

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 – Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, at **5:30 P.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

ANTONIO MARTINEZ)	MAYOR
		COMMISSIONERS
RICARDO LONGORIA, JR.)	District 1
JESSICA TETREAU)	District 2
DEBORAH PORTILLO)	District 3
JOHN VILLARREAL)	District 4
ROSE M.Z. GOWEN, M.D.)	At-Large “B”
CHARLIE CABLER		CITY MANAGER
ALLISON BASTIAN		DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
MICHAEL L. LOPEZ		ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/ CITY SECRETARY
ABSENT:		CESAR DE LEON At-Large “A”

A quorum being present, Mayor Antonio Martinez, asked Ms. Griselda Rosas, Assistant City Secretary, to read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in The Office of the City Secretary on January 9, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rose Gowen seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the Executive Session convened at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A) Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending litigation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code on a matter in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 55, Texas Government Code.**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session Mayor Antonio Martinez, convened the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by Mayor Antonio Martinez.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Mayor Antonio Martinez.

ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A) Discussion and Possible ACTION regarding pending litigation.

Mr. Mark Sossi, City Attorney, noted that he had been in communication with the Texas Attorney General and they offered to resolve this matter in a way that at no taxpayer expense to resolve the issue. The Office of the City Attorney recommends a repeal of the fee portion of the plastic bag ordinance and forward the information to the Texas Attorney General Office and once approved by them, the City would amend the ordinance within thirty (30) days.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the agenda item be **approved** as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:

Former Mayor Pat Ahumada, had filled out a Public Comment Card and was not able to comment due to the fact that the item was placed on the agenda, as per Robert Rules of Order.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of February, 2017.

**Antonio Martinez
Mayor**

Attest:

**Michael L. Lopez, MPA
City Secretary**



Respectfully submitted by:
Yolanda Galarza-Gomez, Administrative Specialist II
Office of the City Secretary