

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, September 18, 2007**, at **5:20 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

PAT M. AHUMADA, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
LEONEL T. GARZA)	COMMISSIONERS
CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
CARLOS AYALA		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT:

CHARLIE ATKINSON)	
ANTHONY P. TROIANI)	COMMISSIONERS
JOHN E. CHOSY		ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

A quorum being present, Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, 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 September 14, 2007:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., convened the Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- A) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property.**
 - B) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic developments.**
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REGULAR MEETING:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr. and Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mr. John Phillips, Pastor of Central Christian Church of Brownsville, Texas.

2. *PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:*

Mrs. Sulema Guerrero-Abete expressed her concerns regarding the rail road tracks near Sam's Stadium.

Mr. Dan Flores of Flores Investments offered the City Commission the opportunity to reconsider the contract award for security services for City of Brownsville facilities.

1. **PROCLAMATIONS:** *National Rehabilitation Week*
(Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked Ms. Jessie Eason-Gonzalez, Executive Director for South Texas Rehabilitation Hospital, to step forward to accept a proclamation designating September 2007 as “*National Rehabilitation Week*” in the City of Brownsville. Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros read the proclamation.

National Food Safety Month
(Commissioner Charlie Atkinson)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., recognized Mr. Frank Gamez, Quality Assurance Officer and Ms. Bea Lopez, HEB Store Director, for their participation in “*Don’t Compromise – Clean and Sanitize,*” and designated September 2007 as “*National Food Safety Month*”. Ms. Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary, read the proclamation.

11. **Consideration and ACTION to approve the Sports Arena Properties, Inc.’s (SAPI) estimated budget and authorization to proceed with the study.**

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that the Sports Arena Properties, Inc.’s (SAPI) be **authorized** to proceed with the study at the estimated budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and **carried unanimously.**

3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and were to be approved by one motion.

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

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza noted his approval of the Consent Agenda Items noting his abstention on Agenda Item Number 21, Minutes of September 4, 2007, (Consent Agenda Item “3b”).

ITEMS No. “a” through “j”

- a) **Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2007.**
- b) **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2007.**
- c) **Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:**

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jennifer Hogancamp	Aviation	Austin, TX	Oct. 21 – 24, 2007
Michael Jones	Aviation	Kansas City, MO	Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2007
Pete Gonzalez	Finance	Austin, TX	Oct. 14 – 16, 2007
Leonardo L. Perez	Fire	Austin, TX	Sept. 19 – 20, 2007
Jeff Johnston	OEM	Corpus Christi, TX	Sept. 20 – 21, 2007
Skip Keller	Parks	Albuquerque, NM	Dec. 4 – 9, 2007
Ben Medina, Jr.	Planning	Addison, TX	Oct. 17 – 20, 2007
Christopher Golden	Planning	Addison, TX	Oct. 17 – 20, 2007
Allison Bastian	Planning	Addison, TX	Oct. 17 – 20, 2007
Noe Puga	Planning	Addison, TX	Oct. 17 – 20, 2007
Sigifredo Martinez	Police	Killeen, TX	Sept. 23 – 28, 2007
Cristobal Abrego	Police	Killeen, TX	Sept. 23 – 28, 2007

Ms. Jennifer Hogancamp, Assistant Director, will attend the “*Airport Pavement Maintenance and Evaluation Workshop*,” and the “*Airfield Construction Management Workshop*,” sponsored by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), on October 21 – 24, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Michael Jones, Business Development Manager, will attend the “*Airports Council Annual Conference*,” sponsored by the Airports Council International North America (ACI-NA), on September 30 – October 4, 2007, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, will attend the “*Annual Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Seminar*,” sponsored by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS), on October 14 – 16, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Fire Chief Leonardo L. Perez will attend the “*Texas Commission of Fire Protection Firefighter Advisory Committee Meeting*,” sponsored by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection Fire Fighter Advisory Committee, on September 19 - 20, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Jeff Johnston, Director of Office of Emergency Management, will attend the “*Texas Preparedness Scheduling Workshop,*” and the “*Emergency Management Association of Texas (EMAT) Board of Directors Meeting,*” sponsored by the Texas Governor’s Division of Emergency Management, on September 20 – 21, 2007, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. Skip Keller, Parks and Recreational Services Director, will attend the “*National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Executive Development School,*” sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Association (N.R.P.A.), on December 4 – 9, 2007, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Ben Medina, Jr., Director of Planning and Community Development, Mr. Christopher Golden, Comprehensive Manager, Ms. Allison Bastian, Planner II, and Mr. Noe Puga, Zoning and Plat Administrator, will attend the “*Texas Chapter American Planning Association (APA) Conference,*” sponsored by the Texas Chapter American Planning Association (APA), on October 17 – 20, 2007, in Addison, Texas.

