

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, June 18, 2019, at 5:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| <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>ELIZABETH WALKER</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> |

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 June 14, 2019.

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**INVOCATION:**

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by the Commission.

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- 1. City Secretary’s notice of items to be discussed in executive session and consideration of motion to move into closed session as allowed by the Texas Government Code.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:09 p.m.

*Commissioners Joel Munguia and Jessica Tetreau arrived during Executive Session.*

- A) **Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(1), Texas Government Code pertaining to pending litigation styled and numbered Brownsville GMS, Ltd v. City of Brownsville; Cause no. 2019-DCL-02693 (445th Judicial District Court in Cameron County, Texas).**
- B) **Closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code to deliberate the evaluation of a public officer or employee, to wit, City Manager Noel Bernal.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened the and Regular Meeting at 6:08 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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**WORK SESSION: (Open to the Public)**

- A) **Building Community (BC) presentation on Downtown Initiatives.**

Ms. Valeria Landeros, Associate Designer for Building Community Workshop, gave a power point presentation on Downtown Initiatives.

- B) **Boards and Commission:**
  - Board of Adjustment**
  - Brownsville Beautification Committee**
  - Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau**
  - Building and Standards**
  - Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation**
  - Historic Preservation and Design Review Board**
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**
  - Planning and Zoning Commission**
  - Brownsville Public Utilities Board**
  - Border Film Advisory Commission**
  - Brownsville Public Library System Advisory Board**

Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Assistant City Secretary, gave a power point presentation on the listed Boards and Commissions.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and City Staff.

At this time, Commissioner Rose Gowen moved to that Agenda Items 11 through 20 be **tabled**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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**2. Mayor's Letter of Gratitude**

Mayor Antonio Martinez read his Letter of Gratitude to the residence of Brownsville.

**3. PROCLAMATION: Affordable Housing Month**  
(Mayor A. Martinez/Commissioner B. Neece)

Commissioner Ben Neece read the proclamation.

4. **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 Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a’ through “h” were **approved**.

***ITEMS No. “a” through “h”***

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Christina Garza	City Secretary’s Office	Houston, TX	June 27-28, 2019
Gerardo Garcia	Finance	Austin, TX	June 17-21, 2019
Javier Quiroga	Fire	College Station, TX	July 06-07, 2019
Ricardo Najera	Fire	Omaha, NE	June 19-21, 2019
Gabriel H. Garza	Fire	Omaha, NE	June 19-21, 2019
Robert Lerma	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	July 25-26, 2019
Eva L. Garcia	Parks	Rockwall, TX	June 17-20, 2019
Julio De Los Reyes	Purchasing	Austin, TX	July 08-12, 2019
Alejandro Alviar	Police	Arlington, TX	July 18-22, 2019
Imelda Valdez	Police	Arlington, TX	July 18-22, 2019
Liliana De la Garza	Police	Arlington, TX	July 18-22, 2019

b) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for Traffic Signal Design Services for Two Intersections located at State Highway 48 and Coffee Port Road and Tulipan Street and East Avenue, as budgeted.

c) Consideration and **ACTION** to award contract for Engineering Services to Mejia & Rose Inc., for Street Improvements to Calvin Street, as budgeted.

d) Consideration and **ACTION** to request authorization to enter into a Cooperative Agreement through Omnia Partners, Public Sector (former TCPN Cooperative) with TCG Consulting, LP, for 457 Plan Consulting, Employee Financial Wellness, Cash Management Consulting, and OPEB Trust Consulting.

e) Consideration and **ACTION** to renew contract with Martinez and Associates for Legislative Services, as budgeted.

f) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a renewal with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the ERP New World software maintenance contract (SSMA) for the period 10/01/2019 through 09/30/2020 in an amount not to exceed \$190,034.94.

g) Consideration and **ACTION** to replace APC Battery backup for MIS Data Center under cooperative contract, in the amount of \$36,537.36, as budgeted.

h) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the purchase of ten (10) new 2019 PITTS Transport Trailers for the City of Brownsville Public Works Department, as budgeted.

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

Mr. Karl Burkhalter, a Historical Researcher, expressed his concerns for the removal of the Jefferson Davis Monument located in Washington Park.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

6. **Consideration and ACTION to award the purchase of a new tractor for the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, in the amount of \$68,546.15.**

Mr. Francisco Partida, Airport Special Projects Manager, introduced Ms. Norma Garcia, Airport Equipment Operator, and gave a brief explanation of the agenda item.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the purchase of a new tractor for the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, in the amount of \$68,546.15, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ben Neece and carried unanimously.

7. **Consideration and ACTION for Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) Economic Development Project Funding on Expanding Frontiers Fiscal Year 2019.**

Mr. Josh Mejia, Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation Executive Director, gave a brief explanation of the agenda item.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation Economic Development Project Funding on Expanding Frontiers Fiscal Year 2019, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

8. **Consideration and ACTION on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding EBridge Project located at 1302 E. Adams**

Mr. Josh Mejia, Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation Executive Director, gave a brief explanation of the agenda item.

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding EBridge Project located at 1302 E. Adams, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

9. **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2019-041, to approve the presentation of the City of Brownsville's allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding for the 2019 One Year Action Plan.**

Ms. Marina Zolezzi, Assistant to the City Manager, along with Mr. Armando Rangel, Ms. Julia Lash, and Ms. Maryann Perez, gave a power point presentation on the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. expressed his concerns.

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that **Resolution Number 2019-041**, to approve the presentation of the City of Brownsville's allocation of the Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding for the 2019 One Year Action Plan, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ben Neece and carried unanimously.

**10. Consideration and ACTION to award contract for A&E Consultant Services for the TIGER Grant Projects.**

Mr. R.J. Garza, Brownsville Metro Assistant Director, gave a brief explanation of the agenda item.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. moved to award contract for A&E Consultant Services for the TIGER Grant Projects, **be approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

*Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, Agenda Items 11 through 20 were tabled.*

- 11. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member or members to the Board of Adjustment.**
- 12. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint five (5) members to the Brownsville Beautification Committee.**
- 13. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau.**
- 14. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member or members to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC).**
- 15. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member or members to the Historic Preservation and Design Review Board.**
- 16. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint one (1) member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee.**
- 17. Consideration and ACTION to appoint four (4) regular members and one (1) special member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**
- 18. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint three (3) members to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.**
- 19. Consideration and ACTION to re-activate the Border Film Advisory Commission.**
- 20. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Brownsville Public Library System Advisory Board.**

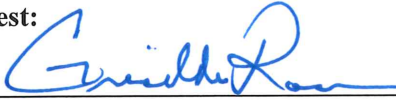
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

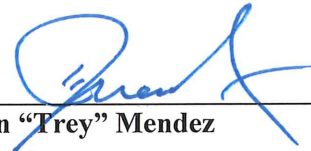
There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019.

Attest:



**Griselda Rosas**  
City Secretary



**Juan "Trey" Mendez**  
Mayor

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Sonya Nieto Gutierrez, Fiscal Clerk*  
*Office of the City Secretary*