

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, August 05**, at **5:30 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)	
ANTHONY P. TROIANI)	
LEONEL T. GARZA)	COMMISSIONERS

CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
PETE GONZALEZ		INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JAMES R. GOZA		CITY ATTORNEY
ESTELA VON HATTEN		CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT:

CHARLES ATKINSON)	COMMISSIONER
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A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Ricardo Longoria, 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 August 1, 2008.

WORKSHOP

a) Discussion regarding medical insurance plan changes.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Interim Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, and Mr. Brad Bowers, representing TML-IEBP, reviewed an analysis of medical insurance funding. It was noted that the City of Brownsville's insurance plan was a self-funded plan.

b) Discussion to update City Commission on the status of the Brownsville Urban System's Multimodal Project.

Ms. Norma Zamora, BUS Director, and Mr. Alan Zreet, Project Architect and Engineer, delivered a Powerpoint presentation on the status of the Brownsville Urban System's Multimodal Project.

Upon conclusion of the Workshop, and motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, the Executive Session was convened.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.086, of the Texas Government Code, regarding competitive matters.**
- B) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.087, of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic development.**

No action was taken in executive session.

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The Unites States Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr. The Texas Pledge was lead by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Mr. Alex Resendez of Brownsville, Texas.

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pat Ahumada, Jr., noted that operation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the recent Hurricane Dolly had been a team effort which involved City Department Heads including some of their staff. He commended all participants for a job well done and noted that the City of Brownsville had been well prepared.

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani expressed his gratitude to City staff that assisted at the EOC, and throughout the City, during Hurricane Dolly.

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza expressed his gratitude to all local entities that partnered with the City during the hurricane to assist with shelter, food, and other necessities including the National Guard, HEB, Border Patrol and Cameron County Drainage District No. 1. He further thanked Brownsville Public Utilities Board staff who worked along side the City before, during and after the hurricane to ensure that the City utilities were in working order as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., expressed his thanks to Mr. Jeff Johnston, EOC Coordinator for excellent performance throughout the days that the EOC was in operation. He requested that, in the future, Commissioners be notified when a decision needs to be made, pointing out that action during a disaster or possible disaster was a team effort.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros commended Mr. Jeff Johnston, EOC Coordinator for his excellent work as coordinator of operations of the EOC during Hurricane Dolly.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo thanked Mr. Charlie Cabler and Mrs. Rosie Cabler for their assistance in District 4 during the hurricane. He commended Mr. Jeff Johnston, EOC Coordinator, for keeping the City Commission informed before, during, and after the hurricane and thanked him for excellent performance as EOC Coordinator. He also expressed his thanks to City Directors and staff, as well as Mr. John Bruciak, BPUB CEO and General Manager, and BPUB staff for their assistance in District 4 during the storm.

Commissioner Camarillo noted that he would like to create a volunteer service organization which would reach out to the elderly and needy in times of need.

3. **PROCLAMATIONS:** *Baldomero Treviño*
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

The presentation was **tabled** until the next meeting of the City Commission.

Olympic Tae Kwon Do Academy
(Commissioner Charlie Atkinson)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked students and coaches of the Olympic Tae Kwon Do Academy to step forward to accept a proclamation congratulating them on their *Championship Achievement*.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

U.S. Tennis Association
(Commissioner Camarillo)

The presentation was **tabled** until the next meeting of the City Commission.

Brownsville Public Utilities Board
(Commissioner Leonel T. Garza)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked Mr. John Bruciak, BPUB CEO and General Manager, to step forward to accept a proclamation recognizing and thanking the Brownsville Public Utilities Board and staff for *Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty*, before, during and after Hurricane Dolly.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani.

City Manager Charlie Cabler and City Staff
(Commissioner Leonel T. Garza)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, to step forward to accept a proclamation recognizing and thanking the Administration and entire staff of the City of Brownsville for *Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty* during Hurricane Dolly.

The proclamation was ready by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza.

Jeff Johnston
(Commissioner Leonel T. Garza)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked Mr. Jeff Johnston, EOC Coordinator, to step forward to accept a proclamation recognizing and thanking him for his *Service during the Recent Storm Emergency* (Hurricane Dolly).

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

4. PRESENTATIONS: ***Employee of the Month***
(August 2008)

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized ***Ms. Priscilla Marie Atkinson, Administrative Tech I*** at the Office of the City Secretary/Local Registrar, as *Employee of the Month* for the month of August, 2008.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and were approved by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” were **approved**.

