

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 **an Executive Session and Regular Meeting, on Tuesday, September 02, 2008 at 5:45 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.

WORKSHOP: 5:45 P.M.

- a) Discussion regarding status report for the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee activities since inception and first meeting of November 14, 2008. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning – 15 min.)

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

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

3. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Employee of the Month
(September 2008)

Zoo Budget FY 2009
(Pete Gonzalez)

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 Special Meeting of August 26, 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	San Diego, CA	Oct. 06-09, 2008
John F. Adams	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	Sept. 19-21, 2008
Omar Alegria	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	Sept. 19-21, 2008
Alejandro Castro	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	Sept. 19-21, 2008
Oscar Lara	Fire	New Braunfels, TX	Sept. 19-21, 2008
Jacqueline L Byrd	Health	Bastrop, TX	Sept. 10-13, 2008
Venustiano Martinez	Parks	Nacogdoches, TX	Sept. 18-23, 2008
Luis L. Uresti	Parks	Nacogdoches, TX	Sept. 18-23, 2008
Jesus Alvarez	Parks	Nacogdoches, TX	Sept. 18-23, 2008
Antonio Saavedra	Parks	Nacogdoches, TX	Sept. 18-23, 2008
Lucy Garza	Planning	San Antonio, TX	Sept. 14-17, 2008
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	Portland, OR	Sept. 16-20, 2008
Juan Salinas	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Oct. 05-10, 2008
Robert Nieto	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Oct. 05-10, 2008

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint or re-appoint one (1) member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint member(s) to the Cultural Affairs Committee. (Commissioner Troiani)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. **SECOND** Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2008 ad valorem tax rate (Fiscal Year 2009) of \$.683114, which is 6.72% over the effective tax rate of \$.640129, or an increase of 5.01% over the current year’s (Fiscal Year 2008) ad valorem tax rate of \$.650517 per \$100 valuation. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)

9. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1133-Y** of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, amending Ordinance 86-1133, an ordinance pertaining to a franchise contract between the City of Brownsville and Governmental Managerial Services Inc. for collection and disposal of commercial and industrial solid waste, incorporating signed contract for all purposes and amending the rates for containerized collection of commercial and industrial solid waste and related matters as set forth in exhibit “A” establishing an increase of 7.05% as per section 13.02 (a), titled modification of rates, to reflect a consumer price index increase. (Pete Gonzalez – Finance)

10. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2007-034** to rezone from Apartment “H” to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 1.33 acres out of Block 16 of Esperanza Place Addition located near Southmost Road and Dockberry Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
11. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2007-034-S** to allow a Light Commercial Specific Use (Used Car Lot, 5CG) in a General Retail for 0.33 acres out of Block 16 of Esperanza Place Addition located near Southmost Road and Dockberry Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
12. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-003-S** to allow an Apartment Specific Use (Apartments) in a Dwelling for the North 5.00 acres out of 10 acres of Block 2 of JC Bennett Subdivision located near FM 511 and Abelardo Drive. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
13. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-052** to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG), Medium Industrial “J” (8CJ) and General Retail “H” (4CH) to General Retail “G” (4CG) located at 2115 Southmost Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
14. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2008-053** to rezone from General Retail “A” (4CA) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 1.03 acres of Share 22 of Espiritu Santo Grant located at 745 Media Luna. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
15. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2008-056-S** to allow a Medium Retail Specific Use (Salon and Spa, 3C) in Professional Office (1CG) for West ½ of the west ½ of Lot 1, Block “U” of Brownsville Land Improvement Company Subdivision located at 409 Boca Chica Blvd. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

16. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of Police Patrol Vehicles for the Brownsville Police Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)
17. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract for purchase and delivery of Mosquito Control Products for use by the Public Health Department and other City Departments. (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 September 02, 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 29, 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