

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, September 10, 2019, at 5:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

JUAN “TREY” MENDEZ III	Mayor
JOHN F. COWEN, JR.	COMMISSIONERS
ROSE GOWEN	At-Large “A”
NURITH GALONSKY PIZANA	At-Large “B”
JOEL MUNGUIA	District 1
BEN NEECE	District 3
	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:	JESSICA TETREAU – District 2

CALL TO ORDER

a) 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 September 06, 2019.

b) Invocation.

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

c) Pledge of Allegiance – United States Pledge and Texas Pledge.

Mayor Juan “Trey” Mendez, III, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2019-1658 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Budget.

Mr. Jorge Santillan, Assistant Finance Director, provided the Commission with a summary of the presentations from previous meetings.

Pastor Brad Burkes spoke in favor of street maintenance, drainage and public safety.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen, seconded by Commissioner Nurith Galonsky Pizana and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that Ordinance Number 2019-1658, be **adopted** at first reading, of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

2. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2019-1659 to ratify the Fiscal Year 2020 budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget.

Mr. Jorge Santillan, Assistant Finance Director, gave an explanation of the ratification of the property tax increase as reflected in the budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Joel Munguia, seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Joel Munguia moved to ratify the tax revenue increase reflected in the FY 2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2019-1660 levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2019 for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2020, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2020 City of Brownsville, Texas, General Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Jorge Santillan, Assistant Finance Director, gave an explanation of the proposed ordinance.


Upon motion by Commissioner Joel Munguia, seconded by Commissioner John F. Cowen, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner John F. Cowen, Jr., moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .700613, which is effectively a 5.93% increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 5:22 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