

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, July 30, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

ANTONIO MARTINEZ)	Mayor
		COMMISSIONERS
CESAR DE LEON)	At-Large “A”
ROSE GOWEN)	At-Large “B”
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	District 1
JESSICA TETREAU)	District 2
JOEL MUNGUIA)	District 3
BEN NEECE)	District 4
MICHAEL L. LOPEZ		INTERIM CITY MANAGER
PETE GONZALEZ		DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
ARTURO RODRIGUEZ		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
HEATHER SCOTT		GUERRA, LEEDS, SABO & HERNANDEZ, P.L.L.C. LEGAL SERVICES
GRISELDA ROSAS		CITY SECRETARY
ABSENT:		NONE

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 July 27, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:45 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Government Code, to provide legal advice and counsel 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) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Government Code, to provide legal advice and counsel 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.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau stepped out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened the Regular Meeting at 6:30 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 was led by Mayor Antonio Martinez and the Texas Pledge was led by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

1. *MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:*

Mayor Antonio Martinez did not deliver a report.

2. *COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:*

Commissioners did not deliver a report.

3. *CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE:*

Mr. Michael L. Lopez, Interim City Manager, gave a brief update noting that the landfill had a very successful inspection done by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He further noted that Roslyn Ct., Eleanor Ct., and Robert Vargas St., had been under repair by Brownsville Public Utilities Board and the City of Brownsville. He also informed the Commission that the Tire Collection event held together with the other cities was successful and noted that any unwanted tires can still be dropped of at the City Landfill.

4. *PROCLAMATION: Eddie Ovid Rodriguez, Jr., Day*
(Commissioners J. Tetreau/R. Gowen/B. Neece)

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 Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “j” were **approved**.

ITEMS No. “a” through “j”

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2018.

- b) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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)**
- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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)**
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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)**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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 14th Street. (District 1)**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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)**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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)**
- h) **Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of Reflective Sheeting Materials for the Traffic Signs.**
- i) **Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for excavation, loading and hauling of clay, sand, earthen cover materials and construction materials for the City of Brownsville.**
- j) **Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of concrete materials for the City of Brownsville.**

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PUBLIC HEARING:

6. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING to repeal Ordinance Number 2018-911-H.

Dr. Arturo Rodriguez, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance being repealed.

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

Commissioner Ben Neece moved that Ordinance Number 2018-911-H be **repealed** and **adopted** in first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:

Mr. Juan Garcia, Mr. Salvador Castillo, Mr. Josue Silguero and Ms. Amanda Ramirez signed up for Public Comment but were not present at the meeting.

Ms. Olivia Villarreal, expressed concern regarding drainage issues on Ringgold Street.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 8. Consideration and ACTION to adopt Resolution Number 2018-039, amending portions of a Resolution that was adopted by the City Commission on December 11, 1996, setting forth a plan for health benefits for qualified retirees from the City of Brownsville that were not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.**

Agenda item was removed from the agenda.

- 9. Consideration and ACTION on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Brownsville and Brownsville Historical Association regarding the purchase of a restored 1927 Brownsville Fire Department Ladder Truck.**

Commissioner Ben Neece moved that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Brownsville and Brownsville Historical Association regarding the purchase of a restored 1927 Brownsville Fire Department Ladder Truck, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

- 10. Consideration and ACTION and Discussion for approval and adoption of the proposed bylaws for the Brownsville Beautification Committee.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the adoption of the proposed bylaws for the Brownsville Beautification Committee, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

- 11. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge progress and future plans for the special needs program for the residents of Brownsville.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that the progress and future plans for the special needs program for the residents of Brownsville, be **acknowledged**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously.

- 12. Consideration and ACTION to support the bidding for the 2021 and 2022 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Games of Texas by participating in the professional filming to welcome the TAAF organization to host their event in Brownsville, Texas.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved to support the bidding for the 2021 and 2022 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Games of Texas by participating in the professional filming to welcome the TAAF organization to host their event in Brownsville, Texas, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

13. **Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for Engineering and Surveying Services for Traffic Design Signals.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a term contract for Engineering and Surveying Services for Traffic Design Signals, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

Agenda Items 14, 15, 16, and 17 were removed from the Agenda.

14. **Consideration and ACTION on Ordinance Number 2018-1648, authorizing the issuance of up to \$16,500,000 in principal amount of City of Brownsville, Texas Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2018, for the purpose of financing improvements to the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an installment delivery note purchase agreement, and all other instruments and procedures related thereto; delegating authority to certain city officials to approve certain final terms and the installment delivery of such notes; and providing for an immediate effective date.**

15. **Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the construction of a New Passenger Terminal Phase 2 for the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport.**

16. **Consideration and ACTION to approve the following individuals as Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) and Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) employees.**

GBIC Employees

Mario Lozoya
Gilberto Salinas
Janie Velasquez
Ramiro Aleman

BCIC Employees

Rebecca Castillo
Cori Pena
Josh Mejia
Victoria Padron
Lizeth Villarreal

17. **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2018-041, to authorize Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) and Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) to hire employees.**

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 21st day of August, 2018



Antonio Martinez
Mayor

Attest:



Griselda Rosas
City Secretary



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