

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 **Monday, September 19, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** with the following members present:

EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
ERNIE L. HERNANDEZ, JR.)	COMMISSIONERS
CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
CARLOS AYALA		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

Absent:

CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
DAVID A. BETANCOURT)	
SALLY MINIEL ARROYO)	COMMISSIONERS

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 September 16, 2005:

WORKSHOP:

- a) **Discussion regarding the proposed BUS service expansion & improvements and pass system upgrades.**
- b) **Presentation to inform the City Commission on the status of current BUS projects, operations and funding.**

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 *Jimmy Flores, Cub Scout and 5th Grade student* at Palm Grove Elementary School in Brownsville, Texas.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mr. Bob Clark, Deacon, of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Brownsville, Texas.

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 Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Consent Agenda Item “a” was approved.**

ITEM No. “a”

- a) **Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:**

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Skip Keller	Parks	San Antonio, TX	Oct. 18-22, 2005

Mr. Skip Keller, Recreational Services Director, will attend the “*NRPA Congress and Exposition*”, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, on October 18-22, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

2. ACTION to appoint or reappoint three (3) members to the Transit Advisory Committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Ms. Ernestine Chapa** was re-appointed to the Transit Advisory Committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Ms. Celia Campana** was re-appointed to the Transit Advisory Committee.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., noted that he would make an appointment at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

3. ACTION to appoint four (4) members to the Impact Fee Study Committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the following persons were **appointed** to the Impact Fee Study Committee:

David Vela, Ray Lopez, John Gloor and Vicente Mendez. Mr. Pat Ahumada was ratified as the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, board member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. Public Hearing and ACTION regarding the proposed BUS service expansion & improvements and pass system upgrades.

Ms. Norma Zamora, BUS Director, noted that Proposal A had no effect on the budget; Proposal B would maintain the current level of service or better and provide

additional service to the Alton Gloor Blvd.; Proposal C would include an increase of \$366,000 with a match of \$183,000 at the local level. She further noted that anticipated revenues had been incorporated into the budget and, should the item be tabled, operations would not be affected.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **continued** until October 18, 2005.

5. Public Hearing and ACTION on Resolution Number 2005-033 to adopt the 2006 annual budget and resolving other matters thereof.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, reviewed the budget noting that the budget reflected a sale tax revenue increase of 5.54% over fiscal year 2005 and that sales tax revenue had increased on a yearly basis for the past five fiscal years.

Mr. Jeff Millar, representing the Brownsville Foundation for Sports, commented on the Foundation's sports related activities and noted that they needed \$300,000 to fund training for a variety of sports that attract U.S. Olympic Committee participation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Resolution Number 2005-033 be **approved** to adopt the 2006 annual budget and resolve other matters thereof.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2005-856-LL to amend Ordinance Number 2005-856-KK, Chapter 82, Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brownsville; Section 82-37, specifying charges for disposal of solid waste materials by amending same; providing for an effective date; providing for severability; and ordaining other provisions relating to the subject matter thereof.

Mr. David Ivory, Public Works Director, noted that under the proposed amendment the previous special waste fee of \$54 per ton would be reduced to \$36 per ton, thereby attracting additional business. He further noted that two new categories would be added: Clean Brush at a rate of \$16 per ton and Friable Asbestos at \$28 per cubic yard.

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 2005-856-LL be **adopted** on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously.

7. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2005-1444 levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2005 for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2006, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2006 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, general obligation bonds.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 2005-1444 be **approved** on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

8. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2005-1443 to amend Chapter 18 of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances, reserving certain sections of Article X, adding Article XI, and to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 2005-1443 be **approved** on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. ACTION on Resolution Number 2005-028 to support and authorize the City Manager to adopt the National Incident Management System.

Chief of Police Carlos L. Garcia noted that the proposed resolution would serve to standardize the procedure by which emergency responders within the City would deal with emergencies, as required by the Department of Homeland Security in order to be eligible for Homeland Security funds in FY 2006..

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2005-028 was **adopted** to support and authorize the City Manager to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the City of Brownsville.

10. ACTION on Resolution Number 2005-029 authorizing the closing of Southmost Blvd. for the 6th Annual Southmost Veterans' Day Parade to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2005-029 was **approved**, authorizing the closing of Southmost Blvd. for the 6th Annual Southmost Veterans Day Parade to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005.

11. ACTION to approve budget amendment Resolution Number 2005-036 to amend the General Fund, Landfill Tipping Fee Increase Fund, Airport Fund, and Public Transit Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, budget amendment Resolution

Number 2005-036 was **approved** to amend the General Fund, Landfill Tipping Fee Increase Fund, Airport Fund, and Public Transit Fund.

12. ACTION to designate property for location of the North Brownsville Little Miss Kickball fields. (TABLED)

Mr. Skip Keller, Recreational Services Director, noted that 21 acres of city-owned property located on FM 511 was requested for parkland use for the North Brownsville Little Miss Kickball fields. He stated that at least four fields would be needed, increasing their number to six at a later date.

Upon motion by Mayor Eddie Trevino, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, action was **tabled** pending an analysis of a property located on Alton Gloor. The item would be re-submitted at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

13. ACTION to authorize the City Manager to execute an encroachment license on Lakeshore Drive (right-of-way) adjacent to Lot 11 in the Hidden Isle Subdivision. (TABLED)

Mr. Santiago Navarro, Building Inspections and Permitting Director, recommended denial of the request for an encroachment license as the property in question is part of a City right-of-way.

The Commission's recommendation was that the City Attorney speak with the owner regarding the property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, action was **tabled**.

PURCHASE/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

14. ACTION to approve a contract with the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I to furnish Firefighting Services to the unincorporated area of Cameron County designated by Zone Number I on the Official Fire Protection Service Zone Map of the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I.

Fire Chief Leonardo Perez noted that the proposed contract offered a total of \$212,227 per year for fire fighting services for fiscal year 2005-2006, and reflected an increase of \$13,504 from last fiscal year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract with the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I was **approved** to furnish firefighting services, for fiscal year 2005-2006, to the unincorporated areas of Cameron County designated by Zone Number I on the Official Fire Protection Service Zone Map of the Cameron County Emergency Services District Number I.

15. ACTION to approve a contract with the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I to furnish ambulance and emergency medical services to the unincorporated area of Cameron County designated by Zone Number I on the Official Fire Protection Service Zone Map of the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I.

Fire Chief Leonardo Perez noted that the proposed contract offered a total of \$110,397 per year for fire fighting services for fiscal year 2005-2006, and reflected an increase of \$28,960 from last fiscal year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, a contract with the Cameron County Emergency Services District (CCESD) Number I was **approved** to furnish ambulance and emergency medical services, for fiscal year 2005-2006, to the unincorporated areas of Cameron County designated by Zone Number I on the Official Fire Protection Service Zone Map of the Cameron County Emergency Services District Number I.


PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments

ADJOURNMENT:

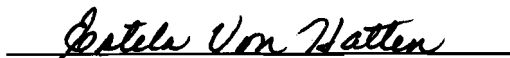
There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of October, 2005.



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:



Estela Von Hatten
Interim City Secretary

