

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

MINUTES of a Workshop and Rescheduled Regular 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, July 26, 2005, at 5:30 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
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 July 15, 2005:

WORKSHOP

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the **Workshop Session** to discuss the following item:

- a) **Discussion regarding the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Windstorm Certificate Program.**
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Upon conclusion of the Workshop Session, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the **Regular Session** at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were lead by Boys and Girls Club Members: *Omar Garza (6th grade), Carlos Reyes (7th grade), Diego Palacios (9th grade), and Salvador Sanchez (9th grade).*

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr.

PROCLAMATION:

***“Fill the Boot” Campaign
Muscular Dystrophy Association
(Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr.)***

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Chief Leonardo Perez to step forward to accept a proclamation initiating the *“Fill the Boot”* Campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo read the proclamation.

1. PRESENTATIONS:

***Employee of the Month
(July 2005)***

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized **Ms. Irma Melchor**, Public Works Department employee, as *“Employee of the Month”* for the month of July 2005.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Upon motion by Commissioner David A. Betancourt, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “e” were **approved**.

ITEM No. “a” through “e”

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 05, 2005.

b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

Employee	Department	Destination	Date
Norma H. Zamora	BUS	Austin, TX	July 26 – 28, 2005
Mark Maddy	BUS	Austin, TX	July 27 – 28, 2005
Mario Guerrero	Fire	College Station, TX	July 17 – 22, 2005
Edward Guerrero	Fire	College Station, TX	July 17 – 22, 2005
Leonardo Perez	Fire	College Station, TX	July 21 – 22, 2005
Joseph Prosis	Fire	College Station, TX	July 23 – 24, 2005
Raymond Harris	Fire	College Station, TX	July 23 – 24, 2005
Omar Alegria	Fire	College Station, TX	July 24 – 29, 2005
John Zimmerman	Fire	College Station, TX	July 24 – 29, 2005
Manuel Benavidez	Fire	College Station, TX	July 24 – 29, 2005
Chris Gracia	Fire	College Station, TX	July 24 – 29, 2005
Joe A. Hinojosa	Health	Galveston, TX	July 28 – 29, 2005
Judge Ben R. Neece	Municipal Court	Austin, TX	Aug. 15 – 17, 2005
David De Leon	Police	Houston, TX	July 29 – 31, 2005
Joe Villarreal	Police	El Paso, TX	July 31 – Aug. 05, 2005

Ms. Norma Zamora, BUS Director, will attend the “*Semi-Annual Transit Operators’ Meeting*” and the “*Public Transit Advisory Meeting*”, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation on July 26 - 28, 2005, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Mark Maddy, Public Transit Advisory Committee member, will attend to “*Public Transit Advisory Committee Meeting*”, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation on July 27 – 28, 2005, in Austin, Texas.

Fire Lieutenants Mario Guerrero and Edward Guerrero will attend the “43rd Annual Industrial Fire Training School”, sponsored by The Texas A & M University System’s Texas Engineering Extension Service on July 17 -22, 2005, in College Station, Texas.

Fire Chief Leonardo Perez will attend the “Executive Board Meeting of the Texas Fire Chiefs’ Association”, sponsored by the Texas Fire Chiefs’ Association on July 21 -22, 2005, in College Station, Texas.

Fire Fighters Joseph Prosis and Raymond Harris will “76th Annual Municipal Fire School”, sponsored by The Texas A & M University System’s Texas Engineering Extension Service on July 23 – 24, 2005, in College Station, Texas.

Fire Captain Omar Alegria, Fire Inspector John Zimmerman, Driver Manuel Benavidez, and Fire Fighter Chris Gracia will attend the “76th Annual Municipal Fire Training School”, sponsored by The Texas A & M University System’s Texas Engineering Extension Service on July 24 – 29, 2005, in College Station, Texas.

Mr. Joe A. Hinojosa, Health Environmental Manager, will attend an “Environmental Habitat Assessment Exercise for Resaca Restoration”, sponsored by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers on July 28 – 29, 2005, in Galveston, Texas.

Judge Ben R. Neece, Municipal Court, will attend the “Legislative Update Seminar”, sponsored by TMCEC on August 15 – 17, 2005, in Austin, Texas.

Police Investigator David De Leon will attend the “TTPOA Board of Directors’ Meeting”, sponsored by the Texas Tactical Police Officer’s Association (TTPOA) on July 29 – 31, 2005, in Houston, Texas.

Police Agent Joe Villarreal will attend the “Texas Narcotic Officers Association Annual Training Conference”, sponsored by the Texas Narcotic Officers’ Association on July 31 – August 5, 2005, in El Paso, Texas.

- c) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2005-027 to rezone, from Dwelling “G” classification to Apartment “G” classification, 5.0 acres out of Block 28 of El Jardin Subdivision in Share 33 of Share 19 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near Old Port Isabel Road and Coffeepport Road.**

- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2005-033 to rezone, from “Z” Area District to “F” Area District classification, 516.044 acres out of Share 14 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near FM 1732 and Expressway 77/83.**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2005-037 to rezone, from General Retail “G” classification Apartment “F” classification, Lots 5 thru 9 of Block 1 of Masso Commercial Park Subdivision Replat, near State Highway 48 and Villa del Mar Drive.**
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS:

- 3. ACTION to appoint one (1) member to the Amigos del Valle Board.**

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., moved that **Brownsville City Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo** be appointed to the Amigos del Valle Board, replacing former Commissioner Ernesto L. De Leon.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4. Public Hearing and ACTION on Resolution Number 2005-024 to authorize the City Manager to file a grant application with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for Section 5310 Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2006.**

Mr. Alex Lorio from the BUS Department gave a brief overview of the proposed federal grant application and noted that eighty percent (80%) of the capital would be provided by federal grants with the remaining twenty percent (20%) to be provided as a non-federal match.

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

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that approve Resolution Number 2005-024 be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance 235-2005-026 to rezone, from “Z” Area District classification to “F” Area District classification, for Block 9 of Olmito Tract Number 1 of Shares 12 and 15 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near Lomax Road and FM 803.**

No action was taken on this item. It was noted that this item would be re-submitted for consideration on August 16, 2005.

6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on PROTESTED Ordinance 235-2005-031 to rezone, from “Z” Area District classification to “F” Area District classification, for 33.395 acres out of Share 15 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near Alton Gloor Boulevard and Tandy Road.**

No action was taken on this item. It was noted that this item would be re-submitted for consideration on August 16, 2005.

7. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on PROTESTED Ordinance 235-2005-032 to rezone, from “Z” Area District classification to “F” Area District classification, for 26.76 acres out of Shares 12 and 15 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near Alton Gloor Boulevard and Tandy Road.**

No action was taken on this item. It was noted that this item would be re-submitted for consideration on August 16, 2005.

8. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on PROTESTED Ordinance 235-2005-034 to rezone, from “Z” Area District classification to “F” Area District classification, for 25.00 acres out of Share 15 of Espiritu Santo Grant, near Alton Gloor Boulevard and Tandy Road.**

No action was taken on this item. It was noted that this item would be re-submitted for consideration on August 16, 2005.

9. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance 235-2005-039 to rezone, from Dwelling “Z” classification to Medium Retail “G” classification, for Lots 4 thru 6 and Lot 7 of Block 104 of Olmito Original Townsite, located 7575 North Expressway 77/83.**

No action was taken on this item. It was noted that this item would be re-submitted for consideration on August 16, 2005.

ACTION ITEM:

- 10. ACTION to authorize the Brownsville Police Department to support and accept the South Texas Region, Southwest Border HIDTA Grant Award Number I5PSSP702Z, in the amount of \$7,061.00.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner David A. Betancourt, the Brownsville Police Department was authorized to support and **accept** the South Texas Region, Southwest Border HIDTA Grant Award Number I5PSSP702Z, in the amount of \$7,061.00.

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

- 11. ACTION to authorize a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the South Star Ambulance Service, Incorporated.**

Fire Chief Leonardo L. Perez noted that the South Star Ambulance Service, Incorporated, is an existing 911 provider for the City of San Benito and would be able to assist the City of Brownsville in the event of a major emergency or catastrophe.

Upon motion by Commissioner David A. Betancourt, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the South Star Ambulance Service, Incorporated, was **approved**.

- 12. ACTION to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brownsville Police Department and the Los Fresnos C.I.S.D. Police Department.**

Chief Carlos L. Garcia noted that the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brownsville Police Department and the Los Fresnos C.I.S.D. Police Department would be in the best interest of service to the community.

Upon Mr. James Unwin's request, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Mr. Unwin, representing Border Ambulance Service, to step forward. Mr. Unwin stated that he had requested placement on a City Commission agenda to consider an agreement between his company and the City of Brownsville but that his request had been refused by the City Manager.

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, noted that Mr. Unwin had requested that the City revise the ordinance so that Border Ambulance Service could be sole provider for the City.

Fire Chief Perez noted that Mr. Unwin's company was not a 911 emergency service provider, as in the case of South Star Ambulance, and that the service he wished to provide was for patient transfers only.

In response to Mr. Unwin's comment, regarding the proposed mutual aid agreement, Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez stated that South Star Ambulance would not be permitted to provide patient transfers. Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., noted that the agreement would include language to that effect.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., a Mutual Aid Agreement, between the Brownsville Police Department and the Los Fresnos C.I.S.D. Police Department, was **approved**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:

13. ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for City of Brownsville for the third Quarter ending June 30, 2005.

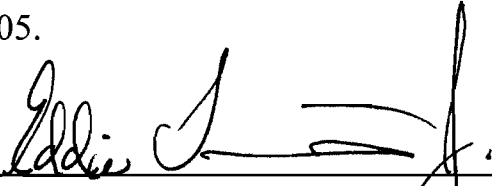
Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, reviewed the Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the third quarter ending June 30, 2005.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., the Finance Director's Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville third quarter ending June 30, 2005, were **approved**.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2005.



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:



Estela Von Hatten
Interim City Secretary

