

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

MINUTES of a **Special Meeting** of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, held 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, on **Tuesday, August 09, 2005, at 4:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** with the following members present:

EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
DAVID A. BETANCOURT)	
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
SALLY MINIEL ARROYO)	
ERNIE L. HERNANDEZ, JR.)	COMMISSIONERS

CHARLIE CABLER	CITY MANAGER
CARLOS AYALA	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ESTELA VON HATTEN	INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

A quorum being present, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Ms. Estela Von Hatten, Interim City Secretary, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the Secretary on August 05, 2005:

WORKSHOP: 4:45 P.M.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Workshop Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- a) **Discussion regarding the propositions for the Charter Amendment Election.**
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SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

Upon conclusion of the Workshop Session, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Regular Session at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were lead by Mr. Dagoberto Barrera of Brownsville, Texas.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by City Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

1. *CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:*

All consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and were approved by one motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner David A. Betancourt and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “b” were **approved**.

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.**

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.**

Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney, reviewed the proposed ordinance and 14 propositions therein. In discussion, Commissioners agreed that Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) should be included as an early voting site.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez moved that Ordinance Number 2005-1440 be **adopted** on first reading, with revisions as discussed and inclusion of BISD as an early voting site.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

Nay: Commissioner Betancourt.

ACTION ITEM:

- 4. 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.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, reviewed the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for Tax Year 2005 and the excess debt tax collections for Tax Year 2004.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for Tax Year 2005 and the excess debt tax collections for Tax Year 2004, were **acknowledged**.

- 3. 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.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, reviewed the calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2005 or Fiscal Year 2006.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, the Finance Director's calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2005 or Fiscal Year 2006, were **acknowledged**.

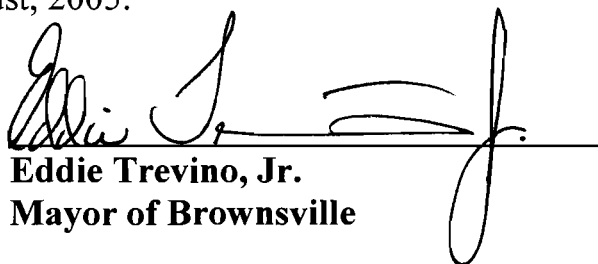
PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved this 16TH day of August, 2005.


Eddie Trevino, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:


Estela Von Hatten
Interim City Secretary

