

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, January 05, 2016**, at **5:50 P.M.**, and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| ANTONIO MARTINEZ |) | MAYOR |
| | | COMMISSIONERS |
| RICARDO LONGORIA, JR. |) | District 1 |
| JESSICA TETREAU |) | District 2 |
| JOHN VILLARREAL |) | District 4 |
| CESAR DE LEON |) | At-Large “A” |
| ROSE M.Z. GOWEN, M.D. |) | At-Large “B” |
| CHARLIE CABLER | | CITY MANAGER |
| PETE GONZALEZ | | DEPUTY CITY MANAGER |
| RUTH OSUNA | | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| STEPHANIE REYES | | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| MARK E. SOSSI | | CITY ATTORNEY |
| MICHAEL L. LOPEZ | | CITY SECRETARY |
| ABSENT: | | DEBORAH PORTILLO) District 3 |

A quorum being present, Mayor Antonio Martinez, asked Mr. Michael L. Lopez, 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 December 31, 2015.

WORKSHOP: 5:50 P.M.

a) Presentation regarding Audio & Visual upgrades at the City Commission Chambers.

Mr. Michael L. Lopez, City Secretary, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Commission Chambers Audio & Visual upgrades, and acknowledged the Brownsville Public Library Department, and the Public Works Department for their great effort in installing upgrades in such a short time period.

Commissioner John Villarreal arrived at 5:53 p.m.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau arrived at 6:00 p.m.

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 Jessica Tetreau.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Brad Burkes, from Embassy of the Spirit, of Brownsville, Texas.

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1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Mayor Antonio Martinez wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated she looking forward to a great year.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., wished everyone a Happy New Year, and informed the public that the Owens project in District 1, should be completed in two to three weeks with updates at the next City Commission meeting regarding the trails.

Commissioner Rose Gowen, reminded everyone about The Challenge would kick off on Friday, January 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Southmost Public Library and/or the Brownsville Public Main Library, and on Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Brownsville Farmers’ Market at the Linear Park.

3. PRESENTATIONS: Employee of the Month

(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized *Ms. Yessenia Gonzalez, Administrative Supervisor*, with Police Administration, as January’s Employee of the Month.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and were approved by one motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a through e” were **approved**.

ITEMS No. “a” through “e”

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 01, 2015.
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 08, 2015.
- c) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

Employee	Department	Destination	Date
Michael D. Jones	Aviation	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Feb. 16-20, 2016
Norma Zamora	BMetro	Austin, TX	Jan. 26-28, 2016
Edgar I. Garcia	Grants	New York City, NY	Jan. 13-16, 2016
Arturo Rodriguez	Health	Austin, TX	Jan. 07-08, 2016
Paul Cantu	Police	Conroe, TX	Jan. 26-29, 2016
Jose Sanchez	Police	Conroe, TX	Jan. 26-29, 2016

- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 2015-235.83, to amend Chapter 348, "Zoning"; Article VIII "Specific Uses"; by adding Section 348-1430, "Mobile Vendor Food Courts"; to include the definition and requirements of Mobile Vendor Food Courts developed on private property, with Sections 348-1420 through 348-1429 and Sections 348-1431 through 348-1490, to remain reserved, and dealing with related matters.**
- e) **Consideration and ACTION to Award a Contract for Training Lab use for Force Training Simulator for the Brownsville Police Department.**

Commissioner Cesar de Leon arrived at 6:07 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- 5. **Consideration and ACTION to appoint one (1) member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that *Mr. Nathan A. Burkhardt*, be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-040, to rezone from Professional Office “G” (1CG) to General Retail “H” (4CH) for 0.4925 acres for North ½ of Lot 4 of Hunter Subdivision located at 796 Billy Mitchell Blvd. (District 3)**

Ms. Monique Mercado, Planner I, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that the current zoning was Professional Office G (1CG), and the applicant was requesting to rezone to General Retail H (4CH), for the purpose of a professional doctor facility, and further noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2015-040, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Professional Office “G” (1CG) to General Retail “H” (4CH) for 0.4925 acres for North ½ of Lot 4 of Hunter Subdivision located at 796 Billy Mitchell Blvd. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

7. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-042, to rezone from General Retail “F” (4CF) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for Lots 11 and 12 Block 142 of Brownsville Original Townsite located at 945 E. Monroe Street. (District 4)

Ms. Monique Mercado, Planner I, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that the current zoning General Retail F (4CF), and the applicant was requesting to rezone to General Retail G (4CG) on 2.158 acres, and further noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

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

Commissioner John Villarreal moved that Ordinance Number 235-2015-042, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from General Retail “F” (4CF) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for Lots 11 and 12 Block 142 of Brownsville Original Townsite located at 945 E. Monroe Street. (District 4) The motion was seconded Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-043, to rezone from Dwelling “F” (DF) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lots 5 and 6 of Block 35 of West Brownsville Addition NW ½ located at 1351 W. Washington Street. (District 4)

