

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, August 28, 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>HEATHER SCOTT</b>         |   | <b>GUERRA, LEEDS, SABO &amp; HERNANDEZ,<br/>P.L.L.C.<br/>LEGAL SERVICES</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 August 24, 2018.

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

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**1. *MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:***

*Mayor Antonio Martinez*, did not deliver a report.

2. **COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Commissioner Jessica Tetreau*, informed the public about the consequences of illegal dumping.

*Commissioner Cesar de Leon*, read a brief summary of Senator John McCain.

*Commissioner Ben Neece*, invited the public to the Market Square & Brownsville Police Department Substation Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Rose Gowen reminded the public that Cyclobia Nights Brownsville's Living History would be held on Friday, September 7, 2018, at Downtown Brownsville at 6:30 p.m.

3. **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Michael L. Lopez, Interim City Manager did not deliver a report.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

4. **Public Hearing to discuss the 2018 ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019.**

Mr. Lupe Granado, Finance Department gave a brief explanation of the possible tax rate increase.

Pastor Brad Burkes opposed to the tax increase.

Commissioner Cesar de Leon gave a brief explanation of how the taxes are distributed.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., mentioned that taxes have not been increased and have remained the same for a while.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the discussion of the 2018 ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019, be **continued**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing to discuss the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. (City Manager's Office)**

Mr. Michael Lopez, Interim City Manager, introduced Mr. Jorge Santillan, Assistant Finance Director, whom gave a brief explanation of the proposed budget.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, **continue**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2018-028, to rezone from Dwelling "Z" (DZ) to Dwelling "G" (DG) for a 143.5 acre Tract of land, more or less, out of a portion of Lots 42, 43, 44, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65, Palo Alto Groves Subdivision No. 1, in Share 22 of the Espiritu Santo Grant, located near Old Alice Road, Olmito, Texas 78575. (District 3)**

Ms. Constanza Miner, Planning and Development Services Director, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

Brief discussion ensued amongst the City Commission, City Staff, Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, and the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) Director, in regards to the rezoning of the proposed ordinance.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Joel Munguia seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled**.

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

No one signed up for Public Comment.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**8. Consideration and ACTION to award the specific & aggregate stop-loss medical insurance coverage contract to an insurance carrier.**

Mr. Lupe Granado, Finance Department, gave a brief explanation of the individual Specific & Aggregate Stop-Loss for Health Insurance Coverage for Plan Year Beginning October 1, 2018.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the specific & aggregate stop-loss medical insurance coverage contract, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau 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 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

**Antonio Martinez  
Mayor**

Attest:

**Griselda Rosas  
City Secretary**



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