

- D. Presentation by UTSA on the importance of going to college. (Mayor Blanca Vela – 10 min)

REGULAR MEETING– 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PROCLAMATIONS: Dr. Jude Valdez, UTSA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: At this time, any person with business before the Commission, not scheduled on the agenda as a public hearing, 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. July 24, 2001, Regular Meeting

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

2. Consideration and action appointing two members to the Paseo de la Resaca Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District Service Plan Board. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager) (Tabled 7/24/01)

3. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-053, appointing a member to the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager)

4. Consideration and action appointing 5 members and 4 alternates to the Board of Adjustments. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager)

5. Consideration and action on Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon's appointment to the Beautification Committee. (Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon)

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consideration and action on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2001-1376, authorizing the City Manager to execute an owner's certificate on a final plat dedicating a 0.074-acre street inside a 0.972-acre City-owned tract near the northwest corner of FM 802 and the man-made Resaca west of the BISD natatorium, and dealing with related matters. (Ben Medina, Planning)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 2001-1377, authorizing the City Manager to abandon City-owned easement out of Lots 5 and 6, Brownsville Country Club Section III, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, in exchange for retaining a City utility easement in Lot 6, Block 4, Brownsville Country Club Section III, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2001-1377. (Legal Counsel)

8. Public hearing regarding the proposed fiscal year 2001-2002 budget. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

9. Public hearing regarding an appeal by Vital Line, Inc. of a denial of an ambulance permit by the City Secretary.

Consideration and action affirming, modifying or reversing the action of the City Secretary in regards to an ambulance permit for Vital Line, Inc. (Sarah M. Reed, City Secretary)

ACTION ITEMS:

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

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>
a.	Luis Rodriguez	Police	San Antonio, Texas	8/5-10/01
	Juanita Garza	Police	San Antonio, Texas	8/5-10/01
	Armando Rivera	Police	San Antonio, Texas	8/5-10/01
	Guadalupe Arredondo	Police	San Antonio, Texas	8/5-10/01
	Robert Reyes	Police	San Antonio, Texas	8/5-10/01
b.	Janice Gonzalez	City Secretary	Arlington, Texas	8/7-8/01
c.	Sam Ortega	EMS	Austin, Texas	8/15-18/01
d.	Daniel Anzak	Bldg. Insp.	Austin, Texas	8/19-23/01
	Cynthia Cruz	Bldg. Insp.	Austin, Texas	8/19-23/01
e.	Rodney Gomez	BUS	Lubbock, Texas	8/27-31/01

11. Consideration and action approving the style of the Brownsville Events Center sign. (Gomez Mendez Saenz)

12. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-051, establishing a sister city relationship between Shenzhen, China and Brownsville, Texas. (Commissioner Joseph A. Zavaletta, M.D.)

13. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-052, to recall Commissioner Joseph A. Zavaletta, M.D., as a member of the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager)

14. Consideration and action acknowledging the financial statements and cash investments report for the third quarter period ending June 30, 2001. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

15. Consideration and action acknowledging the City's 2001 tax roll certified by the Chief Appraiser of the Cameron Appraisal District. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

16. Consideration and action acknowledging the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for tax year 2001, and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2000. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

17. Consideration and action acknowledging the Finance Director's calculation of the City's 2001 effective and rollback tax rates. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

18. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant for the South Texas Theft Enforcement Task Force. (Carlos Garcia, Police)

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

19. Consideration and action approving a contract for interim legal services for the City of Brownsville. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager) (Tabled 7/24/01)

20. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to solicit Requests for Qualifications for the conduct of a best practices audit. (Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon) (Discussion 6/5/01)

21. Consideration and action approving Change Order Number 3 to the contract with Pederson Construction Company for construction of the East St. Francis Street paving project. (Vernon Hodge, Engineering)

22. Consideration and action approving revised Change Order Number 1 to the contract with Zimmerman Construction Company for the construction of the Dean Porter Park renovation project. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager) (Workshop 7/24/01)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

23. Discussion regarding a City Commission retreat. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager)

24. Discussion regarding the use of the Historic Market Square Information Center. (Commissioner Henry Gonzalez)

25. Discussion regarding the completion schedule for the Special Event Center. (Commissioner Henry Gonzalez)

26. Discussion regarding City Commission attendance at PUB meetings. (Commissioner Alice Wilson)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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