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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 **October 06, 2026**, at **5:00 p.m.**, in the Commission Chambers, 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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CALL TO ORDER

- a) ROLL CALL
- b) INVOCATION
- c) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF TEXAS

PROCLAMATION(S)

- 1) National Disability Employment Awareness Month (Commissioner B. Martinez; Mayor J. Cowen Jr.)
- 2) Recognizing Faulk Middle School (Commissioner B. Martinez; Commissioner L. Macias)

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.

CITY MANAGER(S)

- 1) Youth Advisory Board Update

PRESENTATION(S)

- 1) Presentation on Hotel Occupancy Tax Applicants and Timeline Overview for Fiscal Year 2027 (Convention & Visitors Bureau)

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) Consideration of approval of minutes from the City Commission Regular Meeting held on September 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Contracts with Waste Solutions USA LLC and Alamo Environmental, Inc. dba Alamo1. For Contract No. 263-26-PLN-IFB, Building Demolition Services On An As-Needed Basis, for an initial term of three (3) years with two (2) optional one-year renewal periods. (Planning and Redevelopment Services Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Free Fare Service on Brownsville Metro Fixed-Route and Paratransit Service on November 3, 2026 Election Day, May 1, 2027 Election Day, and the H-E-B Feast of Sharing Event on November 11, 2026. (Brownsville Metro)

- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a cooperative purchase from SHI Government Solutions, Inc. for CrowdStrike Cyber Defense Software in the amount of \$331,074.28, as budgeted. (Information Technology Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with ETA Phi Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$475,773 for Contract No. 358-26-BMT-CP, for a term of Five (5) Years, for the purchase and implementation of a Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) System for Brownsville Metro fixed-route buses (Brownsville Metro)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an amendment to the Services Agreement between the City of Brownsville and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on behalf of the School of Public Health in Brownsville to renew the Tu Salud ¡Si Cuenta! Program. (Department of Health, Wellness & Animal Services)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Second Amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville (City) and the Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) to the existing agreement for the Downtown Water and Wastewater Project, ARPA-2021-1112. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to reject all bids received for Solicitation No. 145-26-EPW-IFB for the 12th Street Traffic Signal Improvements Project. (Engineering and Public Works Department).
- 9) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with Rio Grande Hauling for Excavation, Loading and Hauling Services on an as needed basis for Contract No.288-26-EPW-IFB, for a term not to exceed 5 Years. (Engineering and Public Works Department).
- 10) Consideration and **ACTION** to award the second and final renewal to contract #GTS-67-0622 for Geotechnical and Construction Material Testing Services, by and between the City of Brownsville, a Texas municipal corporation, and the following firms: B2Z Engineering LLC., Millennium Engineers Group, Raba Kistner, Inc., and Terracon Consultants, Inc., for the Street and Drainage Capital Improvements Projects and Miscellaneous Projects for the City of Brownsville. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 11) Consideration and **ACTION** to pay Tyler Technologies for annual maintenance and support fees in the amount of \$76,200.95 as budgeted. (Municipal Court Department)
- 12) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Task Order No. 8 with Jviation, a Woolpert Company, LLC, under Master Agreement RFQ PES-63-0523, in the amount of \$321,646.00, for Airfield Signage Upgrade Design, Bidding, Construction Administration, and Construction Coordination Services at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport. (Airport Department)
- 13) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with ClearGov, Inc in the amount of \$171,966 for Contract No. 371-26-FIN-CP, for a term of Three (3) Years, approximately \$57,322 per year, for budgeting and financial management software services. (Financial Services Department)
- 14) Consideration and **ACTION** to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville and Cameron County regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation application for the amount of \$90,450, which will allow the City of Brownsville and Cameron County to purchase equipment items. (Police Department)
- 15) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the renewal of one (1) year contract with TRIPPP Consulting that provides Transportation Rideshare company service with Uber to the City of Brownsville and Cameron County for Brownsville Metro's Route 30 for \$149,230, as budgeted. (Brownsville Metro)
- 16) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Administrative Services Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC). (City Manager's Office)

- 17) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution Number 2026-129** for the agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Brownsville to authorize the street closure(s) for the 26th Annual Veterans Day Parade. (Engineering & Public Works Department).
- 18) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-134** in supporting the submission of the FY 2027 Crime Victims Notification Systems Grant #6010001 for \$73,359.00 through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office and accept the terms and conditions of said grant for the City of Brownsville. (Police Department)
- 19) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution Number 2026-130** for the agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Brownsville to authorize the street closure(s) for the Christmas Parade.(Engineering & Public Works Department)
- 20) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-021-PD**, to establish a Planned Development District (PD) to establish development-specific zoning regulations that would permit reduced setbacks, detached accessory structures in the front yard, and unique design standards for the proposed residences, for 2.817 acres, being all of Common Area 1 of Butterfly Grove Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 1903 Grove Lane, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 21) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-019**, to rezone from Residential Estate (RE) to Residential Single-Family (R-1) to allow a single-family residential development for a 1.00-acre tract of land out of Lot 4, Block 307, El Jardin Re-Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 835 South Indiana Avenue, Brownsville, Texas 78521, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 1) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 22) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-022-S**, to request a Specific Use Permit in a Regional Center (RC) zoning district to allow an event center for Suite G, Lot 3, Block 1, Springmart I Subdivision Replat #2, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3231 Pablo Kisel Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** to authorize the City of Brownsville Police Department to apply for the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation application for the amount of \$90,450. (Police Department)
- 2) Public Hearing an **ACTION** on **SECOND** of **THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS** on imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for High-Intensity Data Processing Facilities within the City of Brownsville and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §§ 212.131–212.139; and Report on City of Brownsville Environmental and Conservation Task Force recommendations. (City Manager's Office/ Office of the City Attorney/ Planning and Redevelopment Department)
- 3) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance No. 2026-1824** amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 102 “Utilities,” to add Article XII “Municipal Drainage Utility System,” Division 1 “Creation and Administration” to establish a municipal drainage utility system; providing for drainage service, billing, exemptions, drainage charges, and an appeal process. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 4) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance No. 2026-1825** amending Chapter 102 “Utilities” of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article III, “Rates and Charges,” by adding Division 5 “Drainage Utility Fees”; establishing a municipal drainage utility system fee; providing for exemptions and credits. (Engineering and Public Works Department.)

- 5) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1827** to amend Chapter 98 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article IV, "Speed Restrictions" Establishing Speed Limits at FM 1419 in the City of Brownsville and Dealing with Related Matters. (Engineering and Public Works Department)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with 4X Construction Group, LLC for the construction of Landfill Cell #6 and other site improvements, for an amount not to exceed \$3,733,577.47 for Contract No. 296-26-EPW-IFB, for a term of 150 consecutive calendar days, as budgeted. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with Austin Traffic Signal Construction CO LLC in the amount of \$4,405,513.30 for Contract No #146-26-EPW-IFB, for a term of 720 Consecutive Calendar Days for the International Blvd Traffic Signal Improvements Project. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with The Levy Company in the amount of \$7,134,576.30 for the Contract No #144-26-EPW-IFB on Traffic Signals Communication Development, for a term of 260 days commencing upon approval. (Engineering and Public Works Department).
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a Contract with Austin Traffic Signal Construction CO, LLC in the amount of \$2,537,330 for Contract No #143-26-EPW-IFB, for a term of 220 Consecutive Calendar Days for the Brownsville Traffic Monitoring & Management of Signalized Roads Project. (Engineering and Public Works Department).

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-132** to appoint members of the City of Brownsville Sports Commission Advisory Board. (Convention & Visitors Bureau and Office of Space Commerce)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-131-A** to appoint members to the City of Brownsville Environmental and Conservation Task Force pursuant to Resolution Number 2026-121-A. (City Manager's Office/ Office of the City Attorney/ Planning and Redevelopment Department)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Closed Session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) related to Project Boundary. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)
- 2) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney, including Contemplated or Pending Litigation and/or Settlement Offer) related to Cause Number 2026-DCL-03624. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM(S) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to Cause Number 2026-DCL-03624. (Office of the City Attorney)
- 2) Public Hearing and **ACTION**, if any, on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance No. 2026-1828** amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-13, "General penalty" of the Code of Ordinances to update the penalty provisions for violations of the City's Code of Ordinances. (Office of the City Attorney)

