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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, July 9, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present:

PRESENT:

RONALD MILLS                              CHAIRMAN
DEREK BENAVIDES                            SECRETARY
TROY WHITTEMORE                            COMMISSIONER
VANESSA CASTILLO                           COMMISSIONER
AARON RENDON                                COMMISSIONER
RUBEN O'BELL                                COMMISSIONER
RICK VASQUEZ                                PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT
                                            DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
ALFREDO PADILLA                            DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
MARTIN VEGA                                 SENIOR PLANNER
ALLAN GARCES                               SENIOR PLANNER
GEORGINA LOPEZ                             PLANNER-2
BRIGETTE GRAYBILL                          PLANNER-1
MYRNA LEAL                                  PLANNER-1

ABSENT                                     ABRAHAM GALONSKY

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 & Redevelopment Department on July 9, 2020.

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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

Martin Vega, Senior Planner, provided an update that staff is continuing to work with consultants on completing the updated codes of ordinances. Rick Vasquez, Planning & Redevelopment Department Director noted that the proposed ordinances would help streamline development process.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting(s) on June 18, 2020

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Upon Motion by Commissioner Troy Whittemore, seconded by Commissioner Derek Benavides was found complete and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. **Public Hearing and Action**: Idea Academy Sports Park Subdivision, Final Plat

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, stated that staff finds Idea Academy Sports Park Subdivision, Final Plat incomplete.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Troy Whittemore, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon was found incomplete and carried unanimously.

4. **Public Hearing and Action**: Hacienda West Subdivision, Section XI, Final Plat

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, stated that staff finds Hacienda West Subdivision, Section XI, Final Plat complete.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Troy Whittemore, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon was found complete and carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing and Action**: To repeal and replace existing residential use district regulations in Chapter 348 – Zoning, Article IV – Use Districts; and dealing with related matters.

   Allan Garces, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance.

   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 amendment to the zoning ordinance proposed by staff be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore and carried unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing and Action**: To repeal and replace existing sidewalk regulations in Chapter 320 – Planning and Development, Article II – Sidewalk Facilities and Chapter 332 – Subdivisions, Section 332.167 – Sidewalk Requirements; and dealing with related matters.

   Rick Vasquez, Planning & Redevelopment Department Director, delivered a brief introduction of the proposed amendments to the sidewalk requirements.

   Georgina Lopez, Planner II, delivered a presentation on the proposed ordinance.

   Rick Cardenas, Developer, spoke out against the ordinance and asked that the city host a workshop with local developers and contractors to inform them of the proposed changes and address concerns as to how the changes will affect them.

   Upon motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.
Commissioner Derek Benavides moved that the proposed ordinance amendments be tabled until department staff can host a workshop with local developers and contractors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore 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 6:45 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of August, 2020.

Ronald Mills
Chairman

Attest:

Brigette Graybill
Planner-1

Respectfully submitted by:
Brigette Graybill, Planner I
Planning and Redevelopment Services Department