ITEMS No. "a" through "c"

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 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	Aug 10-12, 2008
Lupe Granado	Finance	Scottsdale, AZ	Oct. 19-21, 2008
Jorge Santillan	Finance	Scottsdale, AZ	Oct. 19-21, 2008
Ben Medina	Planning	San Antonio, TX	Aug 07-08, 2008
Robert Medrano	Planning	San Antonio, TX	Aug 07-08, 2008
Alfonso Vallejo	Planning	Austin, TX	Aug 04-06, 2008
Rosalva Tamayo	Police	Austin, TX	Aug 10-15, 2008
Liliana Rosas	Police	Austin, TX	Aug 10-15, 2008
Ida Villarreal	Police	Austin, TX	Aug 10-15, 2008
Jose J Trevino	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Aug 05-06, 2008
Eric Garza	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Aug 05-06, 2008
Ramiro Rodriguez	Police	Fort Worth, TX	Aug 19-22, 2008
James Brown	Police	Fort Worth, TX	Aug 19-22, 2008
David De Leon	Police	Houston, TX	Sept 19-25, 2008
Daniel Deanda	Police	Lubbock, TX	Aug 06-09, 2008
David De Leon	Police	Lubbock, TX	Aug 06-09, 2008
Robert Tyler	Police	Killeen, TX	Sept 02-04, 2008
Adrian Posada	Police	Killeen, TX	Sept 02-04, 2008
Carlos Garcia	Police	Plano, TX	Sept 28-Oct 2, 2008
Ramiro Rodriguez	Police	Plano, TX	Sept 28-Oct 2, 2008
Henry Etheridge	Police	Plano, TX	Sept 28-Oct 2, 2008
David Deleon	Police	Plano, TX	Sept 28-Oct 2, 2008
Paul Cantu	Police	Salt Lake City, UT	Oct. 05-10, 2008
Jose Sanchez	Police	Salt Lake City, UT	Oct. 05-10, 2008

Norma H. Zamora, BUS Director, will attend the *TTA Sub-Committee meeting*, sponsored by the Texas Transit Association, on August 10-12, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Lupe Granado, Assistant Finance Director, and Mr. Jorge Santillan, Accountant, will attend the *Executive Customer Conference*, sponsored by New World Systems, on October 19-21, 2008, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mr. Ben Medina, Planning Director, will attend the *Directors Quarterly Meeting*, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on August 7-8, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Robert Medrano, Community Development Manager, will attend the *Directors Quarterly Meeting*, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on August 7-8, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Alfonso Vallejo, Transportation Planner, will attend a *Category 3 Work Group Meeting*, sponsored by TxDOT, on August 4-6, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Rosalva Tamayo, Mr. Liliana Rosas, and Ms. Ida Villarreal, Emergency Communications Operators, will attend the *Basic Police Communications Course*, sponsored by the Texas Department of Public Safety, on August 10-15, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Police Investigator Jose Juan Trevino and K-9 Officer Eric Garza will attend the *Issues and Answers for Coordinators Course*, sponsored by Texas Crime Stoppers, on August 5-6, 2008, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Police Commander Ramiro Rodriguez and Sgt. James Brown will attend the *Save a Life Summit*, on August 19-22, 2008, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Police Investigator David De Leon will attend the *Annual Competition and Board Meeting*, sponsored by the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association, on September 19-25, 2008, in Houston, Texas.

Police Armorer Daniel DeAnda and Police Investigator David De Leon will attend the *Pepperball Technologies Armorer Certification Course*, on August 6-9, 2008, in Lubbock, Texas.

Police Investigators Robert Tyler and Adrian Posada will attend a *Recruitment of Armed Services Personnel*, sponsored by the U.S. Army, on September 2-4, 2008, at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas.

Police Chief Carlos L. Garcia, Commander Ramiro Rodriguez, Lieutenant Henry Etheridge, and Police Investigator David de Leon will attend the *Police Use of Force Course*, sponsored by The Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, on September 28 – October 02, 2008, in Plano, Texas.

Public Safety Information Systems Manager Paul Cantu and Public Safety Information Systems Coordinator Jose Sanchez will attend the *2008 Annual Users Conference*, sponsored by Spillman Technologies, on October 5-10, 2008, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL 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.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, Agenda Item **Number 27**, under Purchases/Bids/Contracts, was moved out of sequence for action.

