

**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, July 25, 2007**, at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

CHARLIE ATKINSON		MAYOR PRO TEMPORE
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
ANTHONY P. TROIANI)	
LEONEL T. GARZA)	COMMISSIONERS

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

ABSENT:

PAT M. AHUMADA, JR.	MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.	COMMISSIONER

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Atkinson 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 July 20, 2007:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Pastor Gregory Fish of Central Christian Church of Brownsville, Texas.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Robert Uresti requested that the 15-minute Public Comment Period be extended. He requested that the mosquito population be better controlled and expressed concern over a \$2.00 fee that would be added to the BPUB customer bills and that it should be appropriately used.

Mr. Roman Perez expressed his opinion regarding the fact that some non-city residents were being charged the \$2.00 fee.

Ms. Lois Del Castillo, founder of Sunshine Haven, a hospice facility, noted that the facility is licensed but received no Medicare or Medicaid funds. She stated that the facility received financial contributions and some help from some of the families assisted. She asked that the Commission consider Sunshine Haven in the budgeting of the \$2.00 fee.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

2. Consideration and ACTION to appoint three (3) City Commission members to the City's Audit Committee. [TABLED 07/17/2007]

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, noted that on October 18, 2005, the City Commission had approved the establishment of an audit committee for the City as recommended by the City's independent auditor, Long Chilton, LLP. Original appointees to the committee were Mayor Eddie Treviño, Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, Charlie Cabler, City Manager, Joe Chavez, Internal Auditor, and Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director. Due to Mr. Treviño and Ms. Arroyo no longer being on the Commission, it had become necessary to appoint two new members. Mr. Gonzalez further recommended that an additional City Commission member be appointed to the committee thereby constituting a six-member audit committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani** was appointed to the Audit Committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Commissioner Leo T. Garza** was appointed to the Audit Committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Leo T. Garza, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously, **Mayor Pat M. Ahumada** was appointed to the Audit Committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. Consideration and ACTION to adopt budget amendment Resolution Number 2007-040 to amend the General Fund and Bridge Fund by increasing or adjusting budget revenue and expenditure projections for fiscal year 2007.**

Upon completion of Finance Director Pete Gonzalez' presentation, Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Atkinson moved that budget amendment Resolution Number 2007-040 be **adopted**, to amend the General Fund and Bridge Fund by increasing or adjusting budget revenue and expenditure projects for fiscal year 2007.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and **carried unanimously**.

- 4. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the finance director's 2007 timetable of events or planning calendar to be used for the preparation of the fiscal year 2008 budget, acknowledging the 2007 certified ad valorem tax roll, calculating the City's 2007 ad valorem tax rate, and the adoption of the fiscal year 2008 budget.**

Finance Director, Pete Gonzalez, noted that a public hearing would be held on August 7, 2007 and that notice would be published in the local newspaper.

Commissioner Leo T. Garza moved that the finance director's 2007 timetable of events or planning calendar to be used for the preparation of the fiscal year 2008 budget, acknowledging the 2007 certified ad valorem tax roll, calculating the City's 2007 ad valorem tax rate, and the adoption of the fiscal year 2008 budget, be **acknowledged**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and **carried unanimously**.

5. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the Third Quarter ending June 30, 2007.

Finance Director, Pete Gonzalez, presented the Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report for the City of Brownsville for the third quarter ending June 30, 2007. He noted that the City's credit rating is excellent.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that the Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statements and Cash Investment Report, for the City of Brownsville, for the third quarter ending June 30, 2007, be **acknowledged**.

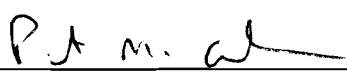
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and **carried unanimously**.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Approved this 28th day of August, 2007.





Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

Attest:



Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary