

**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 29, 2006**, at **4:40 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

<b>EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</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>CITY SECRETARY</b>

**Absent:**

<b>CHARLIE ATKINSON</b>	)	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>
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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 25, 2006:

**WORKSHOP:**

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

- a) **Discussion regarding proposed Ordinance Number 235-2006-0906 amending the “City Zoning Ordinance” by amending the Official Zoning Atlas to renew the existing “O11” Overlay District and extend it to four new areas in or near Brownsville Original Townsite, and dealing with related matters including \$2000 penalties.**
- b) **Discussion regarding Impact Fees.**

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**SPECIAL MEETING:**

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Special Session at 6:00 p.m.

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

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by City Chaplin, Bob Clark.

***INVOCATION:***

The invocation was given by Juan Treviño, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Brownsville, Texas.

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**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 Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “f” were **approved.**

*ITEMS No. "a" through "f"*

- a) **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 15, 2006.**
- b) **Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:**

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>
Rodney Gomez	BUS	Houston, TX	Sept. 17 – 22, 2006
Elias Guerra	BUS	Houston, TX	Sept. 17 – 22, 2006
Jose Luis Espericueta	BUS	Houston, TX	Sept. 17 – 22, 2006
Pete Gonzalez	Finance	Detroit, MI	Sept. 07 – 08, 2006
Lupe Granado	Finance	Detroit, MI	Sept. 07 – 08, 2006
Leonardo Perez	Fire	Dallas, TX	Sept. 13 – 17, 2006
Gail Bruciak	MIS	Detroit, MI	Sept. 07 – 08, 2006
Paul J. Calapa	Purchasing	Detroit, MI	Sept. 07 – 08, 2006

Mr. Rodney Gomez, Assistant Director, Elias Guerra, Operations Manager, and Jose Luis Espericueta, Facility Supervisor, will attend the “*Transit Bus System Safety Training*,” sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI), on September 17 – 22, 2006, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, and Lupe Granado, Assistant Finance Director, will meet with the New World System Officials regarding some software applications on September 07 – 08, 2006, in Detroit, Michigan.

Fire Chief Leonardo Perez will attend the “*Fire Rescue International (FRI) 2006*,” sponsored by Fire Rescue International (FRI), on September 13 - 17, 2006, in Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Gail Bruciak, MIS Director, and Paul J. Calapa, Purchasing Director, will meet with the New World System Officials regarding some software applications on September 07 – 08, 2006, in Detroit, Michigan.

- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-021-S to allow a General Retail Specific Use (8 story building office/condominiums) in a General Retail Use District, for 1.028 acres out of Lots 4 thru 6 and Lots 7 thru 9 of Olmito Original Townsite, near Expressway 77/83 and Hargill Street.**

- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-045 to rezone, from Dwelling “Z” Classification to Medium Retail “G” Classification, Lot 1 of Block 3 of Pasto Verde Subdivision, near SH 100 and FM 803.**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-047-S to allow a Professional Office Specific Use (day care center) in a Dwelling Use District, for Lot 1 of Block 2 of Abel and Lidia Longoria Subdivision, located at 7055 US 281.**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-748-E to amend Chapter 98-Traffic and Vehicles, Article V-Speed Restrictions; Section 98-133 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brownsville, Texas, establishing new speed limits along East Price Road between Old Port Isabel Road and Padre Island Highway.**

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***BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:***

- 2. **ACTION to appoint one (1) member and one (1) alternate to the Amigos Del Valle, Inc. Board.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., and carried unanimously, **Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo** was reappointed as a member, and **Mr. Ben Medina, Jr.**, was reappointed as the alternate, to the Amigos Del Valle, Inc. Board.

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***PUBLIC HEARING:***

- 3. **First Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2006 (Fiscal Year 2007) ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0650235 over \$100 valuation, which is an increase of 7.87% over the effective tax rate, but it is also a reduction of \$0.029765 from the current year’s (Fiscal Year 2006) ad valorem tax rate of \$0.680000 per \$100 valuation.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2007 ad valorem tax rate increase.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera expressed his opposition to tax increases.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**. A second Public Hearing on this item will be held September 05, 2006.

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

**4. ACTION to correct the Minutes of June 06, 2006.**

Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney, addressed the correction of the Minutes of June 06, 2006 to reflect that, upon motion Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, Commissioners Carlos A. Cisneros, Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and Ernie L. Hernandez had voted in favor of acceptance and expenditure of the award reflected in Item 19 of the June 06, 2006 City Commission agenda, and Commissioner Charlie Atkinson did not vote.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the Minutes of June 06, 2006 be **corrected** as noted by Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, and carried unanimously.

**5. ACTION on Resolution Number 2006-052 to acknowledge the status of HOME Certifications pertaining to funds for Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, and confirming that the City is committed to maintaining compliance with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2006-052 was **approved**, acknowledging the status of HOME Certifications pertaining to funds for Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, and confirming that the City is committed to maintaining compliance with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

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***PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:***

- 6. Consideration and ACTION to authorize HNTB Amendment Number 26 for Professional Planning Services associated with the Maintenance Repair Operation (MRO) Facility.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, HNTB Amendment Number 26 for Professional Planning Services, associated with the Maintenance Repair Operation (MRO) Facility, was **tabled**.

- 7. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for irrigation and landscape improvements for the Historic Brownsville Museum.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$33,255**, was awarded to **Grass Unlimited & Sprinkler Systems** of Olmito, Texas, for irrigation and landscape improvements for the Historic Brownsville Museum.

- 8. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for irrigation and landscape improvements at Palm Boulevard.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount **\$21, 943**, was awarded to **Ralph Ruby Landscape** of Pharr, Texas, for irrigation and landscape improvements at Palm Boulevard.

- 9. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new 2007 model Chevrolet Trailblazer for the Brownsville Police Department.**

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, reviewed the single quote on the vehicle proposed for purchase.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$23,984**,

was awarded to **Caldwell Country Chevrolet** of Caldwell, Texas, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new 2007 model Chevrolet Trailblazer.

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***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:***

There were no public comments.

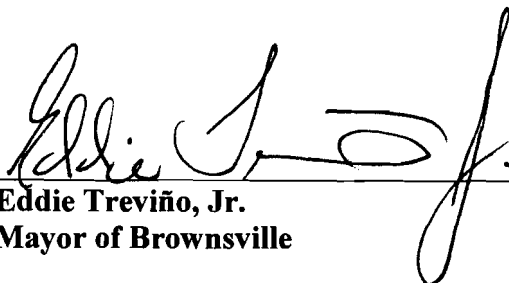
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***ADJOURNMENT:***


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

Approved the ~~18<sup>th</sup>~~<sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 2006.



  
Eddie Treviño, Jr.  
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:

  
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Estela Von Hatten  
City Secretary