

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

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Natural Resources House Committee Meeting**, on **Tuesday, April 26, 2016**, from **9:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.** at the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, in Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

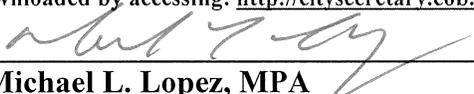
**DISCUSSION REGARDING
Water Quality and Desalination**

ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By; Antonio Martinez
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the April 26, 2016, Agenda was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, , on April 18, 2016. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City’s website and can be downloaded by accessing: <http://citysecretary.cob.us>.



Michael L. Lopez, MPA
City Secretary

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources
TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Tuesday, April 26, 2016
PLACE: Brownsville, Texas (please see below)
CHAIR: Rep. Jim Keffer

The hearing will be held at:

Brownsville City Hall
2nd Floor-Commission Chambers
1001 E. Elizabeth St.
Brownsville, TX 78520

The Committee will address the following topics and interim charges:

Water Quality

Interim Charge 9: Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 84th Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the committee should:

- a. consider any reforms to state agencies to make them more responsive to Texas taxpayers and citizens;
- b. identify issues regarding the agency or its governance that may be appropriate to investigate, improve, remedy, or eliminate;
- c. determine whether an agency is operating in a transparent and efficient manner;
- d. identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs.

Desalination

Interim Charge 4: Evaluate the progress of seawater desalination projects near the Texas coast as a means of increasing water supplies and reducing strain on existing supplies, building on the work of the Joint Interim Committee to Study Water Desalination (83rd session). Examine the viability of the use of public-private partnerships and of methods by which the state might facilitate such a project.

Interim Charge 5: Monitor the use of funds made available to Texas in relation to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Consider approaches to maximize the benefit of these funds for the long-term stability of the coastal economy and ecosystems.

The Committee will hear invited and public testimony.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, are requested to contact Stacey Nicchio at (512) 463-0850, 72 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.