

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, May 03, 2016**, at **5:05 P.M., 5:45 P.M.,** and at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

<b>ANTONIO MARTINEZ</b>	)	<b>MAYOR</b>
		<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</b>	)	<b>District 1</b>
<b>JESSICA TETREAU</b>	)	<b>District 2</b>
<b>DEBORAH PORTILLO</b>	)	<b>District 3</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>PETE GONZALEZ</b>		<b>DEPUTY CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>RUTH OSUNA</b>		<b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>STEPHANIE REYES</b>		<b>ASSISTANT CITY MANGER</b>
<b>MARK E. SOSSI</b>		<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b>
<b>MICHAEL L. LOPEZ</b>		<b>CITY SECRETARY</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>		<b>NONE</b>

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 April 29, 2016.

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**WORKSHOP: 5:05 P.M.**

**a) Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.**

Ms. Ruth Osuna, Assistant City Manager, introduced Ms. Melinda Rodriguez, CFRE President/CEO of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, whom delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Small Business Development.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:45 P.M.**

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

- A) **Consultation with attorney of the Texas Government Code, Sections §551.071 and §551.072 regarding real property.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened the Regular Meeting at 6:17 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 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 Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

**INVOCATION:**

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

Pastor Brad Burkes announced that on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. an all National day of Prayers events would be held at the Brownsville Sports Park.

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**1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

Mayor Antonio Martinez did not deliver a report.

**2. COMMISSIONERS’ ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Commissioner Jessica Tetreau* asked Joel Trevino to step forward and accept a proclamation in recognizing him as a young talented singer, and proclaiming May 03, 2016 as Joel Trevino Day.

*Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.*, introduced the Cub Scouts from Athlos, and gave an update Ordinance Enforcement report of the East side and Southmost area of the City.

*Commissioner Cesar de Leon* commended City staff for enforcing the Ordinances City wide.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS:**

**National Small Business Week**  
(Commissioners D. Portillo/R. Gowen)

The proclamation was read and presented by Commissioner Deborah Portillo.

**Water Drinking Month**  
(Mayor A. Martinez/Commissioner D. Portillo)

The proclamation was read and presented by Mayor Antonio Martinez.

***Toddle Inn Restaurant***

(Commissioners C. de Leon/R. Longoria, Jr.)

The proclamation was not presented.

***Elder Abuse Prevention Month***

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

The proclamation was read and presented by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

**4. PRESENTATIONS:**

***Employee of the Month***

(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized ***Officer Hugo Valdez, Patrolman A (IV)***, as May’s Employee of the Month.

***Report on Northside Traffic***

(Commissioners C. de Leon/R. Longoria, Jr.)

Mr. Roberto Esparza, Traffic Director, gave a brief Traffic update report on Ruben Torres Boulevard, noting that improvements were such as a vehicle detection system, communication cables between Central and US 77, and the implementation of optimizing signal timing & phasing.

**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 h” were **approved**.

***ITEMS No. “a” through “h”***

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sesha Vorrey	Airport	Houston, TX	May 13-19, 2016
Sesha Vorrey	Airport	Washington, D.C.	June 20-23, 2016
Dorene Fourar	BMetro	Fort Worth, TX	May 15-17, 2016
Georgina Gonzales	BMetro	Fort Worth, TX	May 15-17, 2016
Jorge Santillan	Finance	San Francisco, CA	June 14-17, 2016
Efren Trujillo	Grants	Jefferson Parish, LA	May 24-28, 2016
Christopher Haggstrom	Health	San Antonio, TX	May 24-26, 2016
Fredrick Barnes	Health	San Antonio, TX	May 24-26, 2016
James McCoy	Library	Dallas, TX	May 12-13, 2016
Omar Puente	Municipal Court	Dallas, TX	May 16-18, 2016
Lorenzo Hernandez	Municipal Court	Dallas, TX	May 16-18, 2016
Georgina Lopez	Planning	Houston, TX	June 14-18, 2016

