

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, February 02, 2016**, at **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” |
| CHARLIE CABLER | | CITY MANAGER |
| PETE GONZALEZ | | DEPUTY CITY MANAGER |
| RUTH OSUNA | | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| STEPHANIE REYES | | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER |
| MARK E. SOSSI | | CITY ATTORNEY |
| GRISELDA ROSAS | | ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY |
| ABSENT: | | ROSE M.Z. GOWEN, M.D.) At-Large “B” |
| | | DEBORAH PORTILLO) District 3 |
| | | MICHAEL L. LOPEZ) CITY SECRETARY |

A quorum being present, Mayor Deputy Pro-Tem Cesar de Leon, asked Ms. Griselda Rosas, Assistant 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 January 29, 2015.

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 Burke, from Embassy of the Spirit, of Brownsville, Texas.

1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:

No report.

2. COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:

No report.

3. PROCLAMATION:

Historic Brownsville Aviation Month

(Commissioners R. Longoria, Jr./J. Villarreal)

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled**.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

Employee of the Month

(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized **Mr. Eduardo Rodriguez**, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, as January’s Employee of the Month.

5. 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 r” were **approved**.

ITEMS No. “a” through “r”

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016.
- b) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Cesar J. Pedraza | Fire | Corpus Christi, TX | Feb. 10-12, 2016 |
| Damaris McGlone | Parks | Galveston, TX | Mar. 01-04, 2016 |
| Shannon Guerrero | Parks | Galveston, TX | Mar. 01-04, 2016 |
| Cory Vander Veen | Parks | Galveston, TX | Feb. 28-Mar. 04, 2016 |
| Daniel Salinas | Parks | Galveston, TX | Feb. 28-Mar. 04, 2016 |
| Daniel Salinas | Parks | Houston, TX | Mar. 08-11, 2016 |
| Jonahan W. Taylor | Police | Houston, TX | Feb. 14-19, 2016 |
| Adrian Posada | Police | San Antonio, TX | Feb. 21-24, 2016 |
| Melissa Gonzalez | Police | San Antonio, TX | Feb. 21-24, 2016 |

- c) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of final design of Ringgold Street improvements project. (Carlos Lastra P.E., - Engineering)

- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2016-1100.56**, to readopt the Historic Preservation Plan for 2016. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)

- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-041-S**, to allow a Light Commercial “G” (5CG) in a Medium Retail (3CG) for Lot 1, Block 1 of C.R.V. Subdivision located at 675 N. Minnesota Avenue. (District 2) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-045**, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 3.68 acres of Lot 1, Block 1 of Herebia Gardens Subdivision located at 10035 US Military Highway 281. (District 4) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-045-S**, to allow a Medium Commercial “G” (6CG) in a General Retail “G” (4CG) for 3.68 acres of Lot 1, Block 1 of Herebia Gardens Subdivision located at 10035 US Military Highway 281. (District 4) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-046-S**, to allow a Mobile Home Park Type B Subdivision for 26.826 acres located on the West side of Indiana Avenue (FM 3068) between Dockberry Road and Southmost Road. (District 1) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-047**, to rezone from Apartment “H” (AH) to Light Retail “H” (2CH) for 1.84 acres for Block 34 of El Jardin Subdivision Share 19 located at 1661 Old Port Isabel Road. (District 2) (Constanza Miner - Planning Director of Operations)
- j) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-048**, to rezone from Apartment “G” (AG) to Apartment “H” (AH) for 1.14 acres of Lots 4 & 6 of Block 1 of Charmaine Subdivision located near Danubio Court and Sena Street. (District 2) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- k) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2015-050**, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 1.796 acres out of Lot 2, Block 1 of ABST 2-Machinery Plaza located near Expressway 77/83 and Carmen Avenue. (District 3) (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- l) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-901**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) and Dwelling “G” (DG) to Dwelling “A” (DA) of the following properties:
 Brownsville Country Club Subdivision Section 10 Block 1; Lots 1 thru 20
 Brownsville Country Club Subdivision Section 10 Block 2; Lots 1 thru 20
 Brownsville Country Club Subdivision Section 10 Block 3; Lots 1 thru 23
 Brownsville Country Club Subdivision Section 13 Block 1; Lots 1 thru 24
 Sportsplex Park Subdivision Block 1; Lot 1 located North ROW of FM 802 between N. Expressway 77/83 and Habana. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- m) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-902**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to Apartment “G” (AG), Sunrise Condominiums I Unit 101-A,

Sunrise Condominiums II Apt. A-101, located North ROW of FM 802 between N. Expressway 77/83 and Habana. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)