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS

27. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Construction of the Brownsville Urban System Multimodal Terminal.

Mr. Roberto Luna, Purchasing and Contracting Director, Manager, recommended that the contract, and subsequent amendment number one, be awarded to SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. based on a negotiated construction agreement.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract be awarded to **SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.** for Construction Manager-at-Risk Services for the construction of the Brownsville System Multimodal Terminal.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, Agenda Items **Number 24, 25, 26, and 21** were moved out of sequence for action.

24. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the 2007 CIP Street Paving and Drainage Project No. 9 for Chihuahua Ct., Oaxaca Ct., Uruapan Ct., Durango Ct., and Madero Drive.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$242,208.93**, was awarded to **G&T Paving Company of Brownsville, Texas**, for the 2007 CIP Street

Paving and Drainage Project No. 9, for Chihuahua Ct., Oaxaca Ct., Uruapan Ct., Durango Ct., and Madero Drive.

25. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the 2007 CIP Street Paving Project No. 6 for Red Fox Street, Sorrento Drive and Quail Hollow Drive.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$459,112.94**, was awarded to **G&T Paving Company of Brownsville, Texas**, for the 2007 CIP Paving Project No. 6 for Red Fox Street, Sorrento Drive, and Quail Hollow Drive.

26. Consideration and ACTION to authorize Amendment #2 to the Contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Correctional Industries “TCI” to add fencing around the all-conditions field at the Brownsville Sports Park.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Amendment #2 to the contract with the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Correctional Industries (TCI) of Huntsville, Texas**, , in the amount of **\$19,873.22**, be authorized to add fencing around the all-conditions field at the Brownsville Sports Park.

ACTION ITEMS

21. Consideration and ACTION regarding inter-local agreements with Cameron County, Texas, for removal and disposal of hurricane debris and monitoring of that process.

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, expressed concern over the voluminous amount of brush that had accumulated throughout the City as a result of Hurricane Dolly and the possibility of another tropical storm or hurricane affecting the area during the current hurricane season. He noted that emergency bids had been solicited, received and tabulated for assistance with the removal and disposal of hurricane debris and monitoring of that process. He recommended TFR, the low bidder, which could be available to begin the pick up within 24 hours. He also requested that he be authorized to negotiate with the second low bidder who would be engaged should TFR not be able to complete the job.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that the City Manager be **authorized** to negotiate with TFR Enterprises of Leander, Texas, based on a lump sum, for emergency removal and disposal of hurricane debris.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. Public Hearing to discuss the City's proposed fiscal year 2009 budget.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Interim Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, reviewed the financial calendar of events.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, the **Public Comment Period** was moved out of sequence for comment.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Alex Resendez commended City of Brownsville Commission and staff for excellent work during the recent hurricane. He noted that insecticide needed to be sprayed to control the increased mosquito population.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Agenda Item **Number 21** re-opened for amendment to the previous motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

21. Consideration and ACTION regarding inter-local agreements with Cameron County, Texas, for monitoring the process of hurricane debris removal and disposal and authorization for the City Manager to execute an agreement with a viable contractor for removal and disposal of hurricane debris.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that his previous motion be amended to include hiring **Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc.** for removal and disposal of hurricane debris and monitoring of that process.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Upon Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani's request, agenda items number **7 and 11** were read consecutively as they pertained to the same location.

- 7. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-047-S to allow a Medium Retail Specific Use (Grocery Store 3C) in a Light Retail (2CG) for Lot 4, Block 3 of Adrean Acres located near Clubhouse Road and Boca Chica Blvd.**

- 11. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-604-CU an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit to sale off-premise alcohol sales (wet store) for Lot 4, Block 3 of Adrean Acres located near Clubhouse Road and Boca Chica Blvd.**

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

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Ordinance Numbers 235-2008-047-S and 235-2008-604-CU be **approved** on first reading as presented.

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

- 8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-048 to rezone from Medium Industrial "J" (8CJ) to Apartment "J" (AJ) for 8.679 acres out of the Reserve "A" of the Sweetbriar Subdivision located near Coffee Port Road and Central Avenue. [TABLED Aug. 5, 2008]**

This item was tabled.

- 9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-049 to rezone from Dwelling "A: (DA) to Apartment "G" (AG) for 2.178 acres out of Block 40-A of El Jardin Subdivision located near Clubhouse Road and Boca Chica Blvd.**

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

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-049 be **approved** on first reading to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Apartment “G” (AG) 2.178 acres out of Block 40-A of El Jardin Subdivision located near Clubhouse Road and Boca Chica Blvd.

