

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, July 01, 2008**, at **4:50 P.M., 5:05 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

PAT M. AHUMADA, JR.		MAYOR
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	
CHARLIE ATKINSON)	
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)	
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)	
ANTHONY P. TROIANI)	
LEONEL T. GARZA)	COMMISSIONERS

CHARLIE CABLER	CITY MANAGER
PETE GONZALEZ	INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ESTELA VON HATTEN	CITY SECRETARY’S OFFICE

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro-Tem Charlie Atkinson 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 July 01, 2008:

WORKSHOP:

a) Discussion regarding the Weir project.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Mr. John Bruciak, CEO and General Manager of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon conclusion of the Workshop Session, Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Executive Session be convened. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously to discuss the following matters:

- A) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property.**
- B) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, regarding pending litigation styled Lamar v. City of Brownsville.**
- C) **Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code related to pending litigation styled and numbered “Fraternal Order of Brownsville Police Officers, Inc. d/b/a Brownsville Police Officers’ Association, Charter 290577-01 v. City of Brownsville, Texas, Cause No. 2007-06-2918-A (107th District Court-Cameron County, Texas)”**

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., convened the regular session. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING:.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., and the Texas Pledge was lead by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Andreas Lewis, Pastor of Good Shepherd Church of Brownsville, Texas.

Upon motion by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, **Agenda Item Number 6** was addressed.

6. Public Hearing regarding Border Fence issues.

Ms. Monica Stewart, representing the Texas Border Coalition, spoke in favor of installation of the border fence.

Ms. Denise Blanchard, representing Congressman Solomon Ortiz' office, noted that the congressman would not interfere with the City of Brownsville regarding the border fence matter. She reviewed the congressman's opposition to the border fence made to the Department of Homeland Security.

Commissioners all expressed their opposition to a border fence in the Brownsville area. Others who expressed their opposition to the fence included: John Moore, Yajaira Fuentes Tabor, representing Casa Amigos in Solidarity and Action of Brownsville; Diana Jo, representing a Navajo tribe; Craig Rowe; Orlando C. Treviño; Fernando Ruiz; Alex Resendez; Guadalupe Sanchez; Paulina Sosa; Michel Taylor Moncivaiz; Krystal Canales; and Elvia Gloria Martinez.

Mr. Jorge Flores expressed opposition to the proposed condemnation agreement and noted that he was in favor of raising the river levee 18 feet so that the downtown area could proceed with the proposed revitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lucio expressed opposition to the proposed condemnation agreement and the fence as the fence would affect their lease of the Riverview Golf Course.

Bro. Albert Phillipp expressed opposition to the proposed condemnation agreement and the fence.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani noted that the consensus was an opposition to the fence but stated that City officials were dealing Agenda Item A-1, which dealt with placement of a temporary fence on a specific piece of City property only, from the Gateway International Bridge to the B&M International Bridge, as opposed to the proposed full fence/wall.

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza stated that he was in favor of the proposed condemnation agreement, noticed in Agenda Item A-1, to avoid losing the land in question by enforceable judgment, noting that if a temporary fence were installed, under the agreement the land would revert to the City of Brownsville at a later date.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. stated that City officials were searching for alternatives that would best serve the community.

Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros expressed his opposition to the border fence.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo first of all, commended Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani for his leadership and dedication of time and effort toward the border fence issue. He also stated that City officials were acting in the best interest of the community now and for what could impact the community in the future.

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A-1. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-060 regarding condemnation agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pertaining to proposed border fence. [TABLED: July 01, 2008]

Upon motion by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Agenda Item A-1 be **tabled** to allow for further negotiation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza.

In discussion, Commissioner Charlie Atkinson noted that he was opposed to denial of the condemnation agreement because the land would then be taken by government condemnation.

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., proposed that the City of Brownsville join the Border Coalition lawsuit.

The motion to **table** the item **carried** by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Troiani, Garza, Atkinson, Longoria, and Cisneros;

Nays: Commissioner Camarillo.

Abstention: None

Upon continued discussion after the vote, Commissioner Leonel T. Garza moved that Mayor Ahumada be removed for disruption of the meeting. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

A-2. Consideration and ACTION on retaining legal counsel in connection with possible condemnation of city property.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

B. Consideration and ACTION authorizing the City Manager to execute final settlement documents in pending litigation styled, Lamar v. City of Brownsville.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the City Manager be **authorized** to execute the final settlement documents on behalf of the City in pending litigation styled, Lamar v. City of Brownsville.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously.