- n) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-903**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to General Retail “G” (4CG)
Inter National Bank Plaza Subdivision Block 1; Lots 1 thru 4
Dana Lake Subdivision Lots 1 thru 12
Gamez Subdivision Block 1; Lot 1
Brownsville Country Club Sec 1 Pt Blk. A-1 (01-9010-1000-0020-00)
Espiritu Santo Grant Share 22 Palmer Tract 5.3AC (07-9800-1020-0252-00)
Espiritu Santo Grant Share 22 John R Palmer TR 8.4AC Lake (07-9800-1020-0253-00)
Brownsville Sunrise Park Blocks 1, 2; Lots 1, 2
Brownsville River Valley Block 1; Lot 1
Brownsville – PWR Subdivision Block 1; Lot 1, 2
Brownsville – Jefferson Plaza V Block 1; Lot 1, 2
Brownsville Janus Subdivision Block 1; Lot 1, 2
Brownsville Sunrise Park located North ROW of FM 802 between N. Expressway 77/83 and Habana. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- o) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-904**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) Sunrise Mall
Norwest Bank Subdivision Block 1; Lot 1, 2
Brownsville Martinez Exxon Block 1; Lot 2
Sunrise Mall Subdivision Section 1 (06-9250-0000-0029-00)
Sunrise Mall Subdivision Section 1 Cinema Theater (06-9250-0000-0020-05)
Sunrise Commons Subdivision Block 2 Lot 4 (07-9807-0020-0041-00)
Sunrise Commons Subdivision Block 2 PT Lot 4 (07-9807-0020-0040-00), located North of FM 802 between N. Expressway 77/83 and Habana. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- p) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-905**, To rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to General Retail “J” (4CJ)
Lomas Del Bosque Subdivision Section 1 Block 4; Lots 93 thru 99
located on the Southeast corner of Robindale Rd. and Jaime Zapata Ave. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- q) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-906**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to Dwelling “G” (DG)
Lomas Del Bosque Subdivision Section 1(ALL) Blocks 1 thru 4
Lomas Del Bosque Subdivision Section 2 (ALL) Blocks 3 thru 4
Robindale Estates Subdivision Section 1 (ALL) Block 1; Lots 1 thru 31
Dan Gutierrez Subdivision (ALL) Blocks 1 thru 9
El Jardín Subdivision SH 19/27 Block 113 González Elementary (02-7910-1131-0000-00), located on the South West & East corner of Robindale Rd. and Jaime Zapata Ave. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)
- r) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-907**, to rezone from Light Industrial “J” (7CJ) to General Retail “G” (4CG)
El Jardín Subdivision SH 19/27 Block 115 (02-7910-1150-0500-00)
El Jardín Subdivision SH 19/27 Block 113 (02-7910-1130-0000-00)

El Jardín Subdivision SH 19/27 Block 113 (02-7910-1132-0000-00), located on the South West & East corner of Robindale Rd. and Jaime Zapata Ave. (Constanza Miner – Planning Director of Operations)

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:

Mr. Eloy Garcia, suggested to trade in cars for bikes, and looking forward that the City of Brownsville as it becomes a solar City.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Consideration and ACTION to adopt Reimbursement Resolution Number 2016-004, expressing official intent to reimburse with tax-exempt obligation proceeds costs associated with certain capital improvements.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed future debt issuance for capital expenditures which will be financed with the 2016 Certificates.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a Reimbursement Resolution Number 2016-004, expressing official intent to reimburse with tax-exempt obligation proceeds costs associated with certain capital improvements, be **adopted**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

8. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the first quarter ended December 31, 2015.

Mr. Lupe Granado III, Finance Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the unofficial, unaudited financial statements for the First Quarter that ended December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the first quarter ended December 31, 2015, be **acknowledged**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

9. Consideration and ACTION to request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), grant the City of Brownsville a 6-month extension to complete construction of the Community Safe Room Project (DR-1791-359) located at the Brownsville Sports Park.

Ms. Marina Zolezzi, Grants Director, noted that the City of Brownsville, was requesting a 6-month extension to complete work under project number DR-1791-359, due to a four-month delay in the approval of the specifications for the community sage room project specifications, clearance to proceed with procurement of construction services, and the inclement weather.

Commissioner John Villarreal moved that the request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), grant the City of Brownsville a 6-month extension to complete construction of the Community Safe Room Project (DR-1791-359) located at the Brownsville Sports Park, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and ACTION on a Memorandum of Understanding to authorize a joint application for the third and final round of the Promise Zone Initiative Grant between the Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) and the City of Brownsville.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a Memorandum of Understanding to authorize a joint application for the third and final round of the Promise Zone Initiative Grant between the Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) and the City of Brownsville, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

11. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of four (4) new type III Para-transit Buses for the BMetro Department. (Norma Zamora – BMetro)

Commissioner John Villarreal moved that a contract for the purchase and delivery of four (4) new type III Para-transit Buses for the BMetro Department to **Creative Bus Sales**, from **Irving, Texas**, for a **total amount of \$307, 604.00**, a per cost of **\$76,901.00** for each type III para-transit bus, for the BMetro Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

12. Consideration and ACTION to purchase 359 Dell Computers and accessories for both Library Branches, funding for this purchase is from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that the purchase 359 Dell Computers and accessories for both Library Branches, funding for this purchase is from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), be awarded to **Dell Inc. of Round Rock, Texas**, in the amount of **\$298,723.22**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

13. Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for camera surveillance maintenance for the Brownsville Police Department for FY 2016 with a three year option to renew.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a term contract for camera surveillance maintenance for the Brownsville Police Department for FY 2016 with a three year option to renew, be awarded to

Total Protection Systems, of Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of **\$49,200.00**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

14. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to execute the Brownsville Sports Park Maintenance Agreement with the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for Fiscal Year 2016.

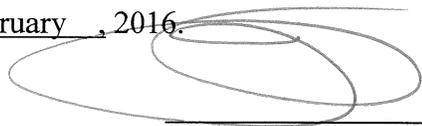
Ms. Allison Bastian, Assistant City Attorney, gave a brief explanation of proposed changes to the Brownsville Sports Park Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner John Villarreal moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Brownsville Sports Park Maintenance Agreement with the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for Fiscal Year 2016, be **authorized**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of February, 2016.



Antonio Martinez
Mayor

Attest:



Michael L. Lopez, MPA
City Secretary



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