Police Officers Sigifredo Martinez and Cristobal Abrego will attend a “*Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Radar Instructors Course,*” sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), on September 23 – 28, 2007, in Killeen, Texas.

d) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2007-983-BB, regarding Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Utilities” and which provides for electric, water and wastewater (sanitary sewer) service rates and charges and conditions of services; amending Section 102-195 to reduce the monthly customer service charge for residential electric customers from \$5.53 to \$2.53; amending Section 102-76 to reduce this penalty for delinquent payment of utility bills from ten (10) percent to five (5) percent; and providing a severability clause and effective date.

- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of PROTESTED Ordinance Number 235-2007-021-S to allow a Specific Use with Safe Guards for Medium Industrial (Power Plant Substation) on a General Retail (4C) Classification for portion of Block 12 of Emilia Subdivision located near Expressway 77/83 and Emilia Lane.**
- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-036 to rezone, from Dwelling “A” to Professional Office “G” (1CG) Classification, Share 19 Block 28 out of El Jardin Subdivision located near Dana Avenue and Old Port Isabel Road.**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-036-S to allow a Medium Retail Specific Use in an Apartment for Share 19 Block 28 out El Jardin Subdivision located near Dana Avenue and Old Port Isabel Road.**
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-037-S to allow an Apartment Specific Use (Triplex) in a Dwelling “G” for Lot 26 Block 1 out of Portway Acres located near State Highway 48 and Zena Drive.**
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2007-1479 amending the Subdivision Ordinance by requiring a percentage of land to be dedicated for parks and/or public schools and dealing with related matters including \$2000 penalties.**
- j) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2007-1480 levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2007 for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2008, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2008 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, general obligation bonds.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2006-606-CU amending the text of the City Zoning Ordinance by allowing a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of on-premise alcohol (bar) for Lot 6, 7 8 and 9 of Blocks 42, 43 and 44 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision located at 715 North Expressway 77/83 (Days Inn Motel).**

Ms. Gomez, area resident, submitted a letter, and accompanying signed petition, requesting that a more secure and sturdy fence replace the chain link fence that was in place behind the Days Inn, that the fence be maintained as needed, and that no exits or gates be allowed to the alley that borders all of Greenway Terrace Subdivision.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2006-606-CU be **approved** at first reading, with the conditions/restrictions as requested by the homeowners of the subdivision.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and **carried unanimously**.

5. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-032-S to allow a Specific Use for a Duplex in a Dwelling “Z” Classification for Block 173 out of Olmito Groves located near Anacua Street and Calles Avenue.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that Ordinance Number 235-2007-032-S be **approved** at first reading.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and **carried unanimously**.

6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-039 to rezone, from Dwelling “A” to Light Commercial “G” (5CG) Classification, Lot 5 Block B out of Jardin Terrace Subdivision located near Boca Chica Boulevard and Estero Drive.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2007-039 be **approved** at first reading.

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

7. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-040 to rezone, from Dwelling “G” to General Retail “G” (4CG) Classification, 1.00 acre out of Lot 1 Block 1 out of La Posada South Section 4 located near Milpa Verde and Palacio Road.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2007-040 be **approved** at first reading.

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

8. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-041 to rezone, from Dwelling “G” to Professional Offices “G” (1CG) Classification, 4.20 acres out of Lot 1 Block 1 out of La Posada South Section 4 located near Milpa Verde and Palacio Road.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2007-041 be **approved** at first reading.

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

9. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2007-043 to rezone, from Light Commercial “G” to Light Industrial “G” (7CG) Classification, 8.74 acres out of Block 132 of El Jardin Subdivision located near Central Avenue and FM 802.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed.**

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2007-043 be **approved** at first reading.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

10. **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2007-052 to support the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan for Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.**

Ms. Norma H. Zamora, BUS Director, gave a brief overview of the resolution.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Resolution Number 2007-052, be **approved** in support the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan for Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

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

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

12. **Consideration and ACTION to authorize an offer of just compensation for a 13.27 acre parcel of property, more or less, located 0.34 miles South of California Road at the Northeast corner of South Illinois Avenue and Resaca de la Guerra, for the Part 150 Program.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that an offer of just compensation, in the amount of **\$175,000**, be **authorized** for purchase of a 13.27 acre parcel of property, more or less, located 0.34 miles South of California Road at the Northeast corner of South Illinois Avenue and Resaca de la Guerra, associated with the Aviation Department's Part 150 Program.

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

13. Consideration and ACTION to authorize a contract with the firm of Leibowitz and Horton Airport Management Consultants, Inc. for the development of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application Number 4.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that a contract with the firm of Leibowitz and Horton Airport Management Consultants, Inc., for the development of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application Number 4, be **authorized**.

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

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros stepped out.

14. Consideration and ACTION to renew an agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Valley Zoological Society to manage and operate the Gladys Porter Zoo for another three year period.

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza moved that an agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Valley Zoological Society be **renewed** for the management and operation of the Gladys Porter Zoo for another three-year period.

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

Ayes: Mayor Ahumada, Commissioners Longoria, Garza and Camarillo;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: None; Commissioner Cisneros had stepped out and did not vote.

17. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) awarded to the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$25,761.

Mr. Jeff Johnston, Director of Office of Emergency Management, gave a brief overview of the awarded grant.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) awarded to the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of **\$25,761**, be **authorized** for acceptance and expenditure.

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

18. Consideration and ACTION to authorize payment of \$16,263.12 to Verizon Select Services, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2007 Maintenance Service Contract

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that payment of **\$16,263.12**, to Verizon Select Services, Inc., be **authorized** for the Fiscal Year 2007 Maintenance Service Contract.

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

15. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the Texas Municipal League (TML) Intergovernmental Employee Benefit Pool (IEBP) to contract for Stop-Loss Coverage for the City of Brownsville Medical Insurance.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Stop-Loss Coverage between 2004 and 2007 noting that the City has self-funded medical insurance for employees. He noted that TML/IEBP recommended award contract to Fidelity Insurance Company.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the Texas Municipal League (TML) Intergovernmental Employee Benefit Pool (IEBP) be authorized to award a contract to **Fidelity Insurance Company** for Stop-Loss Coverage for the City of Brownsville Medical Insurance.

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

16. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Life Insurance Coverage for the City of Brownsville.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation and noted an 18.60% decrease in cost for employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment.

Jefferson Pilot Insurance Co. <i>(current provider)</i>	\$2.15
<u>Standard Insurance Co.</u>	<u>\$1.75</u>
Savings per \$10,000 policy	\$.40

In response to Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., Ms. Susan Smith, representative of the Texas Municipal League (TML), noted that she would seek three (3) additional quotes for increasing the life insurance coverage.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved to **award** a contract for Life Insurance Coverage for the City of Brownsville to the **Standard Insurance Company.**

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

19. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Cooperative Agreement awarded to the City of Brownsville Police Department in the amount of \$341,092.50 for a five-year project beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2012.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that the acceptance and expenditure of the Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Cooperative Agreement, awarded to the City of Brownsville Police Department in the amount of **\$341,092.50**, for a five-year project beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2012, be **authorized**.

