

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

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

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Opening Meetings Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Blanca S. Vela, Mayor of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, do hereby call an executive session, workshop session and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, to convene on **Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at 2:50 pm, 3:45 pm and 6:00 pm**, respectively, in the Commission Chambers, on the 2nd Floor of City Hall/Market Square, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 2:50 PM

- a. Discussion and attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding contemplated litigation between the Brownsville Navigation District and the City of Brownsville, and discussion pursuant Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, concerning the value of real property described as 257.63 acres out of Share 32 of the Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas. (Dennis Sanchez – 15 min)

- b. Discussion and deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding the employment status and pending retirement of the Chief of Police of the City of Brownsville. (Lanny Lambert – 10 min)

- c. Discussion and attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation styled and numbered, Ben Neece vs. City of Brownsville et al, Cause No. 1999-09-004041-B, (138th Judicial District, Cameron County, Texas); Carlos Rubinstein vs. City of Brownsville et al, Cause No. B-00-169, (S. D. Tex.-Brownsville Division); and Juan Perez vs. City of Brownsville Police Department, AAA Case No. 70-390-00183-0, (arbitration proceeding). (Ric Navarro – 30 min)

WORKSHOP SESSION – 3:45 PM

- A. Discussion concerning Revised Change Order Number 2 to the Brownsville Special Events Center Project. (Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc. - 30 min)

- A1. Discussion regarding the adoption of a Code of Ethics for the City Commission. (Commissioner Zavaletta – 15 min)

- B. Presentation by the Brownsville Art League. (Commissioner Wood – 15 min)

- C. Presentation and discussion regarding upcoming construction at the City Landfill. (Carlos Ayala – 15 min)

- D. Discussion and public comments regarding Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (S.T.E.P.) project applications submitted to the City of Brownsville for sponsorship and commitment of local funding. (Larry Brown – 30 min)

- E. Status report on matters relating to initiation, coordination and completion of efforts to pursue merger of EMS functions into the Fire Department. (Ric Navarro – 20 min)

REGULAR MEETING– 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: At this time, any person with business before the Commission, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Commission. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. There is a three-minute time limit per speaker.

MINUTES:

1. May 22, 2001, Regular Meeting (Sarah M. Reed)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 2001-235.51, amending the text of the City Zoning Ordinance by updating procedures for overruling Zoning Commission recommendations and dealing with related matters including \$2000 penalties.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2001-235.51. (Larry Brown)

CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed below are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of an item unless a member of the City Commission requests that an item be considered separate of the Consent Agenda.

3. Action on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-034, rezoning from Dwelling “G” classification to General Retail (Fourth Commercial) “G” classification, Lots 5, 6, and 7 of Freeport Park Subdivision located near Minnesota Avenue and FM 802. (Larry Brown)

Action on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-035, rezoning from First Manufacturing “J” classification to General Retail “G” (Fourth Commercial) classification, L.R. Cowen Subdivision located near FM 802 and State Highway 48. (Larry Brown)

Action on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-037, rezoning from Apartment “H” classification to Medium Retail “H” (Third Commercial) classification, Lot 11 of Block E of La Coma Subdivision located near La Calle Milpa Verde and Clavel Street. (Larry Brown)

Action on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-502, rezoning from Dwelling “G” classification to General Retail “G” (Fourth Commercial) classification, Lots 2-C and 2-B of Block 112 of El Jardin Re-subdivision save and except Case Numbers 235-1994-095, 235-2001-039 and 235-2001-062, located near FM 802 and State Highway 48. (Larry Brown)

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-032, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the General Land Office for an Urban Waterway Pollution Prevention Program to counteract runoff contamination of resacas and coastal wetlands. (Carlos Ayala)

5. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-033, approving a budget amendment to the General Fund, Community Development Fund, Debt Service Fund, Landfill Tipping Fee Increase Fund, Airport Fund, Motor Vehicle Parking System Fund, Brownsville Urban System Fund, and the Brownsville Golf Center Fund. (Pete Gonzalez)

6. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-034, approving a budget amendment to the 1999, 2000, and 2001 Certificate of Obligation Funds. (Pete Gonzalez)

7. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-034, approving a budget amendment to the General Fund, Convention & Tourism Fund, Debt Service Fund, Landfill Tipping Fee Increase Fund, Airport Fund, Bridge Fund, Motor Vehicle Parking System Fund, Brownsville Urban System Fund, Brownsville Golf Center Fund, and the Workers' Compensation Fund. (Pete Gonzalez)

8. Consideration and action authorizing an independent compliance and accountability audit of the Purchasing Department. (Commissioner Gonzalez)

9. Consideration and action authorizing the toll revenues collected on Monday, May 28, 2001, at the Veteran's International Bridge at Los Tomates to be pledged towards the construction of a monument honoring Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Jose M. Lopez. (Pete Sepulveda-Cameron Co. Bridge Director) (Tabled 5/22/01)

10. Consideration and action authorizing the following individuals to incur travel expense:

Employee	Department	Destination	Dates
a. Lanny S. Lambert	City Manager	Atlanta, Georgia	6/21-24/01
Peter Goodman	Downtown Devel.	Atlanta, Georgia	6/21-24/01
b. Juan Salinas	Police	Houston, Texas	8/12-15/01
George Morin	Police	Houston, Texas	8/12-15/01
Pete Dominguez	Police	Houston, Texas	8/12-15/01
John J. Trevino	Police	Houston, Texas	8/12-15/01
c. Joseph Garcia	Library	San Francisco, Calif.	6/15-19/01
d. Elida Garza	BUS	Austin, Texas	6/8-13/01
Rafael Garza	BUS	Austin, Texas	6/8-13/01
Manuel De Leon	BUS	Austin, Texas	6/8-13/01

BIDS/CONTRACTS:

11. Consideration and action authorizing Revised Change Order Number 2 to the contract with Terry Ray Construction, Inc. for construction of the Brownsville Special Events Center Project. (Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc.) (Tabled 5/8/01)
12. Consideration and action to accept as complete and authorize final payment to R.M. Walsdorf for drainage improvement for Minnesota Estates II. (Vernon Hodge)

13. Consideration and action to accept as complete and authorize final payment to Sweezy Construction for street and drainage improvements for the 24th Year Community Development Block Grant, West Washington Street and McDavitt Boulevard. (Vernon Hodge)

14. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with SECOR International, Inc., to include Quality Assurance/Quality Control services for Cell 2, Area 6 of the City Landfill. (Carlos Ayala)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

15. Discussion concerning the naming of honorary streets in the City of Brownsville. (Mayor Vela)

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in executive session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code.

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 with the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6058 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 pm, to make proper arrangements.

By: Blanca S. Vela
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

AMENDED to add Item A1., and RE-POSTED this 26th day of May, 2001, at _____ pm, at the Brownsville City Hall by Sarah M. Reed, City Secretary, and removed the _____ day of _____, 2001.
