

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, August 28, 2001, at 3:45 pm, 5:00 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 – 3:45 PM

- a. Discussion and attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation styled and numbered, Carlos Rubinstein vs. City of Brownsville et al, Cause No. B-00-169, (S. D. Tex.-Brownsville Division). (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel – 15 min)

- b. Discussion and attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation styled and numbered, Jesus R. Garza vs. City of Brownsville et al, Cause No. 2000-02-575-C. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel – 15 min)

- c. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding the evaluation of the following candidates for the position of City Attorney: James Goza; Victor Quintanilla; Mauro Ruiz; Richard Burst; Joseph Graham; Miguel Salinas; Sara A. Hartin; Alfredo Montano, Jr.; Dylbia Jefferies-Vega; Cindy Garcia; and John L. Shergold. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager – 30 min)

- d. Discussion and attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding contemplated litigation between the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and the City of Brownsville. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel – 15 min)

WORKSHOP SESSION – 5:00 PM

- A. Discussion regarding “O31” (nonresidential) overlay districts near railroads. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager – 15 min)

- B. Discussion regarding existing 40,000-square-foot minimum size for new lots with septic systems. (Commissioner John Wood – 15 min)

- C. Discussion regarding the EMS merger into the Fire Department. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel – 15 min)

- D. Discussion regarding the 2001 annexation study. (Commissioner Alice Wilson – 10 min)

REGULAR MEETING– 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS: Economic Development Trip to China,
Commissioner Joseph A. Zavaletta, M.D.

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.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

1. Consideration and action appointing or re-appointing members to the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee in the following positions: five At-Large, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 7 and District 8. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager)
2. Consideration and action appointing two members of the City Commission to serve as non-voting members of the Heritage Council and as voting participants on the Nominating Committee. (Ben Medina, Planning)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Public hearing to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2001-2002 budget and the ad valorem tax rate for 2001. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

4. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 235-2001-911, rezoning from Dwelling “Z” and General Retail “V” classifications to General Retail “X” classification, an area with the following clockwise boundaries: Expressway 77/83, Lomax Road, Couch Road, and FM 803 extended, located near Port Isabel Road.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-911. (Ben Medina, Planning)

5. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 235-2001-049, rezoning from Light Retail (Second Commercial) “F” classification to Dwelling “G” classification, and placing in an “O33” (non-apartment) overlay district, 20.21 acres out of Block 19 of El Jardin Subdivision, located near Old Port Isabel Road.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-049. (Ben Medina, Planning)

ACTION ITEMS:

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

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>
a.	Jesse A. Lopez	Police	San Antonio, Texas	9/5-7/01
	Ben Gabbert	Police	San Antonio, Texas	9/5-7/01

b.	Juan J. Dominguez	Health	Houston, Texas	9/19-22/01
	Arturo Martinez	Health	Houston, Texas	9/19-22/01
c.	Joe A. Hinojosa	Envir. Services	El Paso, Texas	9/5/01
d.	Lanny Lambert	City Manager	Houston, Texas	8/28-29/01

7. Consideration and action authorizing a semi-annual downtown parking permit for construction companies. (Vernon Hodge, Engineering) (Tabled 8/21)

8. Consideration and action adopting and approving an amendment to the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Brownsville and Fire Fighter Local IAFF to execute a merger of the EMS Department into the Fire Department. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel)

9. Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2001-933-HH, creating new classified positions in connection with the merger of the EMS Department into the Fire Department, and eliminating non-classified positions from the City budget. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel)

10. Consideration and action authorizing and mandating implementation of a plan to train and certify EMS personnel as fire fighters in accordance with state law. (Ric Navarro, Legal Counsel)

11. Consideration and action to announce that the City Commission will vote to adopt the fiscal year 2001-2002 budget by resolution on September 11, 2001, and will vote to increase the total tax revenues from properties on the 2001 tax roll by 7.37% by ordinance on September 11th and 12th, 2001. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)

12. Consideration and action on Resolution 2001-056, setting annexation public hearing dates, authorizing service plan preparation, designating initial study area boundaries and dealing with related matters. (Commissioner Alice Wilson)

13. Consideration and action on Budget Amendment Resolution Number 2001-059, amending the 2000-2001 budget general fund. (Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon)

14. Consideration and action approving the design of a dedication plaque for the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting facility at the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport. (Dan Weber, Aviation)

15. Consideration and action on Resolution Number 2001-058, authorizing the Brownsville Urban System to file a grant application with the Federal Transit Administration for service to the elderly and disabled. (Norma Zamora, BUS)

16. Consideration and action authorizing the Brownsville Fire Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the sharing of facilities and fire fighting assistance. (Raul Salazar, Fire)

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

17. Consideration and action awarding a contract for landscaping and irrigation for the Historic Brownsville Museum parking lot. (Vernon Hodge, Engineering)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

18. Discussion regarding the utilization of the Historic Market Square Information Center. (Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon)

19. Discussion regarding the status of the Best Practices Audit. (Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon)

20. Discussion regarding streetlights on FM 802 East, Old Port Isabel Road to Coffeeport Road, and Southmost Road. (Commissioner Alice Wilson)

21. Discussion regarding downtown development requirements. (Peter Goodman, Downtown District Development Manager/Joe Gavito, Heritage Officer)

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

POSTED this 24th day of August, at _____ pm, at the Brownsville City Hall by Sarah M. Reed, City Secretary.
