

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 08, 2006**, at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
CHARLIE ATKINSON)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
SALLY MINIEL ARROYO)	COMMISSIONERS

CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
CARLOS AYALA		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		CITY SECRETARY

Absent:

CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
ERNIE L. HERNANDEZ, JR.)	COMMISSIONERS

A quorum being present, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Ms. Estela Von Hatten, 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 August 04, 2006:

SPECIAL MEETING:

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Special 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 led by Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by City Chaplin, Bob Clark.

1. PRESENTATION: Richard Catanzaro Scholarship
(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)

This item was tabled and rescheduled for the next meeting of the City Commission.

2. 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 Items “a” through “c” were **approved.**

ITEMS No. “a” through “c”

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 01, 2006.

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Leonardo Perez	Fire	Austin, TX	Aug. 9 – 10, 2006

Mr. Leonardo L. Perez, Fire Chief, will attend the “*Texas Commission on Fire Protection Fire Fighter Advisory Committee Meeting*,” sponsored by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Fire Fighter Advisory Committee, on August 9 – 10, 2006, in Austin, Texas.

- c) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1100.39 amending the City Code by clarifying the relationships between the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and other entities, and dealing with related matters including \$500 penalties.**

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

- 3. Consideration and ACTION to appoint one (1) new member to the Brownsville Border Film Advisory Commission.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Ms. Maria G. Gomez** was **appointed** to the Brownsville Border Film Advisory Commission to replace Mr. Patrick Rodriguez, who resigned. Ms. Gomez’s term expires December 30, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4. Public Hearing to discuss the City’s proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget.**
[CONTINUED 08/01/2006]

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, gave a brief presentation of the City’s proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

5. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1100.38 an ordinance amending the City Code by updating the procedures for heritage-related Class L Permits and Class A Permits and dealing with related matters including \$2000 penalties.**

Mr. Joe Gavito, Heritage Officer, gave a brief overview of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, Ordinance Number 2006-1100.38 was **approved** at first reading.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. **Consideration and ACTION to encumber \$150,000 at the end of Fiscal Year 2006, which will result in the carryover of \$150,000 from Fiscal Year 2006 to Fiscal Year 2007, for the purchase of an automated camera system that will be used at the City Hall Commission Chambers to broadcast live City Commission Meetings from Channel 12.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, recommended approval of the encumbrance as presented.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the encumbrance of \$150,000, at the end of Fiscal Year 2006 was **approved**, resulting in a carryover of \$150,000 from Fiscal Year 2006 to Fiscal Year 2007, for the purchase of an automated camera system for use at City Hall Commission Chambers to broadcast live City Commission meetings from Channel 12.

7. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraisal's certification of the City of Brownsville's 2006 tax roll.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraisal's certification of the City of Brownsville's 2006 tax roll was **acknowledged**.

8. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for the tax year 2006 and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2005.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for tax year 2006 and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2005 was **acknowledged**.

9. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for tax year 2006 or Fiscal Year 2007.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the Finance Director's calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for tax year 2006 or Fiscal Year 2007 was **acknowledged**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved the 15th day of August, 2006.



Attest:

Estela Von Hatten

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City Secretary

Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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Mayor of Brownsville