

**THE STATE OF TEXAS       §**  
**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE   §**  
**COUNTY OF CAMERON       §**

**MINUTES** of a Joint Public Meeting of the **CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** and the **BROWNSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** held on **Tuesday, December 05, 2006**, at **6:00 P.M.**, and an **Executive Session** at **5:30 P.M.**, a **Regular City Commission Meeting**, thereafter, 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, 78520:

<b>EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</b>	)	
<b>CHARLIE ATKINSON</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>JESSICA GARCÍA</b>		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II</b>
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission:</b>		
<b>David Vela</b>	)	<b>P&amp;Z Chair</b>
<b>Jose F. Galvan</b>	)	
<b>Abraham Galonsky</b>	)	
<b>Troy Wittemore</b>	)	
<b>Miguel Salinas</b>	)	
<b>James Cortez</b>	)	<b>P&amp;Z Board Members</b>
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Leonel Rosales</b>	)	<b>P&amp;Z Board Member</b>

A quorum being present, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Ms. Jessica García, Administrative Specialist II, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the City Secretary on December 1, 2006:

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Executive Session to discuss the following item:

- A) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, regarding existing litigation styled Golden Spread vs. City of Brownsville.**
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**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Special Joint Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by *Alejandro Zendejas*, 9<sup>th</sup> grade St. Joseph Academy student, representing Kids Voting USA.

***INVOCATION:***

The invocation was given by Reverend Darrel Mortalla of First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Texas.

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- 1. *PRESENTATIONS: Kids Voting USA***  
*(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)*

Dr. Joseph Zavaletta of the University of Texas at Brownsville's Center for Civic Engagement introduced the Kids Voting USA-Brownsville Program. Andrew Garcia, President of the Kids Voting Club and student at St. Joseph Academy, presented a

certificate of appreciation to Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., Mr. Charlie Cabler, and Mr. Robert Esparza, Traffic Supervisor. Mayor Treviño acknowledged the students from the nine top ranking participating schools from Brownsville.

***Employee of the Month***  
*(December 2006)*

The employee of the month was not present but would be recognized at the next meeting of the City Commission.

*Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros stepped out.*

**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 Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “j” were **approved**.

***ITEMS No. “a” through “j”***

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lupe Granado	Finance	San Antonio, TX	Dec. 10 – 13, 2006
John C. Zimmerman	Fire	Emmittsburg, MD	Dec. 10 – 22, 2006
Eduardo Zuniga	Police	San Antonio, TX	Dec. 10 – 13, 2006
Pedro Gonzalez	Police	San Antonio, TX	Dec. 10 – 13, 2006
Daniel DeAnda	Police	Springfield, MA	Dec. 10 – 14, 2006
Juan Jose Garcia	Police	Springfield, MA	Dec. 10 – 14, 2006
Elena Mendoza	Police	Rockport, TX	Dec. 11 – 14, 2006
Claudia Villarreal	Police	Rockport, TX	Dec. 11 – 14, 2006
Cindy Alviar	Police	Rockport, TX	Dec. 11 – 14, 2006
Eduardo Zuniga	Police	Irving, TX	Jan. 22 – 26, 2007

Mr. Lupe Granado, Assistant Finance Director, will attend the “*Government Treasurers’ Organization of Texas Winter Seminar*,” sponsored by the Government Treasurers’ Organization of Texas and University of North Texas Center for Public Management, on December 10 – 13, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas.

Fire Inspector John C. Zimmerman will attend the “*Fire/Arson Investigation Class*,” sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security – United States Fire Administration’s National Emergency Training Center (NETC), on December 10 – 22, 2006, in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

Police Sergeant Eduardo Zuniga and Officer Pedro Gonzalez will attend the “*Texas Tactical Police Officer’s Association (TTPOA) Advanced Precision (Sniper) Rifle Course*,” sponsored by Texas Tactical Police Officer’s Association (TTPOA), on December 10 – 13, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas.

Police Firearms Instructor Daniel De Anda and Officer Juan Jose Garcia will attend the “*Smith and Wesson Pistol Armorer Course*,” sponsored by Smith and Wesson, on December 10 – 14, 2006, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Police Emergency Communication Supervisors Elena Mendoza, Claudia Villarreal, and Cindy Alviar will attend the “*Public Agency Training Council Leadership Skills for Challenging Times Seminar*,” sponsored by the Aransas County Sheriff’s Office, on December 11 – 14, 2006, in Rockport, Texas.

