

**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, October 21, 2008**, at **5:00 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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| <b>PAT M. AHUMADA, JR.</b>   | ) | <b>MAYOR</b>                                      |
| <b>RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.</b> | ) |   |
| <b>CHARLIE ATKINSON</b>      | ) |   |
| <b>CARLOS A. CISNEROS</b>    | ) |   |
| <b>ANTHONY P. TROIANI</b>    | ) |   |
| <b>EDWARD C. CAMARILLO</b>   | ) |   |
| <b>LEONEL T. GARZA</b>       | ) | <b>COMMISSIONERS</b>                              |
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| <b>CHARLIE CABLER</b>        |   | <b>CITY MANAGER</b>                               |
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| <b>PETE GONZALEZ</b>         |   | <b>DEPUTY CITY MANAGER -<br/>FINANCE DIRECTOR</b> |
| <br>                         |   |   |
| <b>LIZA M. VALDEZ</b>        |   | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR</b>                  |

A quorum being present, Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr. asked Ms. Liza M. Valdez, Administrative Supervisor, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the City Secretary on October 17, 2008.

**WORKSHOP: 5:00 P.M.**

**a) Discussion regarding proposed West Loop (toll road).**

Ms. Hilda Ledezma, spoke on behalf of the West side citizens of Brownsville regarding a toll road that would be constructed in the railway property which the Union Pacific Rail Line current owns and uses. She stated that the neighborhood, immediately adjacent to the railway area consisted mostly of older residents, and expressed the neighbors' concerns with property devaluation, and attraction of gangs to the area. She further noted that it was not fair for citizens to pay for use of a road that would be funded using taxpayers' money.

Dr. William Berg delivered a Power Point Presentation regarding the proposed West Loop / Toll Road.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani expressed their support for the committee's civic participation and noted that the Commission would consider alternative uses for the railway property.

**b) Discussion regarding Farmers Market.**

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo presented Dr. Rose M. Gowen, who delivered a Power Point presentation regarding the Brownsville Farmers Market.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:51 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

**A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.086, of the Texas Government Code, regarding a meeting concerning municipally owned utilities.**

- B) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code regarding economic development.**
- C) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code, concerning the evaluation of the City Attorney of the City of Brownsville.**

No action was taken in executive session.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the regular session was convened by Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.

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

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

The U.S. 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 Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

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

- B) ACTION authorizing City Manager to execute a Fourth Implementation Agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Historic Downtown Brownsville.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. moved that the Fourth Implementation Agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Historic Downtown Brownsville be **approved**.

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

**1. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**      **Weir Project update**  
**Status Report on Border Wall**  
*(Commissioner Troiani)*

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani stated that the City of Brownsville had been sued by the Department of Homeland Security.

Commissioners Garza, Atkinson, Longoria, Cisneros, and Camarillo did not deliver reports.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS:**      **Brownsville Independent School District**  
*(City Commission)*

**Brownsville Independent School District Board**  
*(City Commission)*

**B.I.S.D. Superintendent –**  
**Dr. Hector Gonzalez**  
*(City Commission)*

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson informed the City Commission that Brownsville Independent School District board members were in session, at their regular scheduled meeting, therefore, the proclamations would be delivered to them.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**ITEMS No. “a” through “i”**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 09, 2008.
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 30, 2008.
- c) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 07, 2008.

**d) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:**

| <u>Employee</u>     | <u>Department</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Date</u>      |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Jeff Johnston       | B.O.E.M.H.S.      | Austin, TX         | Oct. 30-31, 2008 |
| Rochelle M. Garza   | BUS               | Corpus Christi, TX | Oct. 28, 2008    |
| John M. Rodriguez   | BUS               | Corpus Christi, TX | Oct. 28, 2008    |
| Nayade Garza        | City Secretary    | Austin, TX         | Dec 09-12, 2008  |
| Viviana Montana     | City Secretary    | Austin, TX         | Dec 09-12, 2008  |
| Pete Gonzalez       | Finance           | San Antonio, TX    | Oct. 28-31, 2008 |
| Leonardo L. Perez   | Fire              | San Antonio, TX    | Oct. 27-31, 2008 |
| Ben Nunez           | Fire              | Austin, TX         | Oct. 18-24, 2008 |
| Ben R. Neece        | Municipal Court   | Austin, TX         | Nov 05-07, 2008  |
| Skip Keller         | Parks             | Osceola County, FL | Nov 17-21, 2008  |
| Venustiano Martinez | Parks             | Kissimmee, FL      | Nov 17-21, 2008  |
| Andres Trevino      | Police            | San Antonio, TX    | Nov 09-14, 2008  |
| Reynaldo Ybarra     | Police            | San Antonio, TX    | Nov 09-14, 2008  |
| Carlos L. Garcia    | Police            | Austin, TX         | Oct. 26-29, 2008 |
| Carlos L. Garcia    | Police            | Austin, TX         | Oct. 19-20, 2008 |

Mr. Jeff Johnston, Emergency Management Director/EMC, will attend the “2009 Hurricane Preparedness Meeting”, sponsored by the Texas Emergency Management Director Jack Colley, on October 30-31, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Rochelle M. Garza, Grant Writer/ Project Outreach Manager, and Mr. John M. Rodriguez, JARC Coordinator, will attend the “Coordinated Call for Projects”, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation’s Public Transportation Division (PTN), on October 28, 2008, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ms. Nayade I. Garza, Vital Statistics Supervisor, and Ms. Viviana Montana, Administrative Technician I, will attend the “54<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference”, sponsored by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, on December 09-12, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Deputy City Manager/CFO Mr. Pete Gonzalez, will attend the “2008 TML Annual Conference”, sponsored by the Texas Municipal League, on October 28-31, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

Fire Chief Leonardo L. Perez, will attend “96<sup>th</sup> Texas Municipal League Annual Conference”, sponsored by Texas Municipal League, on October 27-31, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

Fire Marshal Ben Nunez, will attend “*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Marshal’s Conference*”, sponsored by the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Texas Fire Marshal’s Association, on October 18-24, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Presiding Judge Ben R. Neece, will attend the “*12-Hour Mandatory Judges Seminar*”, sponsored by the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, on November 05-07, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Skip Keller, Recreational Services Director, will attend the “*2008 41<sup>st</sup> USSSA Annual National Meeting*”, sponsored by United States Specialty Sports Association, on November 17-21, 2008, in Osceola, Florida.

Mr. Venustiano Martinez, Sports Park Superintendent, will attend the “*2008 41<sup>st</sup> USSSA Annual National Meeting*”, sponsored by United States Specialty Sports Association, on November 17-21, 2008, in Kissimmee, Florida.

Investigators Andres Treviño and Reynaldo Ybarra will attend the “*2008 Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators Conference*”, sponsored by the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators, on November 09-14, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

Police Chief Carlos L. Garcia, will attend the “*Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority TxDOT Work Group Meeting*”, sponsored by Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority, on October 26-29, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Police Chief Carlos L. Garcia, will attend the “*Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority TxDOT Work Group Meeting*”, sponsored by Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority, on October 19-20, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

- e) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-055 to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Retail “G” (2CG) for lot 1 thru 4 of Naranjo Vista Addition located near Anacua Street and Expressway 77/83.**

- f) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-055-S to allow a General Retail Specific Use (Tortilleria Factory 4C) in Light Retail (2CG) for Lot 1 thru 4 of Naranjo Vista Addition located near Anacua Street and Expressway 77/83.**
- g) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-919-H an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Wreckers, of the Code of Ordinances, Section 110-128, to increase the rates for collision haul and removal of debris on non-consensual tows.**
- h) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-1499 amending Chapter 348 Zoning, Article VIII, Section 348-1419, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances by adding certain fees and dealing with related matter.**
- i) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-235.78 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 316, Article II, Mobile Home Parks, by adding Section 316-69(a), Special Use Permit, amending Section 316-145, Additional Land Uses, and dealing with related matters.**

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***BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:***

**4. Consideration and ACTION to appoint one (1) member to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC).**

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson moved that **Mr. Joseph Anthony Campos** be appointed to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously.

**5. Consideration and ACTION to appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Beautification Committee.**

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that **Dr. Adele Bromiley** be appointed to the Brownsville Beautification Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-057 to consider the rezoning of Block 6 of the Virginia Heights Industrial Subdivision, Block 4 of the Virginia Heights Industrial Resubdivision, and Blocks 1 and 2 of the Villa Verde Subdivision from First Manufacturing “J” (1MJ) to Dwelling “H” (DH) so that the zoning is consistent with the actual land use.**

Mr. Christopher Golden, Comprehensive Planning Manager, noted that the area was not in compliance with zoning regulations and that the existing businesses would be “grandfathered”.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-057 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

7. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING of Ordinance Number 235-2008-058 to consider the rezoning of Blocks 138 and 127 of the Original Brownsville Township Site located near the intersections of E. Madison St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets from Seventh Commercial “H” (7CJ) to Fourth Commercial “J” (4CJ) so that the zoning designation is consistent with the dominant land uses of the surrounding area and so that new development is compatible with the adjacent Historic City Cemetery.**

Mr. Christopher Golden, Comprehensive Planning Manager, noted that the area was not in compliance with zoning regulations and that the existing businesses would be “grandfathered”.

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-058 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

- 8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-059 to consider the rezoning of the lands under the U.S. 77 Viaduct between E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and E, 12<sup>th</sup> St from First Manufacturing “J” (1MJ) to Fourth Commercial “J” (4CJ) so that the zoning of the said parcels are consistent with the surrounding land uses.**

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 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 235-2008-059 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously.

- 9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-061 to rezone from Dwelling “G” (DG) to Light Retail “G” (2CG), Tract 2 of La Coma Unsubdivided land, located at 735 Milpa Verde.**

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

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-061 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. and carried unanimously.

**10. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-062 to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Light Industrial “G” (7cg), 1.69 acres out of Block 213 of El Jardin Resubdivision, located at Frontage Road and Vermillion Avenue.**

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

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-062 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously.

**11. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-064 to rezone from Medium Commercial “G” (6CG) to Light Industrial “G” (7CG), 72.702 acres tract of Volume 12813, Page 147 ORCC out of Volume 3483 Page 212 ORCC, located near Paredes Line Road and FM 511.**

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 Carlos A. Cisneros moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-064 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

**12. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-065-S to allow a Medium Commercial “G” Specific Use (Storage Warehouse) in General Retail “G” for Lot 24, Block 171 of Olmito Townsite, located on Anacua Street and Expressway 77/83.**

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 Carlos A. Cisneros moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-065-S be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously. Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. did not vote.

**13. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2008-602 to rezone from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to General Retail “G” (4CG), Block 171 of Olmito Townsite, located on Anacua Steet and Expressway 77/83.**

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

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza moved that Ordinance Number 235-2008-602 be **adopted** on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani and carried unanimously. Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. had stepped out and did not vote.

- 14. Public Hearing and ACTION to approve the expenditure of \$31,659 from the 2008 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, awarded to the Brownsville Police Department, to purchase new mobile data computers for the Brownsville Police Department's patrol vehicles.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani, seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that the expenditure of \$31,659.00, awarded to the Brownsville Police Department by the 2008 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, be **approved**, to purchase new mobile data computers for the Brownsville Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson had stepped out and did not vote.

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**15. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Mr. Robert Uresti**, Galaxia Subdivision resident, thanked the Commission for not increasing taxes; he also expressed his concerns regarding the Sports Park, and the increased garbage collection rate.

**Mr. Fernando Ruiz** stated having the City Attorney, City Secretary, and Planning Director present at Charter Review Committee meetings was a conflict of interest. He stated that he never saw an advertisement for the Assistant City Attorney position and also noted that an investigation needed to be conducted regarding expenditures on the Brownsville Sports Park.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

- 16. Consideration and ACTION on amended T-Mobile Brownsville Abatement Agreement providing for a minimum of five hundred (500) employees to be hired by December 31, 2009, with minimum wages of at least ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour with comprehensive benefits made available to employees with at least seventy-five percent (75%) of benefits costs paid by employer, also including the requirement to execute company contracts for utility services with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, for a ten (10) year period of city tax abatement, averaged at fifty-percent (50%) during the term of the abatement. (TABLED 10-21-2008)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously, the item was **tabled**.

- 17. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) awarded to the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in the amount of \$28,749.00.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. and carried unanimously, staff was **authorized** to accept and expend the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), in the amount of **\$28,749.00**, awarded to the Brownsville Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

- 18. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-090 officially accepting the "Cover the Border Hazard Mitigation Action Plan", for the Rio Grande Border Region.**

Mr. Jeff Johnston, Emergency Management Coordinator, noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allowed local jurisdictions to apply for federal funding for various hazard mitigation projects.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2008-090 was **adopted**, officially accepting the "Cover the Border Hazard Mitigation Action Plan", for the Rio Grande Border Region.

**19. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-088 authorizing the submittal of a funding application to the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for the Fiscal Year 2009 for expanding the dog kennels at the Brownsville Animal Regulation and Care Center.**

Mr. Arturo Rodriguez, Health Director, stated that the purpose for the application was to request funding for the expansion of the exterior kennels and retention area surrounding the perimeter of the Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center (BARCC).

Upon motion Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2008-088 was **adopted**, authorizing the submittal of a funding application to the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for the Fiscal Year 2009 for expanding the dog kennels at the Brownsville Animal Regulation and Care Center.

**20. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-089 authorizing the submittal of a funding application to the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for the Fiscal Year 2009 for the purchase of 2 Ultra-Violet (ULV) machines needed to help control the mosquito population.**

Mr. Arturo Rodriguez, Health Director, stated that the purpose for the application was to request funding for the purchase of new equipment needed to replace aged equipment to help control the mosquito population.

Upon motion Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani, seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2008-089 was **adopted**, authorizing the submittal of a funding application to the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for the Fiscal Year 2009 for the purchase of 2 Ultra-Violet (ULV) machines needed to help control the mosquito population.

- 21. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-091 to authorize the submittal of funding application to Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for quality of life projects for Fiscal Year 2009.**

Mr. Skip Keller, Parks and Recreational Services Director, stated that the purpose of the funding request was to renovate and remodel four sections of phase two of the Urban Center at Gonzalez Park.

Upon motion Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2008-091 was **adopted**, authorizing the submittal of a funding application to Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for quality of life projects for Fiscal Year 2009.

- 22. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the use of Washington Park from February 23-March 1, 2009 for the *Sombrero Festival*; authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages from February 26-28, 2009 during festival hours; authorizing the closure of Adams Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street for the festival from February 25-March 1, 2009; and permission to use the parking along Madison Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets for *Sombrero Festival* vendor parking from February 25-March 1, 2009; and authorize the use of (3) three mobile bleachers for seating at the park.**

Upon motion Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros, seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously, authorization for the use of Washington Park from February 23-March 1, 2009 for the *Sombrero Festival*; authorization of the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages from February 26-28, 2009, during festival hours; authorization of the closure of Adams Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street for the festival from February 25- March 1, 2009; permission to use the parking along Madison Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets for *Sombrero Festival* vendor parking from February 25- March 1, 2009; and authorization for the use of (3) three mobile bleachers for seating at the park, was **approved**.

- 23. Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2008-092 authorizing an application to request for funding from the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for quality of life projects for Fiscal Year 2009.**

Ms. Gina Mota, Community Service Specialist stated that the purpose of the funding request was for adding a Downtown Bike Path.

Upon motion Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, Resolution Number 2008-092 was **adopted**, authorizing the submittal of a funding request from the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) for quality of life projects for Fiscal Year 2009.

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

- 24. Consideration and ACTION authorizing the City of Brownsville to enter into a contract with Cameron County Emergency Service District No. 1 to furnish ambulance and emergency medical services to the unincorporated area of Cameron County designed by Zone number 1 on the official Fire Protection Service Zone Map of the CCESD No. 1. (EMS) (TABLED 10-21-2008)**

Upon motion Commissioner Leonel T. Garza seconded by Commissioner Charlie Atkinson and carried unanimously the item was **tabled**.

- 25. Consideration and ACTION to award a term contract for annual maintenance for HVAC & R System Equipment for the Brownsville Police Department Headquarters Building.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$49,237**, was awarded to **Trane, Co., Inc.** for annual maintenance for HVAC & R System Equipment for the Brownsville Police Department Headquarters Building.

**26. Consideration and ACTION to authorize an extension of a contract for maintenance services with TECOM-All Star**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, a contract in the amount of **\$1,401,792 per year, during the term of this two year extension**, was awarded to **All Star Fleet Services LLC TECOM of Fort Worth, Texas** for fleet maintenance services.

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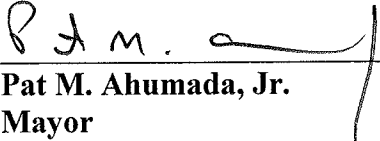
**ADJOURNMENT:**


There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2008.

Attest:



  
Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.  
Mayor

  
Estela Von Hatten  
City Secretary