

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, September 17, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| ANTONIO MARTINEZ      | ) | Mayor  |
|                       |   | <b>COMMISSIONERS</b>   |
| 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,<br>P.L.L.C.<br>LEGAL SERVICES |
| GRISELDA ROSAS        |   | CITY SECRETARY   |
| ABSENT:               |   | CESAR DE LEON – At-Large “A”                                   |

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 September 14, 2018.

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE \* TEXAS PLEDGE***

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by Mayor Antonio Martinez.

***INVOCATION:***

The invocation was led by Pastor John Philips, from Central Christian Church, of Brownsville, Texas.

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**1. *MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:***

*Mayor Antonio Martinez* did not deliver an activity report.

2. **COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.*, thanked Mr. Amigo Association for organizing Noche Garibaldi Event held on Friday, September 14, 2018.

*Commissioner Rose Gowen* thanked City Staff and UT Health School of Public Health for organizing and their participation at Cyclobia.

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

Mr. Michael Lopez, Interim City Manager, briefly updated the Commission, noting that the CDCB and GBIC were in the proposal level between the two agencies.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

4. **Public Hearing and ACTION on Resolution Number 2018-049 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget and resolving other matters thereof.**

Mr. Michael Lopez, Interim City Manager, gave a brief explanation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Resolution Number 2018-049 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget and resolving other matters thereof, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2018-1650, levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2018 for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2019, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2019 City of Brownsville, Texas, General Obligation Bonds.**

Mr. Lupe Granado, Finance Department, gave a brief explanation of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .700613 cents, which is effectively a 1.81% increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joel Munguia and carried unanimously.

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

No one signed up for Public Comment Period.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**7. Consideration and ACTION to transfer the role of the Brownville Convention Visitors Bureau (BCVB) as a division of the City of Brownsville.**

Mr. Michael Lopez, Interim City Manager, gave a brief explanation of the conceptual restructuring of the Brownsville Convention Visitors Bureau (BCVB) as a division to the City of Brownsville.

Brief discussion ensued amongst the Commission.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the role of the Brownville Convention Visitors Bureau (BCVB) as a division of the City of Brownsville, be **transferred** and **approved**.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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

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**Antonio Martinez**  
Mayor

Attest:

*Griselda Rosas*

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**Griselda Rosas**  
City Secretary



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