

**THE STATE OF TEXAS     §**  
**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE   §**  
**COUNTY OF CAMERON     §**

**MINUTES** of a **Special 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, September 09, 2008**, at **5:40 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>                             |
| <b>PETE GONZALEZ</b>         |   | <b>DEPUTY CITY MANAGER/FINANCE<br/>DIRECTOR</b> |
| <br>                         |   |                                                 |
| <b>LIZA M. VALDEZ</b>        |   | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR</b>                |

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Charlie Atkinson, 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 September 05, 2008.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:40 P.M.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:50 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- A) **Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property.**

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the regular session was convened at 6:05 p.m. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

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**SPECIAL 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 Mr. Alex Resendez of Brownsville, Texas.

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***BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:***

1. **Consideration and ACTION to appoint member(s) to the Cultural Affairs Committee.**

Commissioner Charlie Atkinson moved that **Mr. Robert L. Prepejchal** be appointed to the Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo moved that **Mr. Rosendo Escareño** be appointed to the Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Leonel T. Garza moved that **Ms. Rochelle M. Garza** be appointed to the Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anthony P. Troiani moved that **Ms. Sylvia L. Perez** be appointed to the Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr. moved that **Dr. Romeo Montalvo** be appointed to the Cultural Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., and Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros' appointments to the committee were **tabled** until the next regular City Commission meeting.

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

**2. Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Finance Director, delivered a Power Point Presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.


Mr. Noe Hinojosa, Financial Advisor, provided further financial details regarding the proposed budget and the City's proposed tax increase.

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***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of October, 2008.

  
Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.  
Mayor

Attest:

  
Estela Von Hatten  
City Secretary

