

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

**MINUTES** of a **Regular 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, June 19, 2007**, at **5:40 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| <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>LEONEL T. GARZA</b>       | ) | <b>COMMISSIONERS</b> |

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| <b>CHARLIE CABLER</b>    | <b>CITY MANAGER</b>           |
| <b>CARLOS AYALA</b>      | <b>ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER</b> |
| <b>ESTELA VON HATTEN</b> | <b>CITY SECRETARY</b>         |

**ABSENT:**

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| <b>JIM GOZA</b> | <b>CITY ATTORNEY</b> |
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A quorum being present, Mayor Pro Tem Sally M. Arroyo 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 June 15, 2007:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

- A) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property.**
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**REGULAR MEETING:**

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

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

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by the Mayor's Book of the Month Club members *Fernando Lastra, Zoe Cryder, and Sebastian Perez.*

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Father Felix A. Cazares, St. Mary Mother of the Church in Brownsville, Texas.

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**PRESENTATION:**                            *(Charlie Cabler – City Manager)*

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, presented Mayor Eddie Trevino, Jr., with a shadowbox frame in which the gavel that Mayor Trevino had used during his tenure was enclosed, along with the Mayor's photo.

Mr. Cabler also presented Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo with a plaque recognizing her dedication and service to the City of Brownsville during her tenure as City Commissioner At Large "A".

**1. PROCLAMATIONS:** *Juan Longoria, Jr.*  
(Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.)

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Mr. Juan Longoria, Jr., and family to step forward and accept a proclamation recognizing Mr. Juan Longoria, Jr., for his 1<sup>st</sup> place award at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual “Accordion King and Queens of Texas” Festival in Houston, Texas, and his many accomplishments in the music world. Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., read the proclamation.

*Maribel B. Guerrero*  
(Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., asked Mrs. Maribel Bermudez Guerrero and family to step forward and accept a proclamation recognizing Mrs. Guerrero for her dedication and contributions as the chairperson of the Brownsville Beautification Committee. Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo read the proclamation.

**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 Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., 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 of June 5, 2007.**

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

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Destination</u>        | <u>Date</u>            |
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| Michael Jones   | Aviation          | San Luis Potosi, MX       | June 27 – July 2, 2007 |
| Michael Jones   | Aviation          | San Miguel de Allende, MX | June 27 – July 2, 2007 |
| Rosie Garza     | BUS               | Austin, TX                | June 24 – 28, 2007     |
| Alfonso Vallejo | Planning          | Austin, TX                | June 23 – 29, 2007     |
| Ben Medina      | Planning          | Jacksonville, FL          | June 26 – 27, 2007     |
| Mark Lund       | Planning          | Arlington, TX             | June 28 – 29, 2007     |
| Manuel Montes   | Police            | Austin, TX                | June 25 – 29, 2007     |

Mr. Michael Jones, Business Development Manager, will attend “*Destino Brownsville,*” sponsored by the Brownsville Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and the Port of Brownsville, on June 27 – July 2, 2007, in San Luis Potosi and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Ms. Rosie Garza, Safety Coordinator, will attend the “*Instructors Course in Paratransit Operator Training,*” sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI), on June 24 – 28, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Alfonso Vallejo, Transportation Planner, will attend the “*9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Low-Volume Roads,*” sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), on June 23 – 29, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Ben Medina, Jr., Planning and Community Development Director, will attend the “*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Training,*” sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), on June 26 – 27, 2007, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Mark Lund, Transportation Planning Coordinator, will attend the “*TEMPO Meeting,*” sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), on June 28 – 29, 2007, in Arlington, Texas.

Police Officer Manuel Montes will attend the “*Texas Gang Investigators Association (TGIA) 2007 Training Conference,*” sponsored by the Texas Gang Investigators Association (TGIA), on June 25 – 29, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

**c) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-018-S to allow a Medium Commercial Specific Use (lumberyard) in a General Retail (4C) Classification for Lot 1 Block 1 of McCoy West Brownsville Subdivision located near US 281 and FM 802.**

- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-019-S to allow a Light Commercial Specific Use (car lot) in a General Retail (4C) Classification for Block 65 of Paredes Tract Addition located near Expressway 77/83 and 13<sup>th</sup> Street.**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2007-1474 to renew and revise tax abatement guidelines and criteria for enterprises in reinvestment zones; and dealing with related matters.**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2007-1475 to provide tax incentives in the form of a tax abatement to T-Mobile USA.**
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***BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:***

- 3. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or reappoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Beautification Committee.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, and carried unanimously, **Ms. Cynthia Galvan Garza** was **appointed** to the Brownsville Beautification Committee to replace Mrs. Maribel Bermudez Guerrero whose term expired.

- 4. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or reappoint seven (7) members to the Heritage Council. (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled**.

- 5. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or reappoint three (3) members and one (1) alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled**.

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

- 6. Public Hearing and ACTION on the closing of the railroad crossings located on West Elizabeth near the intersection of West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, rail crossing on West Elizabeth near the intersection of West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and rail crossing on the South Frontage Road near the intersection of Hanna Drive and behind the area identified as the Salt Pond on City Maps. [TABLED 06/05/2007]**

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, and carried unanimously, this item was **tabled**.

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

- 7. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2007-032 of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, consenting to the condemnation of a property needed for the construction of Brownsville Urban System Multimodal Terminal Project.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza, and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2007-032, was **approved**, consenting to the condemnation of a property needed for the construction of Brownsville Urban System Multimodal Terminal Project.

- 8. Consideration and ACTION to approve the T-Mobile USA application for Enterprise Project.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, the T-Mobile USA application for Enterprise Project was **approved**.

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

- 9. Consideration and ACTION to approve an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for installation of brick pavers and landscape improvements within the proposed raised medians on FM 802 from US 77/83 East to FM 1847.**

Mr. Joe Lee Rubio, President of the Brownsville Beautification Committee (BBC), noted that the brick paver and landscape improvements were a TxDOT project in conjunction with the BBC and that the BBC cost share was \$73,975.81.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, and carried unanimously, an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) was **approved**, for installation of brick pavers and landscape improvements within the proposed raised medians on FM 802 from US 77/83 East to FM 1847.

- 10. Consideration and ACTION to accept and approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the County of Cameron for the 2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award in the amount of \$124,088.**

Chief of Police Carlos L. Garcia noted that 2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$124,088 would be awarded as follows: \$70,000 to the City of Brownsville and \$54,088 to Cameron County.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a 2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program award of **\$70,000** be **accepted** and that an Interlocal Cooperation **Agreement** between the City of Brownsville and the County of Cameron for the 2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program be **approved**.

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

**11. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Airport Owners and Operators General and Comprehensive Liability Insurance for the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport.**

Mr. Paul Calapa, Purchasing Director, noted that the recommended bid reflected a decrease of \$6,570 from the expiring policy of FY 2006-2007.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a term contract for Airport Owners and Operators General and Comprehensive Liability Insurance for the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport be awarded to Old Republic Insurance Company, through Aviation Insurance Managers, Inc., represented by **Cavazos Insurance Agency of Brownsville, Texas, at \$19,000 per year**, for the requested limit of liability of \$30 million.

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

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***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:***

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera thanked Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., and Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo for their service to the City of Brownsville and then expressed his opinion in favor of a border fence.


Mr. Fernando Ruiz thanked Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., and Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo for their service.

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***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2007.

  
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**Pat Ahumada**  
**Mayor of Brownsville**

**Attest:**

  
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**Estela Von Hatten**  
**City Secretary**