Police Sergeant Eduardo Zuniga will attend the “*Texas Tactical Police Officer’s Association (TTPOA) Colt Armorer’s School Course*,” sponsored by the Texas Tactical Police Officer’s Association (TTPOA), on January 22 – 26, 2007, in Irving, Texas.

- b) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1452-A, to amend Ordinance Number 2006-1452, regulating signs within the corporate city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Brownsville, Texas, providing a penalty for the violations of this ordinance; providing for the manner of amending Chapter 328 of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances and providing when this ordinance shall become effective.**

- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1466 to authorize the City Manager to abandon a portion of a 40 foot right-of-way described as San Jacinto Road.**
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1467 of the City of Brownsville, Texas ordaining the City's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code (Act), providing tax incentives, designating a liaison for communication with interested parties, and nominating Keppel Amfels, Inc. to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) through the Economic Development Bank (Bank as an Enterprise Zone Project).**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2006-1468 amending the text of the City Zoning Ordinance by adding the following definitions: Retail Sale/Rental of Goods or Services, Home Improvement Superstore and/or Warehouse, Garden Center, Superstore and/or Warehouse, Seasonal Sale, Conditional Use, Conditional Use Permit.**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-065 to rezone, from Dwelling "Z" Classification to General Retail "G" Classification, 0.450 acres out of Block 24 Brownsville Land Improvement Company Subdivision located near Minnesota and Austin Road.**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-066 to rezone, from Dwelling "Z" Classification to Medium Retail "G" Classification, Lot 1 Block 4 of Cameron Park Addition located near Paredes Line and Carlos Avenue.**
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-066-S to allow a General Retail (tire shop) in a Medium Retail for Lot 1 Block 4 of Cameron Park Addition located near Paredes Line and Carlos Avenue.**
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-067-S to allow a Light Commercial (car wash) in a General Retail for Lot 4 Block 1 of Galaxia Plaza Subdivision located near Military Highway and Calle Galaxia St.**

- j) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-068-S to allow a Light Commercial (used car lot) in General Retail for Lot 1 Block 32 of East Brownsville 3<sup>rd</sup> Section located near Southmost Road and East 21<sup>st</sup> Street.**
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***BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:***

- 3. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or reappoint one (1) member to the Cameron Appraisal District's Board of Directors.**

Upon motion by Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, **Mr. Mark Esparza** was **appointed** to the Cameron Appraisal District's Board of Directors to replace Mr. B. S. Wadhvani whose term had expired.

- 4. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or reappoint two (2) members to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, **Mr. B. S. Wadhvani** was **appointed** to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) to replace Mr. Ernesto Gamez whose term had expired.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, **Mr. Bill Conner** was **appointed** to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) to replace Mr. Bill Hudson who had resigned.

- 5. Consideration and ACTION to appoint one (1) member to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, **Mr. Guy Huddleson** was **appointed** to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) to replace Mr. Ray Lopez who had resigned. Mr. Huddleson's term would expire on September 19, 2007.

**BROWNSVILLE CITY COMMISSION AND PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:**

6. **Joint Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-906 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.**

Mr. Peter Goodman, Heritage Director, and Mr. Joe Gavito, Heritage Officer, gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

Mr. Larry Lof, West Brownsville resident, and Mr. Carlos Gomez, Director of Good Neighbor Settlement House, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Abraham Galonsky, Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) Board Member, expressed his opposition to the ordinance.

Upon motion by P&Z Chairperson David Vela, seconded by P&Z Commissioner Troy Whittemore and carried unanimously, the P & Z public hearing was **closed**.

P&Z Commissioner Miguel Salinas moved that Ordinance Number 235-2006-906 be **approved for recommendation to the Brownsville City Commission**. The motion was seconded by P&Z Commissioner Jose F. Galvan, and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** P&Z Chairperson Vela, P&Z Commissioners Galvan, Wittemore, Salinas, and Cortez;

**NAYS:** P&Z Commissioner Galonsky.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, the City Commission’s public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson abstained.

Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2006-906 be **approved** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

**NAYS:** None;

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Atkinson.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Joint City Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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### **CONTINUATION WITH THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING:**

#### ***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

#### **7. Public Hearing and ACTION on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.**

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the HUD Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) be **acknowledged**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

#### **8. Public Hearing and ACTION to authorize Mr. Jesus Moreno to transfer his motor cab license and taxi on a 2000 Dodge Caravan from Red Top Taxi to GC Taxi.**

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Mr. Jesus Moreno's request to transfer his motor cab license and taxi on a 2000 Dodge Caravan from Red Top Taxi to GC Taxi be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

**9. Public Hearing and ACTION to authorize Mrs. Griselda Soto Ortiz to transfer her motor cab license and taxi on a 1997 Chevy Lumina from GC Taxi to Fiesta Taxi.**

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Mrs. Griselda Soto Ortiz's request to transfer her motor cab license and taxi on a 1997 Chevy Lumina from GC Taxi to Fiesta Taxi be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously.

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

**10. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2006-070 in support of a convention center/arena for the City of Brownsville as recommended by the Brownsville Hotel and Lodging Association in association with local business interests and state representatives.**

Mr. Bob Prepejchal and Mr. B. Wadhvani, representing the Brownsville Hotel/Motel and Lodging Association, addressed the Commission regarding the need for, and benefits of, building a convention center in Brownsville.

Mr. Eddie Lucio, III, Attorney, spoke in support of the proposed convention center.

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, and carried unanimously, **Resolution Number 2006-070** was **approved**, in support of a convention center/arena for the City of Brownsville as recommended by the Brownsville Hotel and Lodging Association, in association with local business interests and state representatives.

11. **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2006-071 of the City of Brownsville, Texas finding, after reasonable notice and hearing that American Electric Power (AEP) Texas Central Company's existing electric distribution rates and charges within the City should not be increased and exercise of authority to join the Cities' Steering Committee for proposed intervention at the Public Utilities Commission Hearing regarding AEP Texas Central Company's requested rate increase.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, **Resolution Number 2006-071** was approved.

12. **Consideration and ACTION to authorize an amendment to Ordinance No. 2005-983-Z that modifies the current rate structure by reducing the current rates for general water and sanitary sewer waste water services for residential customers and implements other necessary modifications to the existing rate design consistent with existing legal obligations and as permitted by applicable governing law. (TABLED)**

Mr. John Bruciak, Brownsville Public Utilities Board General Manager and CEO, reviewed a preliminary draft of rate adjustment options with and without cap, noting the revenue impact of the draft rate adjustment options.

Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo moved that an amendment to Ordinance Number 2005-983-Z be **tabled**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: Commissioner Atkinson.

A Joint Workshop with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) would be scheduled prior to the Special City Commission Meeting of December 12, 2006, to discuss the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

13. **Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to execute a fee agreement with the Dallas based firm of Diamond McCarthy regarding damage claims for specific performance and delays associated with transfer of power generation facilities.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled** until the next meeting of the City Commission.

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

**14. Consideration and ACTION to authorize approval of Change Order Number 2 to the Terminal Ramp Expansion, Phase III Project.**

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that Change Order Number 2, to the Terminal Ramp Expansion, Phase III Project, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

*Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr. stepped out.*

**15. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the execution of Lump Sum Work Order Number 3 with URS Corporation for an environmental assessment of the project to reconstruct Taxiway G and additional potential improvements at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport.**

Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo moved that the execution of Lump Sum Work Order Number 3, with URS Corporation, for an environmental assessment of the project to reconstruct Taxiway G and additional potential improvements at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, be **authorized**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, , and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**16. Consideration and ACTION to authorize Work Order Number 4 to the existing contract with URS Corporation for the planning and engineering work associated with economic development project at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport.**

Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo moved that Work Order Number 4, to the existing contract with URS Corporation, for the planning and engineering work associated with economic development project at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport be **authorized**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**17. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance of an offer to buy one (1) paint booth in Suite Number 1 of Airport Building Number 16.**

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that the acceptance of an offer to buy one (1) paint booth in Suite Number 1 of Airport Building Number 16, in the amount of **\$30,000**, from Signature Capital Leasing, be **authorized**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

*Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr. returned.*

**18. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the 2006 CIP Project Contract Number 4 for street paving and drainage improvements for Riverside Boulevard and Tudela Street.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$871,603.95**, was awarded to **R&R Paving Company** of San Benito, Texas, the low responsive bidder, for the 2006 CIP Project Contract Number 4 for street paving and drainage improvements for Riverside Boulevard and Tudela Street .

**19. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the 2005 CIP Project Contract Number 1 for street paving and drainage improvements.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$961,550.00**, was awarded to **G&T Paving Company** of Brownsville, Texas, the low responsive bidder, for the 2005 CIP Project Contract Number 1 for street paving and drainage improvements, for the followings streets:

Toluca Drive	Chiapas Court
Fresnillo Drive	Quintana Roo Court
Torreón Drive	Merida Court
Matehuala Court	Matanzas Court
Mante Court	Jaumave Lane
Valles Court	Bamburg Drive
Hermosillo Court	

**20. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for a term contract for the purchase and delivery of emergency medical supplies for the Brownsville Fire Department.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that the City would reserve the option to extend the life of the contract, which would expire on September 31, 2007, for two additional years at the original quoted prices.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, a term contract in the amount of **\$868,482.40**, was awarded to **Henry Schein Matrix Medical** of Ballentino, South Carolina, the low responsible bidder, for the purchase and delivery of emergency medical supplies for the Brownsville Fire Department.

**21. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) multi-threat detection system for the Brownsville Public Health Department.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that once all the necessary paperwork had been processed, the cost of this project would be scheduled for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas as part of the 2005 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$36,047.22**, was awarded to **Hagemeyer Government Sales Division** of Charleston, South Carolina, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) multi-threat detection system for the Brownsville Public Health Department.

**22. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) radio encryption package for the Brownsville Police Department.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director noted that once all the necessary paperwork had been processed, \$25,000 of the \$29,076.88 total cost of this project would be scheduled

for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas as part of the 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) Grant.

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson moved that a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) radio encryption package be approved.

The motion was seconded, but immediately rescinded, by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., upon Commissioner Charlie Atkinson's note that he would abstain.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., a contract in the amount of **\$29,076.88**, was awarded to **Motorola, Inc.** of San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) radio encryption package for the Brownsville Police Department.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**23. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) robot upgrade accessory package for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that once all the necessary paperwork had been processed, the cost of this project will be scheduled for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas as part of the 2005 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, a contract in the amount of **\$22,372.00**, was awarded to **Remotec, Inc.** of Clinton, Tennessee, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) robot upgrade accessory package for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**24. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) robot remote hybrid radio system for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that once all the necessary paperwork was processed, the total cost of this project would be scheduled for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas as part of the 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ernie L. Hernandez, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, a contract in the amount of **\$53,008**, was awarded to **Remotec, Inc.** of Clinton, Tennessee, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) robot remote hybrid radio system for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**25. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) neutrex disruptor package for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that once all the necessary paperwork had been processed, the total cost of this project would be scheduled for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas: \$20,979.15 as part of the 2005 State Homeland

Security Program (SHSP) Grant and \$1,697.25 as part of the 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) Grant.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, moved that a contract in the amount of **\$22,676.40**, be **awarded** to **Proparms LTD.**, of Carignan Québec, Canada, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) neutrex disruptor package for the Brownsville Police Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**26. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of sixteen (16) laptop computers for the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that once all the necessary paperwork was processed, the cost of this project would be scheduled for 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas as part of the 2005 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, a contract in the amount of **\$29,688.48**, was awarded to **Dell, Inc.** of Roundrock, Texas, for the purchase and delivery of sixteen (16) laptop computers for the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Treviño, Commissioners Longoria, Cisneros, Camarillo, Arroyo, and Hernandez;

NAYS: None;

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkinson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez requested his taxi application for a vintage taxi company license be reviewed by the City Commission.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., announced the passing of Mr. Walter M. "Buster" Stevenson and Retired Brownsville Police Officer David Garcia.

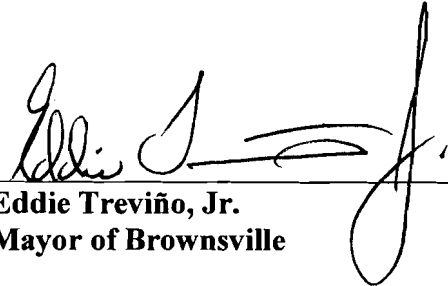
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**ADJOURNMENT:**


There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.



  
Eddie Treviño, Jr.  
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:

  
Estela Von Hatten  
City Secretary