- c) **Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution Number 2016-026 and application to the Local Border Security Grant Program (BorderStar) through the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division.**
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-004-S, to allow a Mobile Vendor Food Court in a General Retail “H” (4CH) for .275 acres for Lots 1 and 2 Block 84 of Brownsville Original Townsite located at 840 East Adams Street. (District 4)**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-006-S, to allow a Mobile Vendor Food Court in a General Retail “X” (4CX) for 1.01 acres for Lot 5, Block 1 of Star Acres located at 6305 Paredes Line Road. (District 3)**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-019, to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for Lot 4, Block 6 of Cameron Park located at 4614 Paredes Line Road. (District 3)**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-022-S, to allow a Cell Tower in a Medium Industrial “J” (8CJ) for 0.037 acres of Block 34 & 35 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision located at 1850 Veteran’s Boulevard. (District 3)**
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2016-025, to rezone from Professional Office “F” (1CF) to Medium Retail “F” (3CF) for .284 acres for Lot 1, Block 3 of Henrietta Addition located at 1234 McDavitt Boulevard. (District 1)**

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

Mr. Mauro Avilez, expressed concern of an information request that he had submitted and had not received any response regarding his request.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

**7. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015.**

Lupe Granado III, introduced Mr. Carlos Barrera, CPA, CFE Partner of Long Chilton, LLP, whom gave a brief report regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015, be **acknowledged**. 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 second quarter ended March 31, 2016.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the financial statements and cash investment report for the City of Brownsville for the second quarter ended March 31, 2016, be **acknowledged**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

**9. Consideration and ACTION to adopt budget amendment Resolution Number 2016-029, to amend the General Fund, expenditures budget to provide \$160,000.00 for traffic signals.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that the budget amendment Resolution Number 2016-029, to amend the General Fund, expenditures budget to provide \$160,000.00 for traffic signals, be **adopted**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

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

**10. Consideration and ACTION to award a Work Order to AGH for Survey, Engineering and Design of Phase 1 of the Brownsville Metro ADA Bus Stop Enhancement Project under the Professional Engineering Services Contract.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a Work Order to AGH for Survey, Engineering and Design of Phase 1 of the Brownsville Metro ADA Bus Stop Enhancement Project under the Professional Engineering Services Contract, be awarded as a rotation list to the following firms, at a **fixed rate of 8.5%**;

<b>Ambiotec Civil Engineering</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>AGH Engineering &amp; Surveying</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>Mejia &amp; Rose, Incorporated</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>Plagar Engineering, LLC</b>	<b>Brownville, Texas</b>
<b>Naismith Engineer Inc.</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>Gonzalez Engineering</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>CADCON Engineering</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose Gowen and carried unanimously.

**11. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Rehabilitation of B-Metro Maintenance Facility Project Phase I located at Jose Colunga.**

Commissioner Rose Gowen moved that a contract for Rehabilitation of B-Metro Maintenance Facility Project Phase I located at Jose Colunga, be awarded to **Noble Texas Builders, of Weslaco, Texas**, for a total amount of **\$1,800,000.00**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**12. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the purchase of sixty (60) police patrol units recently covered through a bond under debt services in our City budget.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the purchase of sixty (60) police patrol units recently covered through a bond under debt services in our City budget, be **authorized** and **awarded** to **Tipton Motors, of Brownsville, Texas**, in the amount of **\$2,673,231.90**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**13. Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for Appraisal Services for the City of Brownsville.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a term contract for Appraisal Services for the City of Brownsville, be awarded as follow at the stipulated prices;

<b>Landmark Appraisal</b>	<b>Brownsville, Texas</b>
<b>Robinson, Duffy &amp; Barnard L.L.P.</b>	<b>Harlingen, Texas</b>
<b>Independent Real Estate Appraisers</b>	<b>Houston, Texas</b>
<b>Valbridge Property Advisors</b>	<b>Houston, Texas</b>

The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**14. Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution Number 2016-028, for a Lease Agreement with the US Postal Services for office space rental at City Hall.**

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that a Resolution Number 2016-028, for a Lease Agreement with the US Postal Services for office space rental at City Hall, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

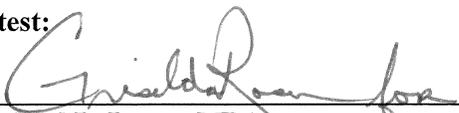
There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of May, 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*