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, August 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present:

PRESENT:

RONALD MILLS  CHAIRMAN
DEREK BENAVIDES  SECRETARY
ABRAHAM GALONSKY  COMMISSIONER
TROY WHITTEMORE  COMMISSIONER
AARON RENDON  COMMISSIONER
RICK VASQUEZ  PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
ALFREDO PADILLA  DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
MARTIN VEGA  SENIOR PLANNER
ALLAN GARCES  SENIOR PLANNER
EDUARDO GARRIDO  PLANNER-1
BRIGETTE GRAYBILL  PLANNER-1
MYRNA LEAL  PLANNER-1
ERIKA ESPINOZA  HELP DESK SPECIALIST

ABSENT:

VANESSA CASTILLO  COMMISSIONER
RUBEN O’BELL  COMMISSIONER

A quorum being present, Chairman Ronald Mills, asked Erika Espinoza, Help Desk Specialist, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in the Planning & Development Services Department on August 6, 2020.

REGULAR MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ronald Mills.

1. Updates/Comments

Senior Planners Martin Vega and Allan Garces provided an update on the Unified Development Code.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting(s) on July 9, 2020

Upon Motion by Commissioner Derek Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore 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 complete.

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

4. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-012**: To rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 1, Block 1, Brooks Acres Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 800 Fruitlead Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

Allan Garces, Senior Planner, delivered a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that staff does not support the applicant’s request.

Upon motion by Commissioner Abraham Galonsky, seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Abraham Galonsky moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-012 be approved to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 1, Block 1, Brooks Acres Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 800 Fruitlead Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troy Whittemore. Commissioners Ronald Mills, Abraham Galonsky, Troy Whittemore, and Aaron Rendon ayed the motion. Commissioner Derek Benavides nayed the motion.

5. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-019-CO**: To rezone from Dwelling “F” (DF) to Dwelling “G” (DG-CO) for an 11.09 acre tract of land, out of Share Twelve, Espiritu Santo Grant, and being out of a remaining portion of a called 99.68 acre tract of land, Cameron County, Texas, located near FM 511, Brownsville, Texas 78575.

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

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

Commissioner Derek Benavides moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-019-CO be approved to rezone from Dwelling “F” (DF) to Dwelling “G” (DG-CO) for an 11.09 acre tract of land, out of Share Twelve, Espiritu Santo Grant, and being out of a remaining portion of a called 99.68 acre tract of land, Cameron County, Texas, located near FM 511, Brownsville, Texas 78575. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaron Rendon and carried unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-020**: To rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Commercial (C-1) for fraction Lots 46 and 47, El Huisache Addition, Cameron County, Texas, located at 7280 North Expressway, Brownsville, Texas 78575.

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

Craig Grove, property owner, spoke briefly to commissioners asking for approval.

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

Commissioner Abraham Galonsky moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-020 be approved to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Commercial (C-1) for fraction Lots 46 and 47, El Huisache Addition, Cameron County, Texas, located at 7280 North Expressway, Brownsville, Texas 78575.
County, Texas, located at 7280 North Expressway, Brownsville, Texas 78575. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troy Whitemore and carried unanimously.

7. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-021**: To rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 31, Block 9, Horseshoe Lake Subdivision, Section III, Cameron County, Texas, located at 154 Shepard Court, 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 Aaron Rendon, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Abraham Galonsky moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-021 be approved to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 31, Block 9, Horseshoe Lake Subdivision, Section III, Cameron County, Texas, located at 154 Shepard Court, Brownsville, Texas 78521. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troy Whitemore and carried unanimously.

8. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance Number 235-2020-022**: To rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 80, Bayes Circle Homesites, Cameron County, Texas, located at 11 Soto Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

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

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

Commissioner Abraham Galonsky moved that Ordinance Number 235-2020-022 be approved to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lot 80, Bayes Circle Homesites, Cameron County, Texas, located at 11 Soto Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78520. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derek Benavides 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 6:00 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of September, 2020.

Ronald Mills
Chairman

Attest:

Brigette Graybill
Planner-1

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

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