

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 30, 2008**, at **5:45 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)
CARLOS A. CISNEROS)
ANTHONY P. TROIANI)
EDWARD C. CAMARILLO)
LEONEL T. GARZA) **COMMISSIONERS**

CHARLIE CABLER) **CITY MANAGER**
PETE GONZALEZ) **DEPUTY CITY MANAGER/FINANCE**
LIZA M. VALDEZ) **DIRECTOR**
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

ABSENT:
PAT M. AHUMADA, JR.) **MAYOR**
CHARLIE ATKINSON) **COMMISSIONER**

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Ricardo Longoria, 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 September 26, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:45 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

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

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

SPECIAL MEETING:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was lead by Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem. Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

1. 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 Edward C. Camarillo., seconded by Commissioner Carlos A. Cisneros and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a” through “b” were **approved**.

ITEM No. “a”

- a) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2008-1498 amending Chapter 22, Article VIII Pawnbrokers, Section 22-457, of the Brownsville City Code to require that Pawnbrokers register all property received electronically through approved electronic registration services, providing for a severability clause, penalties for violation, an effective date, and related matters.**
-

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ms. Edelmira Cavazos spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 2008-1498 that required pawnbrokers to electronically register all property received.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. Consideration and ACTION to award the medical insurance specific stop-loss contract to a stop-loss insurance carrier.**

Mr. Pete Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, noted that, after review of 20 stop-loss insurance quotes, Insurance Specialist and Auditor, Stephanie Davis and Executive Director Susan Smith, with TML-IEBP have recommended that the City choose either Arbor Fidelity or ASL Starline/Nationwide Insurance (ASL) as the City’s stop-loss insurance carrier.

Mr. Gonzalez noted that the City's Insurance Committee recommended that the contract be awarded to Arbor Fidelity.

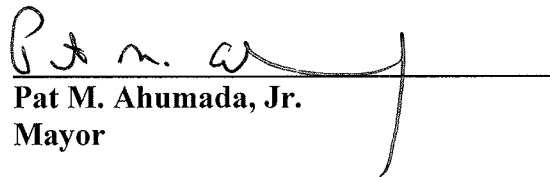
Upon motion by Commissioner Leonel T. Garza, seconded by Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo and carried unanimously, a contract, for medical insurance stop-loss was awarded to **Arbor Fidelity** as presented.

ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of October, 2008.




Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:


Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary