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CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, held a teleconference open meeting, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present:

PRESENT:

RONALD MILLS
DEREK BENAVIDES
ABRAHAM GALONSKY
TROY WHITTEMORE
AARON RENDON
VANESSA CASTILLO
RUBEN O'BELL
RICK VASQUEZ
ALFREDO PADILLA
MARTIN VEGA
ALLAN GARCES
EDUARDO GARRIDO
BRIGETTE GRAYBILL
MYRNA LEAL

CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
COMMISSIONER
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PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
SENIOR PLANNER
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A quorum being present, Chairman Ronald Mills, asked Ms. Myrna Leal, Planner I, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in the Planning & Development Services Department on June 18, 2020.

REGULAR MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ronald Mills.

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1. Updates/Comments

   Senior Planner Allan Garces provided a status update on the progress of the Unified Development Code.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting(s) on March 5, 2020

   Upon Motion by Commissioner Abraham Galonsky, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon was found complete and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Public Hearing and Action: Resaca View Subdivision, Final Plat

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, stated that staff finds Resaca View Subdivision, Final Plat complete.
Commissioner Derek Benavides moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-010 be **denied** to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 13, Block 2, Brownsville Country Club Subdivision Section III, Cameron County, Texas, located at 74 Villa Franca Street, Brownsville, Texas 78526. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abraham Galonsky and **carried unanimously**.

8. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-013:** To rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG)/Light Commercial (C-1) to Apartment (A) for 3.851 acres of land, more or less, comprised of all of Lot 5 and a portion of Lot 6, Block FF, Brownsville Land and Improvement Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located on Media Luna Road, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that staff supports the applicant’s request.

   Francisco Orozco, attorney for property owner, spoke and asked the commission to approve his client’s case.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon and **carried unanimously**, the public hearing was **closed**.

   Commissioner Troy Whittemore moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-013 be **approved** to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG)/Light Commercial (C-1) to Apartment (A) for 3.851 acres of land, more or less, comprised of all of Lot 5 and a portion of Lot 6, Block FF, Brownsville Land and Improvement Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located on Media Luna Road, Brownsville, Texas 78520. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vanessa Castillo and **carried unanimously**.

9. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number Ord. No. 235-2020-014:** To rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 23, Block 1, Colonia Acacia Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3135 Palo Blanco Street, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that staff supports the applicant’s request.

   Eddie Lucio, attorney for property owner, spoke and asked the commission to approve his client’s case.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Troy Whittemore, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon and **carried unanimously**, the public hearing was **closed**.

   Commissioner Troy Whittemore moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-014 be **approved** to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 23, Block 1, Colonia Acacia Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3135 Palo Blanco Street, Brownsville, Texas 78521. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derek Benavides and **carried unanimously**.

10. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-015:** To rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Light Commercial (C-1) for Lot 26, Palmas Del Sur Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 15 Esperanza Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

    Martin Vega, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that staff supports the applicant’s request.

    Upon motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore and **carried unanimously**, the public hearing was **closed**.

    Commissioner Derek Benavides moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-015 be **approved** to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Light Commercial (C-1) for Lot 26, Palmas Del Sur Subdivision, Cameron County,
case. Therefore, a supermajority vote is required for the approval of the applicant’s request. The applicant’s request to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Apartment (A) for Lot 1, Jenkins Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 1305 Barnard Road, Brownsville, Texas 78520 was denied for failing to receive a supermajority vote in favor.

14. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-903:** To rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) for an approximate 309.12 acres, more or less, out of a 477 acre tract out of Lieven J. Van Riet acre tract; save and except, a 24.493 acre tract more or less out of the same Lieven J. Van Riet Tract, Cameron County, Texas, located near F.M. 511, Brownsville, Texas 78526.

Martin Vega, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that staff supports the applicant’s request.

Upon motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Vanessa Castillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Aaron Rendon moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-903 be approved to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) for an approximate 309.12 acres, more or less, out of a 477 acre tract out of Lieven J. Van Riet acre tract; save and except, a 24.493 acre tract more or less out of the same Lieven J. Van Riet Tract, Cameron County, Texas, located near F.M. 511, Brownsville, Texas 78526. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vanessa Castillo and carried unanimously.

15. **Public Hearing and Action on D-20-011-G:** To appeal the denial of a Determination Certificate for 3.851 acres comprised of all of Lot 5 and a portion of Lot 6, Block “FF”, Brownsville Land and Improvement Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located near the intersection of Media Luna Road and Coria Street, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

Martin Vega, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the determination certificate, noting that staff does not support the applicant’s request.

Francisco Orozco, attorney for property owner, spoke and asked the commission to approve his client’s request.

Upon motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Derek Benavides moved that the appeal for Determination Certificate D-20-011-G be approved for 3.851 acres comprised of all of Lot 5 and a portion of Lot 6, Block “FF”, Brownsville Land and Improvement Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located near the intersection of Media Luna Road and Coria Street, Brownsville, Texas 78520. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon and carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved this ___9th___ day of ___July___, 2020.