

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

MINUTES of a **Special 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, August 27, 2019, at 5:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

JOHN F. COWEN, JR.	COMMISSIONERS
JESSICA TETREAU	At-Large “A”
BEN NEECE	District 2
	District 4
NOEL BERNAL	CITY MANAGER
HELEN RAMIREZ	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
ELIZABETH WALKER	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
RENE DE COSS	CITY ATTORNEY
GRISELDA ROSAS	CITY SECRETARY
ABSENT:	JUAN “TREY” MENDEZ III - Mayor
	NURITH GALONSKY PIZANA – District 1
	JOEL MUNGUIA – District 3

ROLL CALL:

A quorum being present, Ms. Griselda Rosas, City Secretary, read the call to order to consider the matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the City Secretary on August 23, 2019.

INVOCATION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem John F. Cowen, Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

WORK SESSION:

A) City's proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

Felipe Peña, Children’s Museum Executive Director, expressed concerns for the replacement of the roof. Brief discussion ensued among the Commission and City Staff.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Consent Agenda Item listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and was approved by one motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau, seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Item “a” was **approved**.

ITEM No. “a”

a) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Minerva Gracia	Grants	St. Paul, MN	Oct. 07-11, 2019

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Public Hearing to discuss the City proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Assistant City Manager, gave an explanation of the second part of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, noting the Future Innovation through the Fleet Replacement Program, Facilities Plan, Proactive management of long-term liabilities, and Multi-year budget forecasting.

Mr. Stephen Muse, Accountant II, gave an elaboration of the Fleet Replacement Program, noting that by leasing limited vehicles within the Public Works and Parks departments, the City reduces maintenance costs, stabilizes vehicle procurement expenses, and leverages economies of scale.

Mr. Lupe Granado, Finance Director, presented the proposed FY 2020 Budget.

Pastor Brad Burkes expressed concern about street maintenance and zoning issues.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the public hearing be **continued** for the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing to discuss the 2019 ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020.

Lupe Granado, Finance Director, presented the property tax rate analysis.

Pastor Brad Burkes, Adriana Montemayor, and Laura Montemayor Martinez opposed the tax increase.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments received.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

5. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2019-073, to appoint members to the Ethics Commission. [Tabled 08-20-19]

Resolution Number 2019-073 was approved as follows:

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved to appoint *Carlos Navarro* to the Ethics Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

6. **Consideration and ACTION to adopt leasing options for fleet replacement and authorize master equity lease and maintenance agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved to **adopt** leasing options for fleet replacement and **authorize** master equity lease and maintenance agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

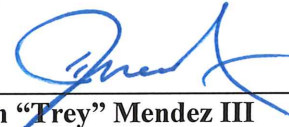
7. **Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Architectural/Engineering services for the Brownsville Children's Museum Roofing and existing HVAC systems project, in the amount of \$61,875, as budgeted.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that a contract for Architectural/Engineering services for the Brownsville Children's Museum Roofing and existing HVAC systems project, in the amount of \$61,875, as budgeted, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of October, 2019.



Juan "Trey" Mendez III
Mayor

Attest:



Griselda Rosas
City Secretary



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