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr. did not deliver a report.

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioners did not deliver reports.

3. PROCLAMATIONS: *Tigers Little Miss Kickball*
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada)

Mayor Pat Ahumada, Jr., asked the *Tip-O-Tex Little Miss Kickball Senior Division Team* to step forward to accept a proclamation recognizing them for a 22-3 record in the 2008 season, including the championship of the league's senior division. Members of the team included: Amanda Alanis, Rafaela Almazan, Alexandria Betancourt, Corrina Bolivar, Jessica Garcia, Yvonne Garcia, Valerie Garza, Bianca Perez, Julie Perez, Alex Ramirez, Lauren Rogers, and Jadesmi Saldaña.

The proclamation was read by Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary.

Paulina Sosa
(Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., asked *Ms. Paulina Sosa* to step forward to accept a proclamation recognizing her for her scholastic excellence and spirit of community involvement.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo.

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

Mr. Charlie Cabler, City Manager, recognized *Mr. Noe Puga, Plat and Zoning Administrator* as Employee of the Month for the month of July, 2008, noting that Mr. Puga was a U.S. Veteran having served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed was considered to be routine by the City Commission and were approved by one motion.

At the request of Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that **Consent Agenda Item “h” be set aside** for discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

Dr. Sherrie Wooding expressed her opposition to the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed baseball park and her concern over the care and maintenance of the existing walking/biking trails at the park.

Mr. Robert Saldivar requested that traffic signs and lights be installed at the park.

Commissioners assured them that the trails would be maintained and that protection of the trails would be part of the specific use ordinance language. The traffic lights and signs would be addressed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through i” were **approved**.

ITEMS No. “a” through “i”

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008.

b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Liza M. Valdez	City Secretary	Tyler, TX	Aug. 06-08, 2008
Juan Andrade	City Secretary	Tyler, TX	Aug. 06-08, 2008
Yolanda Galarza	City Secretary	Tyler, TX	Aug. 06-08, 2008
Jorge G. Alanis	Engineering	Austin, TX	July 29-31, 2008
David Vera	Engineering	Austin, TX	July 29-31, 2008
Michael Torres	Engineering	Austin, TX	July 29-31, 2008
Javier Rodriguez	Engineering	Austin, TX	July 29-31, 2008
Carlos Lastra	Engineering	New Orleans, LA	Aug. 17-21, 2008
Doroteo Garcia Jr.	Engineering	New Orleans, LA	Aug. 17-21, 2008
Luis Alonso	Engineering	New Orleans, LA	Aug. 17-21, 2008
Pete Gonzalez	Finance	Austin, TX	July 10-11, 2008
Leonardo Perez	Fire	Austin, TX	July 09-10, 2008
Marisol Vidales	Library	Austin, TX	July 08-10, 2008
Manuel Lucio	Police	New Braunfels, TX	July 15-18, 2008
Robert Nieto	Police	New Braunfels, TX	July 15-18, 2008
Jeffrey Mitchell	Police	New Braunfels, TX	July 15-18, 2008
Sergio Perez	Police	New Braunfels, TX	July 15-18, 2008
Robert Esparza	Traffic	New Orleans, LA	Aug. 17-21, 2008

Ms. Liza M. Valdez, Administrative Supervisor, Juan Andrade, Administrative Tech I, and Ms. Yolanda Galarza, Administrative Specialist II, will attend the “*TMCCP Seminar on Public Information and Open Meetings*”, sponsored by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, on August 06-08,2008, in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Jorge G. Alanis, Construction Inspector, Mr. Javier Rodriguez, Construction Inspector, Mr. David E. Vera, Construction Inspector, and Mr. Michael Torres, Mapping Coordinator, will attend the “*Texas Accessibility Academy Conference*”, sponsored by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, on July 29-31, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Carlos Lastra, City Engineer, Mr. Doroteo Garcia, Jr., Assistant City Engineer, and Luis F. Alonso, Assistant City Engineer, will attend the “*APWA American Public Works Association Conference*”, sponsored by the International Public Works Congress, on August 17-21, 2008, in New Orleans, LA.

