

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

**MINUTES** of a **Regular 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 **Tuesday, February 21, 2017**, at **6:00 P.M.** with the following members present:

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

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro-Tem Rose M.Z. Gowen, 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 February 17, 2017.

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**REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE \* TEXAS PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Rose M.Z. Gowen and the Texas Pledge was led by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was delivered by Msgr. Bert Diaz, from St. Mary Mother of the Church, of Brownsville, Texas.

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**1. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

No report was delivered.

*Commissioner Jessica Tetreau arrived at 6:11 p.m.*

**2. COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

*Mayor Pro-Tem Rose M.Z. Gowen* recognized the Senior Advocacy Coalition, a program for Senior Citizens, which take place at the Parks and Recreation Department. She also invited everyone to see the Charro Day parade and enjoy the Sombrero Festival.

*Commissioner Deborah Portillo* thanked Aiken Elementary School for selecting her as Principal for the Day and thanked the teachers for all that they do.

*Commissioner Jessica Tetreau* thanked the Airport staff for organizing the airshow and thanked Public Works Department for repairing Robindale Street.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS:**

*James Pace Early College High School*  
(Commissioners J. Villarreal/C. de Leon)

The proclamation was presented and read by Commissioner John Villarreal.

*National Small Business Development Center Day*  
(Commissioners D. Portillo/C. de Leon)

The proclamation was presented and read by Commissioner Deborah Portillo.

*Workforce Solutions Cameron*  
(Mayor A. Martinez/Commissioner J. Tetreau)

The proclamation was presented and read by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.

At this time Ms. Griselda Rosas, Assistant City Secretary, advised the Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioners that **Agenda Item 4c** be **removed**, as per the request of the Planning Department staff.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**All consent Agenda Items listed were considered to be routine by the City Commission and were approved by one motion.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, Consent Agenda Items “a, b and d through g” be **approved**, with the exception of 4c.

**ITEMS No. “a” through “g”**

a) To acknowledge the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norma Arroyo	Airport	Palm Springs, CA	Apr. 23-27, 2017
Norma H. Zamora	BMetro	Austin, TX	Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2017
Esteban A. Galvan	Building	Austin, TX	Mar. 28-29, 2017
Lupe Granado, III	Finance	Denver, CO	May 18-24, 2017
Raymond Harris	Fire	Austin, TX	Mar. 19-24, 2017
Ruben Garcia	Fire	Austin, TX	Mar. 19-24, 2017
Patrick Hubbard	Grants	Fort Worth, TX	Mar. 06-09, 2017
Sandra Velez	Grants	Fort Worth, TX	Mar. 06-09, 2017
Arturo Rodriguez	Health	Washington, DC	July 09-12, 2017

Alfonso Vallejo	MPO	Austin, TX	Feb. 28-Mar. 02, 2017
Juan Garcia	Police	Laredo, TX	Mar. 07-10, 2017
Jose G. Zamarripa	Police	Laredo, TX	Mar. 07-10, 2017
Veronica Garcia	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Mar. 26-29, 2017
Federico Perez	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Mar. 26-29, 2017
Markham Moreno	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Mar. 26-29, 2017
Laura Gonzalez	Police	Corpus Christi, TX	Mar. 26-29, 2017
Georgina Mota	Public Works	Houston, TX	Apr. 23-27, 2017

- b) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number on Ordinance Number 235-2017-003, to rezone from Apartment “J” (AJ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 0.83 acres of Paredes Tract Addition Lots 7-12 Block 66 Bella Vista Addition and Lots 4-6 Block 66 Enrique Subdivision located at 1415 E. Ringgold Street and 1410 S. Expressway. (District 1) [TABLED 01-17-2017]**
- c) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-005, to rezone from Light Retail (2CZ) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for the first 80 feet and Apartments “G” (AG) for the remaining property for Lot 23 of Block 5 of Villa Nueva Subdivision located at 2165 US Military Highway 281. (District 4)**
- d) **APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 2017-911-G, repealing Sections 46-48, and 46-52 and amending the remainder of Chapter 46, Article II of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances as it relates to Plastic Checkout Bags.**
- e) **Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2017-020 of the City of Brownsville adopting the Imagine Brownsville Comprehensive Plan.**
- f) **Consideration and ACTION to amend Resolution Number 2017-002 of the City of Brownsville to include the most recent adoption of the Imagine Brownsville Comprehensive Plan.**
- g) **Consideration and consent to award a term contract for the purchase and delivery of asphalt emulsions and oils for the City of Brownsville.**

