

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 Open 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, October 2, 2001, at 4:00 pm, 5:30 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 – 4:00 PM**

- a. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding the employment of James Goza as the City Attorney for the City of Brownsville. (Mayor Blanca S. Vela -15 min)
- b. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in the Southmost area of the City of Brownsville. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager – 30 min)
- c. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation styled and numbered Ferrell vs. City of Brownsville, et al., B-99-062; and Oakerson vs. City of Brownsville, et al., B-99-197. (J. Arnold Aguilar, Special Counsel – 10 min)
- d. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.068, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. (Lanny Lambert, City Manager – 30 min)

**WORKSHOP SESSION – 5:30 PM**

- A. Status report regarding a grant proposal for dredging City resacas. (Joe Hinojosa, Environmental Services/PUB – 20 min)

**REGULAR MEETING– 6:00 PM**

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

*INVOCATION*

*PROCLAMATIONS:* Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Head Start Awareness Month

*PRESENTATIONS:* Texas Star Program  
Commissioner Ernesto L. DeLeon

Brownville Economic Development Council  
Marie McDermott, President & CEO

*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.*

*PUBLIC HEARINGS:*

- 1. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 2001-1299-E, renewing and revising tax-abatement guidelines and criteria for enterprises in reinvestment zones; and dealing with related matters.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2001-1299-E. (Ben Medina, Planning)

- 2. Public hearing on Protested Ordinance Number 235-2001-040-S, to allow an Apartment specific use (apartments) in a Dwelling use district, for Lot 12 of Block 27-A of Stillman Subdivision located near West Madison Street and West First Street.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Protested Ordinance Number 235-2001-040-S. (Ben Medina, Planning)

3. Public hearing on Protested Ordinance Number 235-2001-042, to rezone from Dwelling “A” classification to Light Retail “A” classification for the rear ½ of Lot 8 of Sherwood Place, Section I, located near Old Port Isabel Road and Alan-A-Dale Drive.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Protested Ordinance Number 235-200-042. (Ben Medina, Planning)

4. Public hearing on Protested Ordinance Number 235-2001-042-S, to allow a General Retail specific use (retail sale and storage of merchandise) in a Light Retail use district, for all of Lot 8 of Sherwood Place, Section I, located near Old Port Isabel Road and Alan-A-Dale Drive.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Protested Ordinance Number 235-2001-042-S. (Ben Medina, Planning)

5. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 235-2001-050, to rezone from Medium Commercial (Sixth Commercial) “G” classification to General Retail (Fourth Commercial) “G” classification, Lot 10 of Block 2, El Valle Subdivision, Section I, located near FM 3248 and proposed Morrison Road.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-050. (Ben Medina, Planning)

6. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 235-2001-051, to rezone from Medium Commercial (Sixth Commercial) “G” classification to General Retail (Fourth Commercial) “G” classification, Lot 10 of Block 15, El Valle Subdivision, Section I, located near FM 3248 and proposed Morrison Road.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-051. (Ben Medina, Planning)

7. Public hearing on Ordinance Number 235-2001-052, to rezone from Medium Commercial (Sixth Commercial) “G” classification to Medium Retail (Third Commercial) “G” classification, Lots 11-14 of Block 2, El

Valle Subdivision, Section I, located near FM 3248 and proposed Morrison Road.

Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2001-052. (Ben Medina, Planning)

*ACTION ITEMS:*

8. Consideration and action on the appointment and employment of a City Attorney for the City of Brownsville. (Mayor Blanca S. Vela) (Tabled 9/25)
9. Consideration and action setting a salary and benefits for the City Attorney, and setting an effective date. (Mayor Blanca S. Vela) (Tabled 9/25)
10. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$500,000 Financial Assistance Award from the Economic Development Administration. (Ben Medina, Planning)
11. Consideration and action acknowledging receipt of a request for municipal incorporation, authorizing staff to prepare a consent ordinance, and setting a public hearing date. (Ben Medina, Planning)
12. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute a Renewal Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the U.S. Department of Justice reimbursing consultant costs associated with the development of the RIO-Net project. (Carlos Garcia, Police)
13. Consideration and action on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2001-856-HH, specifying charges for residential sanitation service, providing for an effective date, and dealing with related matters. (Pete Gonzalez, Finance)
14. Consideration and action approving a contract between the City of Brownsville and Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 for fire protection services. (Leonardo Perez, Fire)

15. Consideration and action to abandon and close a 10-foot City-owned utility easement located on the south side of Lot 9, Block 3, Parkview Subdivision, Phase I, Section 2. (Vernon Hodge, Engineering)
16. Consideration and action authorizing the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>
a. Guadalupe Granado	Finance	Austin, Texas	10/10-11/01
Jorge Santillan	Purchasing	Austin, Texas	10/10-11/01
b. Leonardo Perez	Fire	Austin, Texas	10/3-6/01
c. Daniel Gonzalez	Police	Washington, DC	10/5-10/01
d. Abraham Delgado	Police	Austin, Texas	10/15-19/01
Paul Cantu	Police	Austin, Texas	10/15-19/01
e. Cristina Banuelos	Public Works	Arlington, Texas	10/14-16/01
David Ivory	Public Works	Arlington, Texas	10/14-16/01

*PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:*

17. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Cameron County Elections Department for the conduct of the November 6, 2001, special municipal election. (Sarah Reed, City Secretary)
18. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Chemical Response and Remediation Contractors, Inc. for hazardous materials response. (Leonardo Perez, Fire)
19. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Alamo Environmental for hazardous materials response. (Leonardo Perez, Fire)
20. Consideration and action approving Change Order Number ?, accepting as complete and authorizing final payment to G&T Paving, Inc. for construction of the Pablo Kisel Extension. (Vernon Hodge, Engineering)
21. Consideration and action approving final payment to Zimmerman Construction for renovations to Hope, Oliveira and Morningside Parks. (Ben Medina, Planning)

22. Consideration and action awarding a contract for landscape improvements on Los Ebanos Boulevard. (Jorge Santillan, Purchasing/Deborah Cox, Beautification)
23. Consideration and action awarding a contract for reconstruction of industrial railroad tracks at the new Public Works Yard. (Jorge Santillan, Purchasing/Carlos Ayala, Public Works)

*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 28th day of September, at \_\_\_\_\_ pm, at the Brownsville City Hall by Sarah M. Reed, City Secretary.

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