

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

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Eddie Treviño, Jr., Mayor

**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 the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Workshop and a Special Meeting**, on **Tuesday, August 09, 2005, at 4:45 P.M., 6:00 P.M.** in the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

WORKSHOP: 4:45 P.M.

- a) Discussion regarding the propositions for the Charter Amendment Election. (Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr. – 1 hour)

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SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

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1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

ITEM No. "a" through "b"

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 02, 2005.

b) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2005-1439** amending Chapter 50 of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances: Fire Protection and Prevention, regulating the Sale, Storage, Transportation, and Discharge of Fire Works within the Corporate City Limits. (Leonardo L. Perez – Fire)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2005-1440** ordering and calling a Special Election for the purpose of submitting to the duly qualified voters of the City of Brownsville several propositions for the amendment of several articles of the Charter of said City, by repealing certain sections of several articles, adopting new sections for said articles, and amending several articles, of such Charter, providing for the method of voting in such election, both at the polls and early voting by personal appearance and early voting by mail; stating the qualifications of the voters permitted to vote in such election and the manner in which the same shall be conducted and the returns thereof made; establishing election precincts, designating polling places, and appointing officers of such election; providing for the giving of notice of such election; and dealing with other matters incidental to the subject. (Estela Von Hatten – Interim City Secretary)

ACTION ITEM:

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to acknowledge the Finance Director’s calculation of the City’s effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for tax year 2005 or fiscal year 2006. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)
- 4. Consideration and **ACTION** to acknowledge the Finance Director’s certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for the tax year 2005 and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2004. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:

- ANY PERSON WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION, NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA AS A **PUBLIC HEARING**, MAY SPEAK TO THE COMMISSION.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” MUST BE FILLED OUT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY SECRETARY/STAFF FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
- THERE IS A THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER.
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME BEFORE SPEAKING.
- NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

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 the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: **Eddie Treviño, Jr.**
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the August 09, 2005, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on August 05, 2005. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City’s website and can be downloaded by accessing: www.cob.us/agendas.asp.



Estela Von Hatten, Interim City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice and Agenda of items to be considered by the City Commission were removed by me from the City Hall bulletin areas on the ____ day of _____, 2005.

Name/Title