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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Regular Meeting** on **September 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**, in the City Commission Chambers, located on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall - Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

Pursuant to Section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more Commissioners or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology. The video and audio feed of the videoconferencing equipment can be viewed and heard by the public at the address posted above as the location of the meeting.

Members of the public, employees, and the City Commission may join via the Webex Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:

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Members of the public who submitted a "Public Comment Form" will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

At any time during the course of the posted meeting, the Brownsville City Commission may retire into Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 to confer with legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during this meeting, the City Commission may retire to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER

- a) ROLL CALL
- b) INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF TEXAS

PROCLAMATION(S)

Recognizing Alfonso Vallejo (Commissioner B. L. Martinez / Mayor J. Cowen, Jr.)

Recognizing Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville Centennial (Mayor J. Cowen, Jr. / Commissioner R. Gowen)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- **Non-Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating the City business or City policy you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Forms are not reserved for anyone nor may time be deferred to anyone. PowerPoint presentations may not be accommodated. This period is limited to five (5) speakers with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.
- **Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating which item(s) on the agenda you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Speakers will be allowed to address the Commission on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- **Time Limits:** The City Commission shall have the discretion to modify its regulations regarding time limits on public comment if necessary. For example, the time limit may be shortened to accommodate a lengthy agenda or it could be lengthened to allow additional time for discussion on a complicated matter or if there is a need for an interpreter.

PRESENTATION(S)

Building Division Permit Update (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

Presentation by the Brownsville Public Utilities Board providing an Annual Report on the progress of collaboration with the City of Brownsville as required by the City Charter. (Brownsville Public Utilities Board)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

The following are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes:
 - a) Minutes of September 05, 2023, Regular City Commission Meeting
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** for the purchase of eight (8) APX 6000 Series Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. through cooperative H-GAC Contract # RA05-21 for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the City of Brownsville Fire Department, as budgeted. (Fire Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** for the purchase of two (2) Remounted Ambulances from Frazer, LTD for an amount not to exceed \$427,117 for the Brownsville Fire Department, as budgeted. (Fire Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2023-116** to adopt Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) amendments for 0921-06-342 Minnesota Rd. City of Brownsville. This changed this project's funding to be 100% federal. (Multimodal Transportation)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a cooperative purchase from SHI Government Solutions, Inc. for VMware server virtual licenses for one year in the amount of \$66,256.22, as budgeted. (Enterprise Applications Dept.)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve ADK Consulting & Executive Search recruitment services for an Airport Director position and the Deputy Director additional staff placement fee for \$49,798. (Airport Department/City Managers Office)

- 7) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-019**, to rezone from Residential Estate (RE) to Commercial Corridor (CC) to allow the expansion of an existing medical office for Lot 12, Jose Almaraz Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3125 West Alton Gloor Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to purchase three (3) Vans from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford through cooperative BuyBoard Contract No. 601-19 in the amount of \$237,123.94 for the Brownsville Police Department. #PTV-141-0923, as budgeted. (Police Department)
- 9) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, to approve **Resolution Number 2023-114** to support the submission of the Canine Transport Van Grant Application through the Stanton Foundation. (Public Health and Wellness Department)

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on 2023 Brownsville Roadway Capital Recovery Fee and signed recommendation letter from the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) on specifications regarding Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvement plans for roads and calculated cost per service area, and maximum collection rate per service unit. (Multimodal Transportation)
- 2) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2023-898-II**, an Ordinance amending Chapter 74 "Parks and Recreation", of the City Code of Ordinances by readopting Section 74-18 "Local Standards of Care for the City Parks and Recreation Department's Childrens Recreation Programs" and dealing with related matters. (Parks & Recreation Department)
- 3) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-020**, to rezone from Residential Transition (R-3) and Light Industrial (LI) to Commercial Corridor (CC) to allow a commercial plaza and multi-family development for Lots 2 and 3, Block 2, Dana Eight-O-Two Subdivision, Section 2, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3271 Ruben M. Torres, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 2) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 4) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-021-S**, to request a Specific Use Permit to allow a freight terminal in Agricultural (AG) zoning designation for 6.8 acres out of Lot 4, Block "A", Barreda Gardens Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 554 Runnels Road, Olmito, Texas 78575, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 5) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-022-S**, to request a Specific Use Permit to allow a used car lot in a Traditional Neighborhood-Corridor (TN-C) zoning designation for Lots 6, 7, 22, & 23, Block 64, Harden's Addition to the City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, located at 1236 South Expressway, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 6) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-023**, to rezone from Agricultural (AG) to Residential Transition (R-3) and Commercial Corridor (CC) to allow a multi-family development and commercial plaza for 18.62 acres out of El Jardin Resubdivision, Lots 17 to 32, Block 116, Share 29, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, located on FM 511, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 7) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-025**, to rezone from Residential Suburban (R-2) to Commercial Corridor (CC) to allow a general retail store for Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 1, Palmetto Grove Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 7954 Southmost Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 1) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

- 8) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2023-1731** to approve a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023. (Financial Services Department)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

- 1) Consideration and possible **ACTION** regarding the review of La Posada Task Force information and recommendations for the future development of the park, including the proposed dissolution of the task force as outlined in **Resolution Number 2023-020-D**, and authorizing such other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution. (Parks and Recreation Department)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) Fiscal Year 2024 budget. (GBIC)

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, to approve **Resolution Number 2023-104** to appoint, reappoint, and/or remove member(s) of the Transit Advisory Committee. (Multimodal Transportation Department) (Tabled from August 15, 2023)

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the Organizational Development & Human Resources Department at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 12:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: John Cowen, Jr
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the **September 19, 2023**, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on September 15, 2023. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City’s website and can be downloaded by accessing: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>



Yolanda Galarza-Gomez, TRMC, City Secretary