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, will attend the “*Truth-in- Taxation Seminar*”, sponsored by The Comptroller’s Property Tax Division, on July 10-11, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Fire Chief Leonardo Perez, will attend the “*Texas Commission on Fire Protection Commission Meeting*”, sponsored by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, on July 9-10, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Marisol Vidales, Central Branch Children’s Librarian, will attend the “*Texas Library Association, District IV Annual Assembly*”, sponsored by the Texas Library Association, on July 08-10, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Police Investigators Manuel Lucio and Robert Nieto, Patrolmen Jeffrey Mitchell and Sergio Perez, will attend the “*Crime Scene Fingerprints Course*”, sponsored by the Public Agency Training Council, on July 15-18, 2008, in New Braunfels, Texas.

Mr. Robert Esparza, Traffic Director, will attend the “*APWA American Public Works Association Conference*”, sponsored by the International Public Works Congress, on August 17-21, 2008, in New Orleans, LA.

- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-898-C, to amend Chapter 74- Parks and Recreation, of the Brownsville City Code of Ordinances to include the Brownsville Linear Park.**
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-1494, amending Chapter 54 Health and Sanitation, Article VI, by repealing the current section 54-175 and replacing it with new language that prohibits smoking in restaurants and all other commercial businesses open to the general public, except for those businesses operating primarily as bars whose gross receipt sales for alcohol exceed fifty-one percent (51%) of their total business revenue; setting fines not to exceed two thousand dollars, and dealing with related matters.**
- e) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-040 to rezone from Apartment “H” (AH) to Light Commercial “G” (5CG) for Lot 1.5 acres out of Block 17 of Esperanza Place located near FM 802 and Old Port Isabel Road.**

- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-041 to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 46 acres out of Espiritu Santo Grant located at 2525 W. Alton Gloor Blvd.**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-041-S to allow a Medium Commercial Specific Use (Baseball Stadium 6C) in General Retail (4C) for 21 acres out of the 46 acres out of Espiritu Santo Grant located at 2525 W. Alton Gloor Blvd.**
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-603-CU an ordinance allowing a conditional use permit for on-premise consumption and off-premise sales of alcohol (wet restaurants and wet stores) for 46 acres out of Espiritu Santo Grant located at 2525 W. Alton Gloor Blvd.**
- i) **APPROVAL on THIRD and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 2008-1200.136 accepting a voluntary annexation petition from the Brownsville Independent School District.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Public Hearing and ACTION to fund the following Housing Projects with Home Program Funds.

A review of the Housing Projects that would benefit from Home Program Funds was provided by Mr. Ben Medina, Director of Planning and Community Development.

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

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson moved that the following Housing Projects be **funded** with Home Program Funds as presented:

Candlewick Townhomes (Multi-Family Rental Rehab: 132 affordable housing units)	\$ 400,000
Champion Homes at St. Tropez (Single-Family, New Construction: 25 affordable housing units)	\$ 300,000
Sanchez/Vela Subdivision (Single-Family, New Construction: 27 affordable housing units)	\$ 243,000

Energy Efficient Homes (Single-Family, New Construction: 35 affordable housing units)	\$ 315,000
Hispania Development Co. (Single-Family, New Construction: 38 affordable housing units)	\$ <u>342,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,600,000

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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.

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

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Ordinance Number 2008-567-TT be **adopted** on first reading 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.

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

9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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.

Mr. Ben Medina, Director of Planning and Community Development, noted that the proposed rezoning had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-042 be **adopted** on first reading as presented.

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

- 10. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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.**

Mr. Ben Medina, Director of Planning and Community Development, noted that the proposed rezoning had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson, and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-043 be **adopted** on first reading 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.

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

Mr. Ben Medina, Planning and Community Development Director, requested that **Agenda Items 11 and 12** be considered together as they dealt with the same property.

- 11. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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 Jardín Re-subdivision, located near Minnesota Avenue and Coffee Port.**
- 12. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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 Jardín Re-subdivision, located near Minnesota Avenue and Coffee Port.**

Mr. Ben Medina, Director of Planning and Community Development, noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-044, and 235-2008-044-S be **adopted** at first reading as presented.

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

13. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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.

Mr. Ben Medina, Director of Planning and Community Development, noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed rezoning.

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

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-045 be **adopted** at first reading 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.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and **carried** unanimously. Commissioner Leonel T. Garza had stepped out and did not vote.

14. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST 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.

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

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 2008-235.77 be **adopted** on first reading to amend the Brownsville Code of Ordinances by defining the time period within which zoning applications remain valid for approval and related purposes.

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

15. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Orlando C. Trevino expressed his opposition to the non-smoking ordinance that had been adopted by the City of Brownsville.

Mr. Antonio Martinez, owner of property on Alton Gloor Blvd adjacent to the Linear Park, expressed his concerns regarding gravel left over from the removal of the Union Pacific Railroad that had been dumped on his property. He also noted that a City right-of-way, in the same area, had been fenced in by an adjacent childcare center and was being used as a children's playground.

ACTION ITEMS:

16. Consideration and ACTION on amendment modification of deed restrictions for the Brownsville Art League property.

Mr. James R. Goza, City Attorney, noted that the property had been deeded, with certain restrictions, to the Brownsville Art League and the League was requesting that the City lift the restrictions.

Ms. Marcia Selsior, Interim Director of the museum noted that museum officials would negotiate with the University of Texas at Brownsville to use the proceeds towards existing debt on the Museum of Fine Art building.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art's request for modification of deed restrictions to the Brownsville Art League property be **approved** as requested.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

17. Consideration and ACTION to adopt budget amendment Resolution Number 2008-061, to amend the General Fund by \$8,058, for the hiring of three temporary (20 hours per week) recreational attendants for the youth services athletic division.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria Jr., moved that Resolution Number 2008-061 be **approved** to amend the General Fund by **\$8,058.00**, for the hiring of three temporary (20 hours per week) recreational attendants for the youth services athletic division.

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

18. Consideration and ACTION to request funding, in the amount of \$30,000, for the 4th of July Celebration.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that funding in the amount of **\$30,000.00** was **awarded** for the 4th of July Celebration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

Before a vote was taken, Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the motion be re-considered with regard to a fire department fee. The motion to reconsider was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, funding in the amount of **\$30,000** for the 4th of July Celebration, and waiver of a **\$200 fire department fee**, were approved as requested.

19. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-062 requesting that a moratorium be placed upon property valuation increases by the Cameron Appraisal District and that all further increases be deferred.

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza moved that Resolution Number 2008-062, be **approved**, authorizing a moratorium to be placed upon property valuation increases by the Cameron Appraisal District and that all further increases be deferred.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and **carried** **unanimously**.

20. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-063, regarding possible joint venture with R&G Capital, LLC for construction of a soccer stadium.

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson moved that Resolution Number 2008-063, be **approved** to authorize a possible joint venture with R&G Capital, LLC, for the construction of a soccer stadium.

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

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

21. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for Airport Owners and Operators General and Comprehensive Liability Insurance for the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract in the amount of **\$11,829.00** be awarded to **Arch Insurance Company, through Cavazos Insurance Company of Brownsville**, for Airport Owners and Operators General and Comprehensive Liability Insurance for the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport.

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

22. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase of one Storm-Sewer Vacuum Truck for the Public Works Department - Streets and Drainage Division.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, a contract, in the amount of **\$267,708.00**, was awarded to **Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc. Pasadena, Texas** for the purchase and delivery of one (1) 2009 year model storm-sewer vacuum truck for the Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division.

23. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for the purchase of one Skid-Steer Wheeled Loader for the Public Works Department - Streets Division.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$49,547.00** be awarded to **Bobcat Company of West Fargo, North Dakota**, for the purchase of one skid-steer wheeled loader for the Public Works Department – Streets Division.

24. Consideration and ACTION to accept and approve an Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the City of Harlingen for the 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award in the amount of \$43,979.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, an Inter-local Cooperation Agreement, between Brownsville and Harlingen, Texas, for the 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of **\$43,979.00**, was **authorized for acceptance** and with Brownsville's share to be \$31,659.00 and Harlingen's share to be \$12,320.00.

25. Consideration and ACTION to award a contract for purchase of signage for the Brownsville Sports Park to not exceed \$20,000.00.

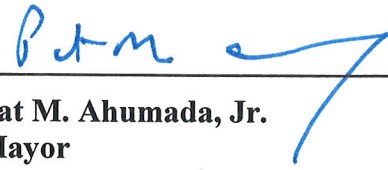
Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that a contract, not to exceed **\$20,000**, be awarded to **Texas Correctional Industries** for purchase of signage for the Brownsville Sports Park.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Approved this 15TH day of July, 2008.



Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:



Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary