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

10. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-050 to rezone from Light Commercial “G” (7CG) to Dwelling “G: (DG) for 2.21 acres out of Poinciana Acres Subdivision located near Poinciana Drive and Sloss Drive.

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

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-050 be **approved** on first reading to rezone from Light Commercial “G” (7CG) to Dwelling “G” (DG) 2.21 acres out of Poinciana Acres Subdivision located near Poinciana Drive and Sloss Drive.

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

12. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-605-CU an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit to sell on-premise alcohol sales (wet restaurant) for Lot 2 & 3, Block 1 of Renfro Terrace Subdivision located at 23 Old Port Isabel Road.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-605-CU be **approved** on first reading to allow a conditional use permit to sell on-site premise alcohol (wet restaurant) Lots 2 & 3, Block 1 of Rentfro Terrace Subdivision located at 23 Old Port Isabel Road.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, Agenda Items **Number 20, 22, and 23** were taken out of sequence for action.

ACTIONS ITEMS

20. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-070, a resolution creating a Committee of Cultural Affairs outlining the responsibilities of said board, and dealing with related matters.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani noted that members needed to be appointed, all appointees would have voting rights, and guidelines needed to be prepared by City Attorney.

He recommended that the committee consist of seven (7) appointees by the City Commission, one (1) from the Chamber of Commerce, one (1) from the Brownsville Visitors and Convention Bureau, and one (1) City staff person to oversee the committee.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Resolution 2008-070 be **adopted**, as a *draft*, with the above referenced recommendations, to create a Committee of Cultural Affairs outlining the responsibilities of said board and dealing with related matters.

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

22. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance of the Tobacco Compliance Grant Award from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$6,800.00 awarded to the Brownsville Police Department for fiscal year 2009.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the Tobacco Compliance Grant Award, in the amount of **\$6,800.00**, from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts be **authorized** for acceptance by the Brownsville Police Department for fiscal year 2009.

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

- 23. Consideration and ACTION to authorizing the City Manager to submit the City of Brownsville's Consolidated Action Plan to the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development and comments for Fiscal Year October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the City Manager be **authorized** to submit the City of Brownsville's Consolidated Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and comments for Fiscal Year October , 2008 to September 30, 2009.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 14. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-066 authorizing the defeasance and redemption of all of the City's outstanding Combination Tax and Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007A (AMT), authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement related thereto, and approving other matters related to the subject.**

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Resolution Number 2008-066 be **adopted**, as presented.

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

- 15. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the City of Brownsville's 2008 tax roll.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the City of Brownsville's 2008 tax roll be **acknowledged**.

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

- 16. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the finance director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for the tax year 2008 and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2007.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, the finance directors' certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for tax year 2008, and the excess debt tax collections for tax year 2007, were **acknowledged**.

- 17. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the finance director's calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for tax year 2008 or fiscal year 2009.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, noted that the calculations had been verified by the Cameron County Tax Assessor Collector.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the finance director's calculation of the City's effective and rollback ad valorem tax rates for tax year 2008, or fiscal year 2009, were **acknowledged**.

- 18. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-067 to amend the General Fund by \$525,000 that will consist of a cash transfer of \$500,000 to the Employee Benefit Medical Insurance Fund and \$25,000 for the purchase of minor equipment for the Traffic Department; to amend the Non-Bonded Debt Service Fund by \$278,352 for the Landfill Equipment Lease Purchase Payments; to amend the Landfill Tipping Fee Increase Fund by \$278,352 by providing the lease purchase payments to the Non-Bonded Debt Service Fund; to amend the Capital Projects Fund by \$60,000 for the purchase of uniforms for the Youth Football League, which will be reimbursed 100% by BCIC, a 4B Corporation; and to the amend the Employee Benefit Medical Insurance Fund that will include a \$500,000 cash transfer from the General Fund.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Resolution Number 2008-067 be **adopted** as presented.

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

19. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the chief financial officer's financial statements and cash investment report for the City of Brownsville for the third quarter ending June 30, 2008.

Upon completion of Finance Director, Mr. Pete Gonzalez' review of the statements and report, Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the chief financial officer's financial statements and cash investment report for the City of Brownsville, for the third quarter ending June 30, 2008, be **acknowledged**.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved this 12TH day of August, 2008.



Attest:

Estela Von Hatten

Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary

Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.

Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor