

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, April 05, 2016**, at **5:30 P.M.**, and at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., 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 April 1, 2016.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen, seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code deliberations regarding real property.**
- B) Consultation with attorney pursuant to Section §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the duties under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., convened the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and the Texas Pledge was led by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Brad Burkes, Embassy of the Spirits, from Brownsville, Texas.

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**1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr.*, provided a quick overview regarding the Southmost Regional Water Plant and the delay but informed citizens that project will be completed soon.

**2. COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Commissioner Rose Gowen* reminded everyone of the final weigh in for the Challenge, scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016. Commissioner Gowen announced that the next Cyclobia would take place on April 16, 2016 between 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Downtown area.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS: *The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Team***  
(Mayor A. Martinez/Commissioner D. Portillo)

Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., asked *Mr. Bartek Macieja, Chess Coach* to step forward and accept a proclamation honoring and recognizing The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Team.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Rose Gowen.

***Youth in Philanthropy***  
(Mayor A. Martinez/Commissioner J. Tetreau)

Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., asked *Ms. Erika Sikes, of Career and Technical Education Department, and Lopez High School Students* to step forward and accept a proclamation in recognizing the **Youth in Philanthropy** and supporting the educators and students for their commitment in exploring nonprofit and service careers.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Cesar de Leon.

***Cupcakes by Cory***  
(Commissioners J. Tetreau/J. Villarreal)

Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., asked ***Ms. Cory Bryan*** to step forward and accept a proclamation honoring and recognizing Cupcakes by Cory.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau.

***Child Abuse Prevention Month***  
(Commissioners D. Portillo/R. Longoria, Jr.)

Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr., asked the ***Tip of Texas Family Outreach Representatives*** to step forward and accept a proclamation on proclaiming the month of **April 2016** as **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**.

The proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

**4. PRESENTATIONS:** ***Employee of the Month***  
(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized ***Mr. Roberto Leal, Carpenter***, with Public Works Department, as April’s Employee of the Month.

***Run Ride Share Awareness Program***  
(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

McAllen City Commissioner Veronica Whitacre informed the Commission the purpose of the Run Ride Share Awareness Program, is to create a unified regional effort to educate the community on safety issues for runners, cyclists, and motorists, it would reduce pedestrian and cyclist accidents and fatalities, and noting that she was currently working with State leaders to get the initiative implemented across the State.

**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 John Villarreal seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a through g” were **approved**.

***ITEMS No. “a” through “g”***

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 01, 2016 (Addendum).
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2016.
- c) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norma H. Zamora	BMetro	Waco, TX	Apr. 23-28, 2016

Arturo Herrera	BMetro	Denton, TX	May 01-06, 2016
Luis F. Alonso	Engineering	Arlington, TX	May 03-05, 2016
David Licon, Jr.	Engineering	Arlington, TX	May 03-05, 2016
Nellie Zamora	Health	Austin, TX	Apr. 22-25, 2016
Christopher Haggstrom	Health	Austin, TX	Apr. 07-08, 2016
Ivan Reyes	Human Resources	Austin, TX	Apr. 06-07, 2016
Monica Moreno	Human Resources	Austin, TX	Apr. 06-07, 2016
Josh Perez	Human Resources	Houston, TX	Apr. 12, 2016
Oscar Salinas	Human Resources	San Marco, TX	May 25-26, 2016
Ramiro Gonzalez	Planning	Detroit, MI	June 08-11, 2016
Miriam Suarez	Planning	Milwaukee, WI	May 23-25, 2016
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	Corpus Christi, TX	May 09-13, 2016
Robert Dippong	Police	Austin, TX	Apr. 22-25, 2016
Peter Juarez	Police	Austin, TX	Apr. 22-25, 2016
Albesa Calles	Police	Austin, TX	Apr. 17-20, 2016
Gloria Gonzalez	Police	Austin, TX	Apr. 17-20, 2016
Roxanna Rosas	Police	Austin, TX	Apr. 17-20, 2016
Martino Trevino	Public Works	Corpus Christi, TX	Apr. 11-13, 2016
Stephen Graybill	Public Works	Corpus Christi, TX	Apr. 11-13, 2016

- d) **Consideration and ACTION to request authorization to renew the term contract for uniform purchase and delivery for the B-Metro Department.**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-007, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for Lots 21 & 22 of Block 2 of Alamo Heights Subdivision located at 6066 South Padre Island Highway. (District 2)**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-015, to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Professional Office “G” (1CG) for Block 13 of Share 19, Tract 9 of El Jardin Subdivision located near Old Port Isabel Road and FM 802. (District 2)**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-016, to rezone from General Retail “H” (4CH) & Apartment “H” (AH) to General Retail “H” (4CH) for Blocks 22 & 23 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision located at 704 Paredes Line Road. (District 2)**

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2016-1367-B, an ordinance adopting the Texas Food Establishment Rules of the Texas Department of State Health Services as made effective October 11, 2015, providing for penalties thereof and related matters.**

Mr. Arturo Rodriguez, Public Health Director, briefed the Commission of the changes to the Texas Food Establishment Rules of the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by the State of Texas.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Ordinance Number 2016-1367-B, be **adopted** at first reading, an ordinance adopting the Texas Food Establishment Rules of the Texas Department of State Health Services as made effective October 11, 2015, providing for penalties thereof and related matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Priscila Alvarez, Director of Educational & Corporate Relations, of Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) gave a brief mid-year update report.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

**8. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2016-021, authorizing the purchase of two tracts of land for future park purposes from the Estate of Delia Angelina Spencer located off the intersection of La Posada and Esperanza and dealing with related matters.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that Resolution Number 2016-021, authorizing the purchase of two tracts of land for future park purposes from the Estate of Delia Angelina Spencer located off the intersection of La Posada and Esperanza and dealing with related matters, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**9. Consideration and ACTION to adopt Resolution Number 2016-022, to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with buildingcommunityWORKSHOP (bcWORKSHOP) regarding the Activating Vacancy Incubator for the amount of \$100,000.**

Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez, Assistant Planning Director of Operations, introduced Mr. Jesse Miller, Associate Director, of buildingcommunityWORKSHOP, whom delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Activating Vacancy Arts Incubator.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Resolution Number 2016-022, to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with buildingcommunityWORKSHOP (bcWORKSHOP) regarding the Activating Vacancy Incubator for the amount of \$100,000, be **adopted**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

***PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:***

**10. Consideration and ACTION to approve Lease Agreement between City of Brownsville and Verizon Wireless.**

Agenda item was removed by City Staff.

No action taken.

**11. Consideration and ACTION authorizing Change Order #6 to Brownsville Metro's Transit Fleet Maintenance Contract.**

Mr. Eddie Velarde, BMetro Contract Fleet Manager, gave a brief explanation of the Change Order #6 for the Fleet Maintenance Contract.

Commissioner Cesar de Leon moved that Change Order #6 to Brownsville Metro's Transit Fleet Maintenance Contract be **authorized**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau 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 7:14 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of April, 2016.



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**Antonio Martinez**  
Mayor

Attest:



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**Michael L. Lopez, MPA**  
City Secretary



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