

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

Anthony P. Troiani, At-large Commissioner “A”  
Ricardo Longoria, Jr., District Commissioner 1  
Carlos A. Cisneros, District Commissioner 3

Leonel T. Garza, At-large Commissioner “B”  
Charlie Atkinson, District Commissioner 2  
Edward C. Camarillo, District Commissioner 4

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 a **Workshop and Regular Meeting**, on **Tuesday, July 15, 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.

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**WORKSHOP: 5:30 P.M.**

- a) Discussion regarding solar thermal power. (Dr. Genaro Lopez – UTB – 30 min.)

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

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

***INVOCATION:***

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1. ***MAYOR’S REPORT***
2. ***COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT***

3. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

**U.S. Tennis Association**  
(Commissioner Camarillo)

**Officer Ruben Gutierrez**  
(Commissioner Atkinson)

4. **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 "i"**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 01, 2008.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jose Cuellar	BUS	Austin, TX	July 28 – 31, 2008
Jeff Johnston	B.O.E.M.	Bryan, TX	July 30 – Aug. 01, 2008
Cassandra Guerrero	Fire	College Station, TX	July 20 – 25, 2008
Rodolfo Gamez	Fire	College Station, TX	July 20 – 25, 2008
Guadalupe Rocha	Fire	College Station, TX	July 20 – 25, 2008
Jose Martinez	Fire	College Station, TX	July 20 – 25, 2008
Guadalupe Villarreal	Fire	College Station, TX	July 20 – 25, 2008
Charles Hasse	Municipal Court	Liberty, TX	July 23 – 25, 2008
Debbie Morales	Municipal Court	Liberty, TX	July 23 – 25, 2008
Dora Vasquez	Municipal Court	Liberty, TX	July 23 – 25, 2008
Brad Barnes	Parks	Colorado Springs, CO	Aug. 03 – 10, 2008
Skip Keller	Parks	Baltimore, MD	Oct. 13 – 18, 2008
Venustiano Martinez	Parks	San Antonio, TX	July 25 – 27, 2008
Jesus Alvarez	Parks	San Antonio, TX	July 25 – 27, 2008
Antonio Saavedra	Parks	San Antonio, TX	July 25 – 27, 2008
Mark Lund	Planning	Austin, TX	July 29, 2008
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	Austin, TX	July 28 – 29, 2008
Ben Medina	Planning	Nacogdoches, TX	July 17 – 18, 2008
Daniel DeAnda	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	July 28 – 30, 2008
Juan J. Garcia	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	July 28 – 30, 2008

- c) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-567-TT** to amend the Brownsville Code of Ordinances by clarifying the time period within which plat applications remain valid for approval purposes and delegating the responsibility for filing approved plat applications with Cameron County. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning )

- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-042** to rezone from Dwelling “Z (DZ) to Apartment “F” (AF), 14.59 acres out of Block 7 and 8 of J.S. Duncan Subdivision located, near Duncan Road and Alton Gloor. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- e) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-043** to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG), General Retail (4CH) and Heavy Industrial (9CJ) to General Retail (4CG), .44 acres of Lot 5, Block 7 of East Brownsville Addition, located at 2135 Southmost Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- f) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-044** to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Commercial “G” (5CG), 2.0 acres of 2 acre tract of land in Lot 1, Block 110 of El Jardin Resubdivision, located near Minnesota Avenue and Coffee Port. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- g) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-044-S** to allow a Light Industrial Specific Use (Machine Shop 7C) in Light Commercial (5CG), for .29 acres of Lot 1, Block 110 of El Jardin Resubdivision, located near Minnesota Avenue and Coffee Port. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- h) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-045** to rezone, from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Professional Office “G” (ICG), 0.2900 acres out of S. Block 130 of Los Ebanos Properties Subdivision, located at 154 North Street. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
- i) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-235.77** to amend the Brownsville Code of Ordinances by defining the time period within which zoning applications remain valid for approval and related purposes. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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***BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:***

- 5. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint or re-appoint ten (10) members to the Heritage Council. (Peter L. Goodman- Heritage)

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 6. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1496** to amend Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances creating the office of Deputy City Manager and authorizing up to two Assistant City Managers, providing for appointment of persons to these offices, describing duties, and method of compensation. (John Chosy – Asst. City Attorney)

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**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CONDUCT AT CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS IS GOVERNED BY CITY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-1090-E ADOPTED ON JUNE 3, 2008.**

- THE “PUBLIC COMMENT FORM” IS DESIGNATED FOR SPEAKERS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND 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.**
- 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 OR 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]

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**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.**

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the audio recording of all executive sessions held by City Commission and to retain such recordings according to state policy. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)
9. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the sending of a response team to Tampico, MX to assist with the flooding issues in that area. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)
10. Consideration and **ACTION** to name the Brownsville Police Department Firing Range in honor of Officer Ruben Gutierrez. (Commissioner Charlie Atkinson)
11. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an application for a Class “B” Mobile Home Park Permit. (Evaristo Gamez, Jr. – Building Inspections)
12. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize local participation, as required by TXDOT, for the FM 511 project in the amount of \$660,521.01. (Carlos Lastra, P.E. – Engineering)
13. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-064** to authorize the City Manager to accept Grant number SA-T01-10041-09 from the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) for the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force Project for FY 2008-2009 in the amount of \$1,069,152 the Brownsville Police Department’s share amount is \$466,293.00. (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)
14. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-065** to amend the Master Development agreement for the University Park TIRZ adopted by the City on January 16, 2007 deleting the purchase of 79.57 acres for park usage and to reevaluate the TIRZ for this development. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the 2007 CIP Project Contract No. 2 for street paving and drainage improvements for Lakeway and Beaver Pond Drive.(Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
16. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus System to be used by the Brownsville Fire Department (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

17. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for Inmate Telecommunications Vending Services for the Brownsville Police Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
  
18. Consideration and **ACTION** to rescind contract awarded to Adelco Enterprises for Airport Cargo Building Roof Repairs at the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport and award contract to second low bidder, Montes Construction. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

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**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 July 15, 2008, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on July 11, 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](http://www.cob.us/agendas.asp).



Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary