

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, May 22, 2007**, at **5:35 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
CHARLIE ATKINSON)	
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
SALLY MINIEL ARROYO)	COMMISSIONERS
LEONEL T. GARZA)	COMMISSIONER-ELECT
CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
CARLOS AYALA		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		CITY SECRETARY

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 May 18, 2007:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

- A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic developments.**
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SPECIAL MEETING:

Upon adjournment of the Executive Session, Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., convened the Regular Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by *Charles Atkinson, Cameron Atkinson, and Camille Atkinson.*

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Pastor Hector Collazo of Hosanna Assembly of God of Brownsville, Texas.

POST ELECTION BUSINESS:

- 1. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2007-027 canvassing and declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on May 12, 2007, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, an At-Large Commissioner A, At-Large Commissioner B, a District Commissioner 1, and a District Commissioner 2.**

Ms. Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary, canvassed and declared the result of the General Municipal Election held on May 12, 2007, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, an At-Large Commissioner A, At-Large Commissioner B, a District Commissioner 1, and a District Commissioner 2.

She noted that none of the candidates for Mayor and At Large Commissioner “A” had received a majority vote, thus a run off election would be required to elect a Mayor and At-Large Commissioner “A”, with Mr. Patricio “Pat” Ahumada and Mr. Ernie L. Hernandez as candidates for the mayoral position, and Mr. Ernesto De Leon and Mr. Anthony Troiani as candidates for At-Large Commissioner “A”.

Ms. Von Hatten noted the following results for the elected Commissioners:

<u>Commissioner District 1</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>	<u>%</u>
<i>Ricardo Longoria, Jr. (re-elected)</i>	1,019	71.71%
Catalina Presas-Garcia	402	28.29%
<u>Commissioner District 2</u>		
<i>Charles “Charlie” Atkinson (re-elected)</i>	826	100%
<u>Commissioner At-Large B</u>		
<i>Leonel T. Garza (newly elected)</i>	3,687	51.94%
Roy De Los Santos, Jr.	3,412	48.06%

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2007-027 was **adopted**, canvassing and declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on May 12, 2007, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, an At-Large Commissioner A, At-Large Commissioner B, a District Commissioner 1, and a District Commissioner 2.

2. Consideration and ACTION regarding the issuance of Certificates of Election, the Administration of the Oaths of Offices, and Assumption of Duties of Elected Officials.

103rd District Court Judge Janet L. Leal and Cameron County Court-at-Law Judge Laura L. Betancourt administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., who was accompanied by his wife, family and supporters.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., yielded the floor to District 1 Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., who thanked the citizens of Brownsville and his family for their support.

Cameron County Court-at-Law Judge Arturo McDonald, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, who was accompanied by his wife, family and supporters.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., yielded the floor to District 2 Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, who thanked his family and the citizens of Brownsville.

107th District Court Judge Benjamin Euresti, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner-Elect Leonel T. Garza, who was accompanied by family and supporters.

Mayor Eddie Treviño, Jr., yielded the floor to At-Large “B” Commissioner-Elect Leonel T. Garza, who thanked his family and the citizens of Brownsville.

District 1 Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., District 2 Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, and At-Large “B” Commissioner-Elect Leonel T. “Leo” Garza were issued Certificates of Election and took their seat to assume their official duties as duly elected City Commissioners.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Certificates of Election issued, Oaths of Office administered, and Assumption of Duties by Commissioner District 1 Ricardo Longoria, Jr., Commissioner District 2 Charlie Atkinson, and Commissioner-Elect At-Large “B” Leonel T. “Leo” Garza, as elected officials, be **approved.**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2007-028 ordering and calling a Special Municipal Election for the purpose of conducting a runoff election.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2007-028 was **adopted**, ordering and calling a Special Municipal Election to be held on **June 16, 2007**, for the purpose of conducting a runoff election to elect a Mayor and At-Large Commissioner “B”, with Early Voting to be held between June 4 to 12, 2007.

4. Consideration and ACTION to draw names for a position on the special municipal ballot for the runoff election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and At-Large Commissioner A.

Ballot positions for the Special Municipal Run-off Election ballot were drawn as follows:

At-Large Commissioner “A”:

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| Position 1. | Ernesto De Leon | (drawn by Don De Leon) |
| Position 2. | Anthony Troiani | (drawn by Anthony Troiani) |

Mayor:

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| Position 1. | Pat Ahumada | (drawn by David Polín) |
| Position 2. | Ernie Hernandez | (drawn by Rosie Melendez) |

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the drawing of names for position on the special municipal ballot for the run-off election was **acknowledged**.

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

5. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to execute a Second Implementation Agreement between Sports Arena Properties, Inc. (SAPI) and the City of Brownsville.

Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney, noted that two revisions had been made to the agreement.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved to **authorize** the City Manager to execute a Second Implementation Agreement between Sports Arena Properties, Inc. (SAPI) and the City of Brownsville contingent with inclusion of the revised language as presented by Mr. Goza.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner-elect Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously.

6. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to execute a Waterline Access Agreement between East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation and the City of Brownsville. (TABLED)

Mr. Jim Goza, City Attorney noted that the item should be tabled pending finalization of the agreement.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sally M. Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner-elect Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the Waterline Access Agreement between East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation and the City of Brownsville was **tabled**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Fernando Ruiz congratulated Commissioners Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and Charlie Atkinson on their re-election and Commissioner-Elect Leonel T. Garza on his election. He expressed his concerns regarding the question and answer session held on May 21, 2007, between election run-off candidates.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved the 5th day of June 2007.



Attest:

Estela Von Hatten
Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary

Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville