

**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, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 5:10 P.M., 5:25 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: 5:10 P.M.**

- a) Discussion regarding alternative fuel. (Commissioner Charlie Atkinson – 15 min.)

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:25 P.M.**

- A) Consultation with attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation. (Ric Navarro – Attorney – 15 min.)
- B) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic developments. (Commissioner Leonel T. Garza – 10 min.)
- C) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property. (Peter L. Goodman - Heritage – 10 min.)

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

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

**INVOCATION:**

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***ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

- A) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-036** delineating and assigning planning work for the Historic Downtown Revitalization Project. (Peter L. Goodman – Heritage)
- B) Consideration and **ACTION** on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sports Arena Properties, Inc. (SAPI) and the City of Brownsville. (Peter L. Goodman – Heritage)

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**1. *MAYOR’S REPORT***

**2. *COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT***

- 3. ***PROCLAMATIONS:***
  - Mittie Pullam***  
(Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani)
  - Lopez High School***  
***Criminal Justice Program***  
***Skills Day Achievements***  
(Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.)
  - Arbor Day***  
(Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)

**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 "h"*

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 3, 2008.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norma H. Zamora	BUS	Austin, TX	March 27 – 28, 2008
Rosie Garza	BUS	Tallahassee, FL	April 3 – 4, 2008
Norma H. Zamora	BUS	Waco, TX	April 11 – 15, 2008
Joe Martinez	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	March 27 – 30, 2008
Desi Tristan	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	March 27 – 30, 2008
Oscar Garcia	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	March 27 – 30, 2008
Guadalupe Villarreal	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	March 27 – 30, 2008
Jeff Johnston	OEM	College Station, TX	April 7 – 10, 2008
Jeff Johnston	OEM	Corpus Christi, TX	April 16 – 17, 2008
Jeff Johnston	OEM	Galveston, TX	May 19 – 22, 2008
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	Austin, TX	April 20 – 22, 2008
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	San Antonio, TX	April 22 – 23, 2008
Joe Barrios	Police	College Station, TX	March 30 – April 18, 2008
Damon K. Hines	Police	College Station, TX	March 30 – April 18, 2008
Juan Hernandez, Jr.	Police	Austin, TX	April 28 – 29, 2008
Manuel Lucio	Police	Austin, TX	April 28 – 29, 2008
Santana Torres	Public Works	Laredo, TX	March 30 – April 2, 2008
Martino Trevino	Public Works	Laredo, TX	March 30 – April 2, 2008

- c) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1486** to extend the term of the Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee (DRAC) indefinitely from the date of this amendment. (Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)

- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1487** to abandon and close a portion of Taylor Avenue between University Boulevard and May Street, and to accept a new right-of-way alignment. (Carlos L. Lastra – Engineering)
  
- e) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-013** to rezone, from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to Dwelling “G” (DG) Classification, Lot 14-A, 14-B and 14-C, Block 2 of El Valle Grande Subdivision, Section 1 Replat, located near Alton Gloor Boulevard and Madrid Avenue. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
  
- f) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-014** to rezone, from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Medium Retail “G” (3CG) Classification, Lot 7 Block 6 of Cameron Park Subdivision located at 4627 Paredes Line Road, Brownsville, Texas. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
  
- g) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-015-S** to allow a General Retail Specific Use (tire shop, 4C) in a Medium Retail (3C) area for Lot 4 Block 2 of Tandy’s Corner Subdivision located near Highway 100 and FM 803. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
  
- h) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-601** to rezone, from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Medium Commercial “G” (6CG) Classification, Lots 13 thru 16 and Lots 31 thru 33 of Block 16 of Barreda Garden Subdivision located near FM 1732 and US Highway 281. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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***BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:***

- 6. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Beautification Committee. (Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)
  
- 7. Consideration and **ACTION** on removal of one or more members of the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee (BCAC) and appointments to fill vacancies. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

8. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1488** to authorize the closure of a portion of Old Alice Road located north of Emilia Lane. (Dr. Delina Barrera – BCIC)
9. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-016** to rezone, from Dwelling “G” to General Retail “G” (4CG) Classification, 17.605 acres out of Share 12 of Espiritu Santo Grant located near FM 511 and Baker Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
10. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-017-S** to allow a Medium Commercial Specific Use (car wash, 6C) in a General Retail “G” (4CG) area of Lot 30 Block 7 of Rose Garden Subdivision located at 4015 Old Highway 77, Brownsville, Texas 78521. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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***ACTION ITEMS:***

11. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding the City of Brownsville’s holidays’ schedule. (Charlie Cabler – City Manager)
12. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-035** authorizing the renaming of Brownsville Road to Sports Park Boulevard. (Dr. Delina Barrera – BCIC)
13. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-039** authorizing the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) to borrow from the City of Brownsville approximately \$3.2 million and providing for repayment and dealing with related matters. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)
14. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-038** expressing official intention to reimburse with tax-exempt obligation proceeds for costs incurred to acquire land adjacent to the Sports Park. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)

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

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an Inter-local Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) whereby the BCIC agrees to pay all of the debt service requirements resulting from an approximate \$3.2 million certificates of obligation to be issued by the City for the BCIC. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)
16. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the City Manager to execute the Brownsville Sports Park Joint Maintenance Agreement with the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for Fiscal Year 2008. (Dr. Delina Barrera – BCIC)
17. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the Brownsville Fire Department to accept a grant for the amount of \$15,000 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the purchase of EMS equipment. (Leonardo Perez – Fire)
18. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awarded to the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in the amount of \$210,215.47. (Jeff Johnston – OEM)
19. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the acceptance of a Service Agreement between the Cameron County Emergency Communications District (CCECD) and the City of Brownsville regarding the provision of certain dispatcher training in connection with the operation of CCECD’s Emergency Telephone Number Service (ETNS). (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)
20. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the acceptance and execution of a Local Border Security Program (Border Star) Grant awarded to the Brownsville Police Department, in the amount of \$95,291.76 from February 15 – August 15, 2008. (Carlos L. Garcia – Police)
21. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for parking lot improvements at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
22. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of uniforms for the Brownsville Urban System (BUS) Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

- 23. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize an amendment to the 2006 CIP Project Contract Number 1 for street paving and drainage improvements for Laredo Road and Grey Fox Circle. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
- 24. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for traffic signal improvements at Central Boulevard and Media Luna Drive. (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 March 18, 2008, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on March 14, 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