

**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, October 25, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.** with the following members present:

<b>EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</b>	)	
<b>DAVID A. BETANCOURT</b>	)	
<b>CARLOS A. CISNEROS</b>	)	
<b>EDWARD C. CAMARILLO</b>	)	
<b>SALLY MINIEL ARROYO</b>	)	
<b>ERNIE L. HERNANDEZ, JR.</b>	)	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>CHARLIE CABLER</b>		<b>CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>CARLOS AYALA</b>		<b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b>
<b>JIM GOZA</b>		<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b>
<b>ESTELA VON HATTEN</b>		<b>INTERIM CITY SECRETARY</b>

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 City Secretary on October 21, 2005:

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***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE \* TEXAS PLEDGE***

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was lead by Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr.

***INVOCATION:***

The invocation was given by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

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***ACTION ITEM:***

**1. ACTION to approve emergency funding to the Brownsville Foundation for Sports.**

Mr. Jeff Millar requested funding, in the amount of \$300,000, for maintenance and operations' expansion of the Brownsville Foundation for Sports' Community Olympic Development Program in connection with the Foundation's Judo and Boxing programs, noting that the Foundation was recently named as one of two USA Judo Training Sites in the nation. He noted that the Foundation had generated \$2.3 million dollars resulting in an increased economic impact for the City.

In response to Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., Mr. Millar stated that the majority of the funding requested would be used for salaries of the Executive Director and coaching staff associated with the program.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., noted that with the Commission still dealing with unresolved police and fire contracts and other budgetary issues, he was not in favor of approving funding request.

Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez spoke in favor of the request, suggesting that the Brownsville Community Improvements Corporation (BCIC) could fund the program as a quality of life project.

Mr. Millar requested allocation of a percentage of funds from the City's surplus, from hotel-motel taxes, based on its contribution.

In response to Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney, noted that such an allocation was lawfully permissible if it accomplished a municipal purpose.

The Commission was not in favor of Mr. Millar's request for a percentage of funds from the City's surplus from hotel-motel taxes.

Mr. Millar then noted that the Foundation could request a State loan through the Governor's Office, stating that the City and the BCIC must approve the application. In response to a Commissioner, he stated that the loan would have to be guaranteed by the City. Commissioners expressed their opposition to co-signing on a loan for the Foundation.

Commissioner David A. Betancourt stated that he was not in favor of approving such a request with so little notice and possibly setting a precedent for other foundations to request project funds from the City or for the City to sign on loans for projects. He suggested that the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) be contacted for possible funding.

Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo suggested that the Foundation solicit funding from corporations and other entities in the State. She noted that although she supported the Foundation's efforts associated with the Community Olympic Development Program and the operation of a Judo and Boxing Training Site, she could not approve the funding request due to the City's current budgetary concerns.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo stated that he supports the Foundation's efforts but that his concerns were the constituents of his district that at times could not afford to pay their electricity bill. He suggested that further research be done and submission of additional information for the City Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that action on this item be **tabled** until November 1, 2005, allowing for further review with the Governor's Office and further information for the Commission's review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and **carried** as follow:

Ayes: Commissioners Betancourt, Cisneros, Camarillo, and Betancourt;

Nayes: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, and Hernandez.

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***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:***

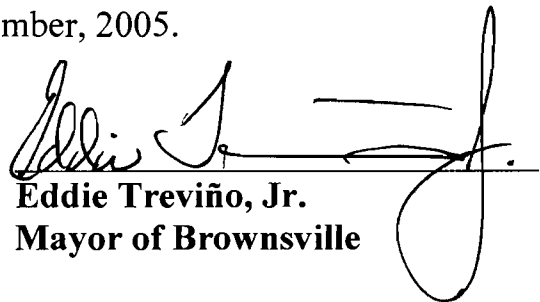
There were no public comments.

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***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved this   1st   day of November, 2005.

  
Eddie Treviño, Jr.  
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:

  
Estela Von Hatten  
Interim City Secretary

