

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

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Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., Mayor

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene **an Executive Session and Special Meeting, on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 5:30 P.M., and 6:00 P.M.** 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

- A) Attorney Consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, relating to litigation styled and numbered, BPOA v. City of Brownsville, Texas, Cause No. 2007-06-2918-A (107th District Court – Cameron County) (Ric Navarro – Legal Counsel – 15 min.)
- B) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.077, of the Texas Government Code, regarding Agency Financed by Federal Government. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning – 10 min.)

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) Consideration and appropriate **ACTION**, if any, relating to litigation styled and numbered, BPOA v. City of Brownsville, Texas, Cause No. 2007-06-2918-A (107th District Court – Cameron County) (Ric Navarro – Legal Counsel)

1. *PROCLAMATIONS:*

Baldomero Treviño
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

Denton Municipal Electric
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

Texas Public Power Association
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

Lower Colorado River Authority
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

CPS Energy
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

2. *MAYOR’S REPORT*

3. *COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT*

4. *PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:* *PLEASE NOTE:*****

- THE “PUBLIC COMMENT FORM” IS DESIGNATED FOR SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A SUBJECT THAT IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING.
- ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE – DO NOT DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.
- THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES. (City Ordinance 2007-1090-D)
- THERE IS A THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER.
- NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.
- FOR THE RECORD, THE SPEAKER **MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME** BEFORE SPEAKING.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS (on the day of the meeting).
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” MUST BE FILLED OUT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY SECRETARY/STAFF **NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M.** TO BE CONSIDERED/RECOGNIZED.
- “PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS” ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 P.M.

- **POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT CONDUCTED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** [For further information, contact The Office of the City Secretary at 548-6001]

PRESENTATIONS:

PERSONS/GROUPS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT A PRESENTATION OR DISTRIBUTING HANDOUTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF SAME TO THE CITY SECRETARY FOR THE RECORD

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

ITEMS No. "a" through "b"

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 05, 2008.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Victor Maldonado	Planning	Austin, TX	August 19-20, 2008

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ACTION ITEMS:

- 6. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the proposed changes to the medical insurance benefits plan, which also includes increases to the employee and city contributions. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)
- 7. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize two public hearings to be held on August 26th and September 2, 2008, to consider an ad valorem tax increase for tax year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 of 6.715%, or an increase .032627 cents or 5.01% over the current tax rate of .650517 cents. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)
- 8. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-069** authorizing the closure of Southmost Boulevard for the 9th Annual Veteran’s Day Parade to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008. (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)

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PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase of One (1) New Model Ambulance for the Brownsville Fire Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
10. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase of One (1) New Model Fire Apparatus (600 Gallon Water Pump) for the Brownsville Fire Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
11. Consideration and **ACTION** on a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Brownsville and the South Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross. (Jeff Johnston – B.O.E.M.)

ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code.

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

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

I certify that a copy of the August 12, 2008, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on August 08, 2008. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City's website and can be downloaded by accessing: www.cob.us/agendas.asp.



Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary