAL on SECOND on FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-056-CO**, to rezone from General Retail “G” (4CG) to Apartment “H” (AH-CO) for Lot 3, Block 2, Masso Commercial Park Subdivision, located at 7201 Via del Mar Circle. (District 2)

- k) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** on **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2018-603-CU**, an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit for the sale of on-premises alcohol (Bar) for Lots 7 and 8, Block 180, Original Townsite, located at 1224 East 14th Street. (District 1)
- l) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for uniforms for use by the Brownsville Police Department, as budgeted.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 2018-898-EE, to re-adopt, Chapter 74 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 74-18, “Local Standards of Care” for an additional year as per ordinance guidelines.**

Ms. Damaris McGlone, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Ordinance Number 2018-898-EE, be **adopted** at first reading, to re-adopt, Chapter 74 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 74-18, “Local Standards of Care” for an additional year as per ordinance guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

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- 7. ***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:*** ***PLEASE NOTE:***

No one signed up for Public Comment Period.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 8. **Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint one (1) member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that **Adrian Delgado**, be **appointed** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

- 9. **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2019-001, ordering and calling a General Municipal Election to be held on May 04, 2019, for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the City Commission and dealing with related matters.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. moved that Resolution Number 2019-001, ordering and calling a General Municipal Election to be held on May 04, 2019, for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the City Commission and dealing with related matters, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Brownsville/Brownsville Metro and Texas Southmost College herein referred to as the (TSC), to provide Transportation Services that will be also open to the public.

Mr. Robert Garza, Assistant BMetro Director, and Ms. Traci Orcillez, Transit Planner, gave a brief explanation of the Route 14 Pilot Project agreement.

Commissioner Ben Neece moved that the City Manager, be **authorized**, to sign an agreement between the City of Brownsville/Brownsville Metro and Texas Southmost College herein referred to as the (TSC), to provide Transportation Services that will be also open to the public. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

11. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director’s Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2018.

Mr. Lupe Granado III, Finance Director, delivered a brief power point presentation on the Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2018.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the Finance Director’s Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2018, be **acknowledged**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously.

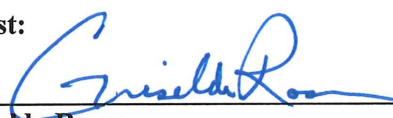
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of January, 2019.



Antonio Martinez
Mayor

Attest:


Griselda Rosas
City Secretary



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