

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, September 27, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.** with the following members present:

EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
SALLY MINIEL ARROYO)	
ERNIE L. HERNANDEZ, JR.)	COMMISSIONERS

CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
JIM GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

Absent:

DAVID A. BETANCOURT)	
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	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 23, 2005:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Executive Session to discuss the following item:

A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding the acquisition of properties.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the regular session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

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

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Bill Poole, Assistant Pastor at The Church of the Good Shepherd of Brownsville, Texas.

1. *PROCLAMATIONS: Destination Dignity Month*
(Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr.)

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Ms. Terri Lozano, representing Tropical Texas Center, to step forward to accept a proclamation proclaiming September, 2005 as “*Destination Dignity Month*” in the City of Brownsville.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 2005-1133-V of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, amending Ordinance 86-1133, an ordinance pertaining to a franchise contract between the City of Brownsville and Governmental Managerial Services Incorporated for collection and disposal of commercial and industrial solid waste, incorporating signed contract for all purposes and amending the rates for containerized collection of commercial and industrial solid waste and related matters as set forth in exhibit "A" establishing an increase of 3.8% as per section 13.02 (a), titled Modification of Rates, to reflect a consumer price index increase, plus a \$.50 increase in garbage fees dedicated to the general fund for a total increase of 6.55%.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, reviewed a Rate Increase Computation Formula and indicated that GMS had requested a 3.8% increase and the City requested the addition of \$.50 to the customers' bills an amount which would be dedicated to the City's General Fund. The total rate increase would be 6.55%.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, Ordinance Number 2005-1133-V was **adopted** on first reading.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **ACTION to encumber \$41,650 of Building Inspection Department funds at September 30, 2005, for the purpose of purchasing two (2) much needed vehicles.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, noted that the Building Inspections Department had the funds to carry-over for the purchase of the needed vehicle.

Upon motion by Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, The Building Inspections Department was **authorized** to encumber **\$41,650.00**, at September 30, 2005, for the purpose of purchasing two (2) much needed vehicles.

4. **ACTION to encumber \$48,379 of City Library funds at September 30, 2005, for the purpose of purchasing one vehicle and for the construction of a fence for the Brownsville Public Library.**

Mr. Jerry Hedgecock, Interim Library Director, noted that the fence in question was for security purposes and would be located at the north side of the main library which is located on Central Blvd – not at the Southmost Branch site.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the Finance Department was **authorized** to encumber **\$48,379.00**, of City Library funds at September 30, 2005, for the purpose of purchasing one vehicle and for the construction of a fence for the Brownsville Public Library.

5. **ACTION on Resolution Number 2005-036 expressing official intent to reimburse with tax-exempt obligation proceeds for costs associated with the final construction of the remodeling/furnishing of the City Plaza Building and parking lot.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, noted that an additional \$260,000.00 was requested to complete the remodeling of City Plaza and construct an adjacent parking lot.

Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez moved that Resolution Number 2005-036, be **approved**, expressing official intent to reimburse, with tax-exempt obligation proceeds, for costs associated with the final construction of the remodeling/furnishing of the City Plaza Building and parking lot.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously.

6. **ACTION to purchase property located on Block 65, Lot 1-2, Brownsville Original Townsite. (TABLED)**

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

7. ACTION to purchase property located on Block 20, Lot 2, Brownsville Original Townsite.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez and carried unanimously, authorization was **granted** for the purchase of property located on Block 20, Lot 2 of Brownsville Original Townsite.

PURCHASE/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

8. ACTION to authorize an Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Cameron County Elections Administrator for the conduct of the November 08, 2005, Special Charter Election.

Ms. Estela Von Hatten, Interim City Secretary, noted that the agreement reflected the five (5) early voting locations as requested by Commissioners. The estimated costs of the election were \$64,185.00, including the cost of Automark Precinct Counters, which complied with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) as required.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, an agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Cameron County Elections Administrator, was **authorized** for the conduct of the November 08, 2005, Special Charter Election.

9. ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and installation of aluminum hand railing for new internal steel staircase at the City Plaza Building.

Mr. Roberto Luna, Purchasing Coordinator, noted that funds for the proposed purchase were available from the General Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$21,204.00**, was awarded to **Bowman Distributing Co., Inc. of Harlingen, Texas**, for the purchase and installation of aluminum hand railing for the new internal steel staircase at the City Plaza Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

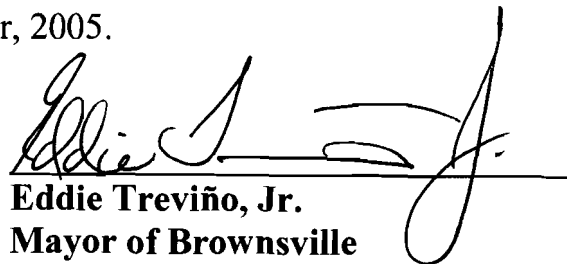
There were no public comments.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., reminded everyone present of the “*Hope for the City*” prayer event which will take place at the Brownsville Event Center on October 3-6, 2005. He also announced that the Southmost Branch Library grand opening is scheduled for October 8, 2005, and that a basketball game, between the “*City All Stars*” and the “*New Orleans Faith*”, will be held on October 3, 2005 at Rivera High School Gym to benefit Hurricane Relief efforts. Mayor Treviño noted that he would be participating in the basketball game and he encouraged City staff and citizen participation or attendance at these events.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of October, 2005.


Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:


Estela Von Hatten
Interim City Secretary