Ms. Monique Mercado, Planner I, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that the current zoning Dwelling F (DF), and the applicant was requesting to rezone to Dwelling G (DG) for Lots 5 and 6 of Block 35 of West Brownsville Addition NW ½, and further noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 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 Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2015-043, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling “F” (DF) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for Lots 5 and 6 of Block 35 of West Brownsville Addition NW ½ located at 1351 W. Washington Street. (District 4) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-044, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (Da) to Professional Office “A” (1CA) for 0.202 acres for Block 103 and 104 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision located at 2358 Los Ebanos Boulevard. (District 2)

Ms. Monique Mercado, Planner I, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance, noting that the current zoning was Dwelling A (DA), and the applicant was requesting to be rezoned to Professional Office A (1CA), for the purpose of a Daycare facility, and further noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2015-044, to be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling "A" (Da) to Professional Office "A" (1CA) for 0.202 acres for Block 103 and 104 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision located at 2358 Los Ebanos Boulevard. (District 2) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

10. Public Hearing and ACTION to authorize the issuance of a new taxi cab permit to Mr. Juan De Dios Montalvo on a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria who will be operating for Longoria Taxi.

Chief Orlando Rodriguez, noted that all requirements under the City Taxi Ordinance had been met by Mr. Juan De Dios Montalvo, in which he would acquire Taxi permit #1805, if approved.

Upon motion by Commissioner John Villarreal seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the issuance of a new taxi cab permit to Mr. Juan De Dios Montalvo on a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria who will be operating for Longoria Taxi, be **authorized**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

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11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:

Mr. Eloy Garcia, noted that he will continue with his technology plans, as mentioned before in previous meetings, and hoped to create electrical vehicles refueling stations so citizens can save money on gasoline.

ACTION ITEMS:

12. Discussion regarding the schedule of events that must be followed for a possible bond election in 2016.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding a possible schedule of events, if the City were to hold a Bond Election, during May or November 2016.

No action taken.

13. Discussion regarding the results of the 1986, 1991, and 2001 Bond Elections.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the results of the 1986, 1991, and 2001 Bond Elections.

No action taken.

14. Discussion regarding the proposed estimated debt to be issued in Fiscal Year 2016.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the list of Capital Expenditures that will be financed with the 2016 Certificates of Obligation, that were approved on December 8, 2015. No action taken.

15. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Cross Border Contingency Plan for the U.S./Mexico Sister Cities of City of Brownsville, Texas, City of Harlingen, Texas, City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and the City of Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas.

Ms. Odee Leal, Emergency Management Director, noted that the Contingency Plan between the cities of Brownsville/Harlingen and Matamoros/Valle Hermoso was the second update of the original plan signed on May 6, 1997 and had updated on May 13, 2002, in which the cities recognize their need to cooperate with each other in times of local disasters, and further noted that the update had been funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Border 2012 Grant awarded to the City of Brownsville.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the Cross Border Contingency Plan for the U.S./Mexico Sister Cities of City of Brownsville, Texas, City of Harlingen, Texas, City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and the City of Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cesar de Leon and carried unanimously.

16. Consideration and ACTION to adopt Resolution Number 2016-001, re-accepting, reviewing, amending and re-adopting all of the provisions listed in the documents, titled, “City of Brownsville, Texas Amended Investment Policy”, and “City of Brownsville, Texas, Amended Investment Strategy Statement”.

Mr. Lupe Granado, Finance Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Amended Investment Policy & Amended Investment Strategy Statement, noting that the policy was a routine item, in which it must be revisited annually and make any amendments where necessary.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Resolution Number 2016-001, re-accepting, reviewing, amending and re-adopting all of the provisions listed in the documents, titled, “City of Brownsville, Texas Amended Investment Policy”, and “City of Brownsville, Texas, Amended Investment Strategy Statement”, be **adopted**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

17. **Consideration and ACTION to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brownsville Police Department and the Brownsville Independent School District Police Department, Special Weapons and Tactics Unit.**

Chief Orlando Rodriguez, noted that the purpose of the agreement was to provide mutual aid between the Brownsville Independent School District, the Brownsville Independent School District Police Department, the City of Brownsville, and Brownsville Police Department, meeting in any critical emergency or disaster, from any cause, natural or otherwise.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brownsville Police Department and the Brownsville Independent School District Police Department, Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

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PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

18. **Consideration and ACTION to request authorization to approve advertising and promotion services under current term contract for Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport with Millar & Hollander Advertising Design Marketing.**

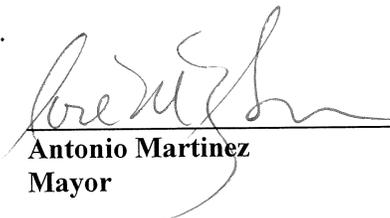
Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a request to approve advertising and promotion services under current term contract for Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport with Millar & Hollander Advertising Design Marketing, be **authorized**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal 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 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of January, 2016.


_____ **for**
Antonio Martinez
Mayor

Attest:



Michael L. Lopez, MPA
City Secretary



Respectfully submitted by:
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Office of the City Secretary