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

20. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Comprehensive Grant awarded to the Brownsville Police Department in the amount of \$60,786.58 for Fiscal Year 2008.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that the acceptance and expenditure of the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Comprehensive Grant, awarded to the Brownsville Police Department in the amount of **\$60,786.58** for Fiscal Year 2008, be **authorized**.

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

21. Consideration and ACTION to authorize and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville, Texas, the Cameron County Tax Assessors Office, Cameron County District Attorney's Office, the City of McAllen, Texas, the City of Pharr, Texas and the City of Edinburg, Texas regarding a Mutual Aid Burglary and Theft of Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement Task Force.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that an Interlocal Agreement be **authorized** and executed between the City of Brownsville, the Cameron County Tax Assessors Office, the Cameron County District Attorney's Office, the City of McAllen, the City of Pharr, and the City of Edinburg regarding a Mutual Aid Burglary and Theft of Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement Task Force.

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

22. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for airport security system improvements for the Brownville South Padre Island International Airport.

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, gave a brief description of the proposed contract.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros moved that a contract, in the amount of **\$92,658** for a base bid amount and bid alternate No. 1, be awarded to **Matrix Systems, Inc. of Dayton, Ohio**, for airport security system improvements for the Brownville South Padre Island International Airport

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

23. Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for print material services for the Brownsville Public Library System.

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, noted that the term contract is for three years, effective October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2010, and that the City reserves the option to extend the contract for an additional two years at the original quoted prices/discounts upon mutual consent with the supplier.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that a term contract for print material services for the Brownsville Public Library System be awarded to **Baker & Taylor of Charlotte, North Carolina**, at the **stipulated catalog discounts.**

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

24. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the construction of one (1) 30-foot tall, steel single-pole, double-faced sign to be erected at the Brownsville Public Library System, Central Branch Building.

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, gave a brief description of the proposed contract, and noted that the sign was expected to be completed within seven weeks.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract, in the amount of **\$36,805.00**, be awarded to **Hiway Neon Sign, Co. of Pharr, Texas**, for the construction of one (1) 30-foot tall, steel single-pole, double-faced sign with a full color LED message center display to be erected at the Brownsville Public Library System, Central Branch Building.

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

25. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of grounds maintenance equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, noted that, if approved, the delivering and servicing dealer for the proposed equipment would be Barbee-Neuhaus Implement Company of Weslaco, Texas.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract, in the amount of **\$49,615.72** be awarded to **Barbee-Neuhaus Implement Company/C&CE Equipment, John Deere Company of Weslaco, Texas** for the purchase and delivery of two new 72-inch diesel-power Iron Deck mowers and, two diesel-power 32HP, 60-inch Iron Deck mowers for the Parks and Recreation Department as follows:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Two (2)	997 Z-Track, 32 HP Diesel 72-inch Mower	\$12,611.83	\$25,223.66
Two (2)	997 Z-Track, 32 HP Diesel Power 60-inch Deck Mower	\$12,196.03	<u>\$24,392.06</u>
	Total:		<u>\$49,615.72</u>

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

26. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase of one (1) vehicle for the Administration Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract, in the amount of **\$19,878.48**, be awarded to **Tipotex Chevrolet** of Brownsville, Texas, for the purchase of one (1) new 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer for the Administration Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

27. Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for traffic engineering services for the Brownsville Traffic Department.

Mr. Ivan Welker, Fleet Administrator, noted that the term contract would expire on September 30, 2008, and that the City reserved the unilateral option to extend the contract for an additional two years at the same fixed rate. The recommended firm would also serve in the capacity of consulting traffic engineer and surveyor.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a term contract be awarded to **Aldana Engineering & Traffic Design, LLC of Weslaco, Texas**, for traffic engineering improvement services for the Brownsville Traffic Department for a **fixed rate of 16.30%** of awarded improvement/construction contract amounts.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved the 2nd day of October 2007.



Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
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Mayor of Brownsville

Attest

Estela Von Hatten
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City Secretary