

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, March 05, 2019** at **5:55 P.M.** and at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

ANTONIO MARTINEZ)	Mayor
		COMMISSIONERS
ROSE GOWEN)	At-Large “B”
JESSICA TETREAU)	District 2
JOEL MUNGUIA)	District 3
BEN NEECE)	District 4
NOEL BERNAL		CITY MANAGER
HELEN RAMIREZ		DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
ARTURO RODRIGUEZ		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
RENE DE COSS		CITY ATTORNEY
GRISELDA ROSAS		CITY SECRETARY
ABSENT		MICHAEL LOPEZ, Assistant - City Manager RICARDO LONGORIA, JR. – District 1 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 March 1, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:50 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) Discussion pursuant to Section §551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic development.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session, Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by the Girl Scouts of America Troop.

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 thanked everyone for their participation in the annual Sombrero Festival and mentioned that it was Mr. Noel Bernal’s, City Manager, first experience at the annual Charro Days events. He also announced the State of the City will be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Market Square.

2. COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau reminded the community of the the repairs and drainage improvements being conducted. She also informed the community that the Annual Tire Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2019.

Commissioner Ben Neece informed the community that he would be hosting an event, Ride Along with the Commissioner, on March 8, 2019. Commissioner Neece also mentioned that 40 bicycles would be available as first come first serve. The bicycle tour will take place around District 4.

Commissioner Rose Gowen informed the community that Mr. Amigo 2018, Mr. Arturo Elias Ayub, in coordination with Mr. Arturo Trevino, Mr. Amigo Association President, would donate 400 bicycles to students. She mentioned some of the many activities that took place over the Charro Days weekend. She also reminded the community that The Challenge mid-point weigh in is on Saturday, March 9, 2019. In addition, she announced the Port of Brownsville’s 5k/1 mile run taking place on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

At this time, Mayor Antonio Martinez announced that he would be a panelist at the South by Southwest in Austin, TX.

3. CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE:

Mr. Noel Bernal, City Manager, reported the following:

- Starting March 10, 2019, we will “Spring Forward”.
- Planning & Development Services Department has launched a City of Brownsville Census 2020 Facebook page. There will be job opportunities available.

- Airport will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary with a Time Capsule celebration from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

4. PROCLAMATIONS: *Girl Scout Week*
(Commissioners J. Tetreau/C. De Leon)

The proclamation was presented and read by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau.

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 Jessica Tetreau, seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a’ through “j’ were **approved**.

ITEMS No. “a” through “j”

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lupe Granado	Finance	Los Angeles, CA	May 18-19, 2019
Jorge Santillan	Finance	Austin, TX	Apr. 14-17, 2019
Desiderio Tristan	Fire	Rosenburg, TX	Mar. 31-Apr. 03, 2019
April Garza	Police	Plano, TX	Mar. 24-29, 2019
Juanita Castro	Police	Galveston, TX	Mar. 30-Apr. 03, 2019
Denise Colon	Police	Galveston, TX	Mar. 30-Apr. 03, 2019
Christopher Haggstrom	Health	Austin, TX	Mar. 07-08, 2019
Enrique Presas	Health	Austin, TX	Mar. 07-08, 2019
Martino Trevino	Public Works	Houston, TX	Mar. 24-27, 2019
Jorge Morales	Public Works	Houston, TX	Mar. 24-27, 2019
Christopher Haggstrom	Public Health	Fort Worth, TX	May 28-31, 2019
Enrique Presas	Public Health	Fort Worth, TX	May 28-31, 2019
Jose Salinas	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	May 20-22, 2019
Jorge Morin III	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	May 20-22, 2019
Maricela Arellano	Municipal Court	Georgetown, TX	April 1-2, 2019
Anita Limon	Municipal Court	Georgetown, TX	April 1-2, 2019

b) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-054-S, to allow a mobile vendor food court, a General Retail (4C) use, in General Retail “G” (4CG) for 2.026 acres, more or less, comprised of 4 tracts of land; Tract 1 being 1.86 acres out of Lot 4, The Eleven Subdivision; Tract 2 being the West 13 feet of Lot 3, The Eleven Subdivision; Tract 3 being a 0.135 acre tract of land out of a certain 11.89 acre tract out of Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant; Tract 4 being 0.031 acres, more or less, out of Paredes Tracts 21 and 24, Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant, located at 3107 Boca Chica Boulevard.

c) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-065-S: To allow an event center, a Light Commercial (5C) use, in General Retail “G” (4CG) for Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Jefferson Plaza Subdivision Unit VI, an addition to the City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, located at 1060 Ruben M. Torres Boulevard.

- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2018-066**, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 48, Baytes Circle Homesites, Cameron County, Texas, located at 41 Soto Drive.
- e) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** on **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2019-001**, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for a 43.22 acre tract of land out of Block 147 in Share 19 and Share 27, El Jardin Subdivision, Espiritu Santo Grant, located near the corner of Old Port Isabel Road and Morrison Road.
- f) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** on **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2019-002-CO**, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Apartment “G” (AG-CO) for Lot 2 of the Resubdivision of Blocks 1 & 2, Iowa Gardens Subdivision, Share 28, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, located at 84 North Iowa Avenue.
- g) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** on **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2019-003-CO**, to rezone from Light Retail “F” (2CF) to Apartment “G” (AG-CO) for 6.896 acres out of an 11.82 acre tract out of Block 146, El Jardin Subdivision, Share 19 & 27, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, located near the corner of Old Port Isabel Road and Robindale Road.
- h) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for uniforms for the Brownsville Fire and EMS Department, as budgeted.
- i) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the purchase of two bomb suits for the Brownsville Police Department, as budgeted.
- j) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the award of a contract for the purchase of one crane truck, for the amount of \$70,530.00 to Silsbee Ford, as budgeted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 2019-1653, to amend the Code of Ordinances, repealing and replacing in its entirety Chapter 38 Titled "Code of Ethics".**

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

Commissioner Ben Neece moved that Ordinance Number 2019-1653, be **adopted** at first reading, to amend the Code of Ordinances, repealing and replacing in its entirety Chapter 38 Titled "Code of Ethics". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

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

No one signed up for Public Comment Period

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 8. **Consideration and ACTION to accept Commissioner Cesar de Leon’s resignation letter.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved for Commissioner Cesar de Leon's resignation letter, be **accepted**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of March, 2019.



Antonio Martinez
Mayor

Attest:



Griselda Rosas
City Secretary



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