

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 19, 2018**, at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| <b>ANTONIO MARTINEZ</b>      | ) | <b>Mayor</b>                   |
|                              |   | <b>COMMISSIONERS</b>           |
| <b>CESAR DE LEON</b>         | ) | <b>At-Large “A”</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>MICHAEL L. LOPEZ</b>      |   | <b>INTERIM CITY MANAGER</b>    |
| <b>PETE GONZALEZ</b>         |   | <b>DEPUTY CITY MANAGER</b>     |
| <b>ARTURO RODRIGUEZ</b>      |   | <b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b>  |
| <b>TIMOTHY SAMPECK</b>       |   | <b>ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY</b> |
| <b>GRISELDA ROSAS</b>        |   | <b>CITY SECRETARY</b>          |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>               |   | <b>NONE</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 15, 2018.

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**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 Mayor Antonio Martinez.

**INVOCATION:**

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

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**1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Mayor Antonio Martinez*, addressed the citizens of Brownsville regarding the situation of an overwhelming amount of publicity about families being torn apart while seeking asylum from their countries due to a variety of circumstances, and creating situations in their homelands in which some of those children have ended in shelters located in our city.

**2. COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

**Commissioner Rose Gowen** thanked the Public Health Department and other City staff for the 1st kickoff of a successful Cyclobia event held on Friday, June 8, 2018 at East Morrison Road, she also complimented the Finance Department for holding a Budget workshop

**Commissioner Jessica Tetreau** informed the citizens of Brownsville that the 1st Hands On CPR event was held a week ago at the Valley Regional Medical Center, she further informed the citizens that the city had hired the first veterinarian for the Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center, Dr. Sara Stevens and thanked the Commission for their support.

**Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.**, thanked City Staff and Interim City Manager Michael Lopez, on behalf of Jimmy Gonzalez family which made the funeral services a smooth transition in the time of need, he also mentioned that he has received numerous phone calls regarding the trails project and mentioned to the Commission that the City needed to focus on sidewalks, drainage and street, instead of the trails.

**Commissioner Ben Neece** shared the sentiment of Mayor Martinez, further noted that our City has limited authority and the people at Southwest Keys are bound by contract government agency executing federal policy. Commissioner Neece further mentioned that as a community we can contribute by helping the children.

**Commissioner Cesar de Leon** briefly read a statement on his personal point of view.

**3. PRESENTATIONS:** *National Hispanic Institute at Tip of Texas*  
(Commissioners C. de Leon/ B. Neece)

Commissioner Cesar de Leon read and presented the proclamation.

*Employee of the Month*  
(Public Library)

Mr. Juan Guerra, Head Librarian, Director of Library Services, recognized **Ms. Francisca H. Lucio, Maintenance Worker II**, as June's Employee of the Month.

**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 Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items "a" through "g" were **approved**.

*ITEMS No. "a" through "g"*

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2018.
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 05, 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	July 10-11, 2018
Dr. John T. Wells	Fire	San Antonio, TX	June 20-22, 2018
Noel I. Garza	Fire	San Antonio, TX	June 20-22, 2018
Roy Lerma	Fire	San Antonio, TX	June 20-22, 2018
Ernesto Colon	Police	Laredo, TX	July 08-20, 2018
Julio Briones	Police	Austin, TX	June 19-22, 2018
Juan Hernandez	Police	Austin, TX	June 19-22, 2018
Felix Saucedo	Police	Georgetown, TX	July 08-10, 2018
Eric Castillo	Police	Georgetown, TX	July 08-10, 2018
Alfonzo Mendoza	Purchasing	Austin, TX	Aug. 12-16, 2018
Jose Perez	Purchasing	Austin, TX	Aug. 19-25, 2018
Janet Fuentes	Purchasing	Austin, TX	Aug. 22-25, 2018

- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2018-1234-B** to amend, Chapter 344, "Vegetation" Article II Section 344-26 "Established"; Section 344-27 "Composition and Terms of Office"; Section 344-29, "Organization and Staff"; and Section 344-31 "Duties". (Parks and Recreation Department)
- e) Consideration and **ACTION** on Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) economic development project funding for the Brownsville-South Padre Island International Airport's New Passenger Terminal Project. (Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation)
- f) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to Baker and Taylor, LLC for Library Books, Audio Visual Materials and Electronic Information Devices for the Brownsville Public Library System. (Library Department)
- g) Consideration, **ACTION** and Discussion to award "Facilities USA" of Brownsville, TX contract for bulk head the Brownsville Event Center Resaca Bank in the amount of \$187,992.00. (Parks and Recreation Department)

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

- 5. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-021, to rezone from Dwelling "G" (DG) to Apartment "H" (AH) for Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, Canyon Valley Subdivision Re-plat, located near Menchaca Court. (District 2)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2018-021, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling "G" (DG) to Apartment "H" (AH) for Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, Canyon Valley Subdivision Re-plat, located near Menchaca Court. (District 2) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-023-S, to allow a wireless communication facility, a General Retail (4C) use, in Dwelling "A" (DA) for an approximate 0.0539 acres of the Eastern portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Central Christian Subdivision, located at 1100 Alton Gloor Boulevard. (District 3)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2018-023-S, be **adopted** at first reading, to allow a wireless communication facility, a General Retail (4C) use, in Dwelling "A" (DA) for an approximate 0.0539 acres of the Eastern portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Central Christian Subdivision, located at 1100 Alton Gloor Boulevard. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

**7. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-025, to rezone from Light Retail "G" (2CG) to General Retail "G" (4CG) for 0.764 acres out of 1.13 acres of West side Block 48, Share 19, El Jardin Subdivision, located at 1740 Old Port Isabel Road. (District 2)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2018-025, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Light Retail "G" (2CG) to General Retail "G" (4CG) for 0.764 acres out of 1.13 acres of West side Block 48, Share 19, El Jardin Subdivision, located at 1740 Old Port Isabel Road. (District 2) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

**8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-602-CU, an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit for the sale of on-premises alcohol (Bar) for Lot 23, Block 4, Summit Place Addition to the City of Brownsville, located at 2447 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. (District 1)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that **Ordinance Number 235-2018-602-CU**, be adopted at first reading, an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit for the sale of on-premises alcohol (Bar) for Lot 23, Block 4, Summit Place Addition to the City of Brownsville, located at 2447 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. (District 1) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

**9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-904, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lago Bello Subdivision Section 1 and the remaining 32.211 acres of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, located near the corner of North Expressway 77 and Vittorio Alfieri Avenue. (District 3)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2018-904, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lago Bello Subdivision Section 1 and the remaining 32.211 acres of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, located near the corner of North Expressway 77 and Vittorio Alfieri Avenue. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

**10. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-905, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Dwelling “F” (DF) for Los Olmos Phase 1 and Los Olmos Phase 1A, located near Abrego Road. (District 3)**

Ms. Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2018-905, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Dwelling “F” (DF) for Los Olmos Phase 1 and Los Olmos Phase 1A, located near Abrego Road. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

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

No one signed up for Public Comment Period.

***ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:***

**12. Consideration and ACTION to appoint six (6) members to the Main Street Advisory Board.**

Commissioner Cesar de Leon moved that **Mr. Marco S. Ochoa**, be **appointed** to the Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that **Mr. Jesse Miller**, be **appointed** to the Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ben Neece and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ben Neece moved that *Mr. Josh Mejia*, be **appointed** to the Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that *Mr. Juan “Trey” Mendez*, be **appointed** to the Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Ms. *Angelina Macias*, be **appointed** to the Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

**13. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.**

Commissioner Cesar de Leon moved that *Ms. Anna Oquin*, be **appointed** to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried as follow:

Ayes: Commissioners Longoria, Jr., Tetreau, de Leon, Gowen, Neece and Mayor Martinez

Nays: Commissioner Munguia

**14. Consideration and ACTION on Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) project funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Capital Projects Grants-Spring Cycle.**

Commissioner Cesar de Leon moved that the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) project funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Capital Projects Grants-Spring Cycle, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

**15. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the Dana Road (Addition 400 Ft Section) Right turn lane improvement project located at the intersection of FM 802 and Dana Road.**

Commissioner Cesar de Leon moved that a contract for the Dana Road (Addition 400 Ft. Section) right turn lane improvement project located at the intersection of FM 802 and Dana Road, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

**16. Consideration and ACTION to award a the purchase and delivery of two (2) New Fire Pumpers and one (1) New Rear Mount Telescoping Ladder Truck for the Brownsville Fire & EMS Department.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that an award for the purchase and delivery of two (2) New Fire Pumpers and one (1) New Rear Mount Telescoping Ladder Truck for the Brownsville Fire & EMS Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

**17. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Architectural Services for various pool and splash pad repairs.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that a contract for Architectural Services for various pool and splash pad repairs, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

**18. Consideration and ACTION to approve Amendment #1 of the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between the City of Brownsville and the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Traffic Signals.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that an Amendment #1 of the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between the City of Brownsville and the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Traffic Signals, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

**19. Consideration and ACTION to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-1646, authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$25,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of “City of Brownsville, Texas Combination Tax and Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2018 (AMT)”;** securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax and a pledge of certain surplus revenues of the city’s airport; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement, and all other instruments and procedures related thereto.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Ordinance Number 2018-1646, authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$25,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of “City of Brownsville, Texas Combination Tax and Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2018 (AMT)”;

securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax and a pledge of certain surplus revenues of the city’s airport; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement, and all other instruments and procedures related thereto, be **adopted** and **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia 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 7:05 p.m.

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018

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**Antonio Martinez**  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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



*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Yolanda Galarza-Gomez, Administrative Specialist*  
*Office of the City Secretary*