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**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- 5. **Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint five (5) members to the Airport Advisory Board.**

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that the proposed slate of applicants, comprised of *Mr. Jose Angel Hinojosa, Mr. Chris Hughston* and *Mr. Ed Rivera*, be **re-appointed** to the Airport Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 6. **Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-010, to rezone from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to General Retail (4CG) for 0.149 Acres for La Coma Unsubdivided ESG Share 19 located at 614 Milpa Verde. (District 1)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Deborah Portillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-010, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to General Retail (4CG) for 0.149 Acres for La Coma Unsubdivided ESG Share 19 located at 614 Milpa Verde. (District 1) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**7. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-011, to rezone from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 0.27 Acres for Lot 24 of Block 2, Monterrey Estates Subdivision located at 4823 Boca Chica Boulevard. (District 2)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-011, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to General Retail “G” (4CG) for 0.27 Acres for Lot 24 of Block 2, Monterrey Estates Subdivision located at 4823 Boca Chica Boulevard. (District 2) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously.

**8. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-012, to rezone from Dwelling “X” (DX) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for 157.38 Acres for Abstract 2 – Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 61.22 acres out of 169.32 acres of 181.46 Acres, Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 87.18 Acres out of 169.32 Acres; Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 8.98 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres, located near FM 511 and Dr. Hugh Emerson Road. (District 3)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-012, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling “X” (DX) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for 157.38 Acres for Abstract 2 – Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 61.22 acres out of 169.32 acres of 181.46 Acres,

Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 87.18 Acres out of 169.32 Acres; Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 8.98 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres, located near FM 511 and Dr. Hugh Emerson Road. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Portillo and carried unanimously.

**9. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-012-S, to allow a Mobile Home Park “A” in Dwelling “G” (DG) for 157.38 Acres for Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant 61.22 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres; Abstract 2- Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 87.18 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres; Abstract 2-Unsubdivided 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 8.98 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres located near FM 511 and Dr. Hugh Emerson Road. (District 3)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau seconded by Commissioner Deborah Portillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Deborah Portillo moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-012-S, be **adopted** at first reading, to allow a Mobile Home Park “A” in Dwelling “G” (DG) for 157.38 Acres for Abstract 2-Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant 61.22 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres; Abstract 2- Unsubdivided Share 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 87.18 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres; Abstract 2-Unsubdivided 27 & 28 Espiritu Santo Grant, 8.98 Acres out of 169.32 Acres of 181.46 Acres located near FM 511 and Dr. Hugh Emerson Road. (District 3) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**10. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-013, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for 0.204 Acres for Share 27 Espiritu Santo Grant located at 615 Esperanza Road. (District 1)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Deborah Portillo and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-013, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from Dwelling “A” (DA) to Dwelling “G” (DG) for 0.204 Acres for Share 27 Espiritu Santo Grant located at 615 Esperanza Road. (District 1) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**11. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-016-CO, to rezone from General Retail “G” (4CG) to Apartment “H” (AH) for 1.05 Acres for Lot 2, Block 1, Cherry Estates Addition Subdivision located at 3435 E. Ruben Torres Boulevard. (District 2)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance with a Conditional Use overlay to permit a maximum of 16 units and to provide a minimum of a 6 feet fence and a minimum of a 5 feet buffer along the residential area.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-016-CO, be **adopted** at first reading, to rezone from General Retail “G” (4CG) to Apartment “H” (AH) for 1.05 Acres for Lot 2, Block 1, Cherry Estates Addition Subdivision located at 3435 E. Ruben Torres Boulevard. (District 2) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**12. Public Hearing and ACTION on FIRST READING on Ordinance Number 235-2017-017-S, to allow a Duplex in General Retail “G” (4CG) for 0.1377 Acres for Lot 4, Block 112 Brownsville Original Townsite located at 1042 E. Madison Street. (District 4)**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed rezoning ordinance noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., moved that Ordinance Number 235-2017-017-S, be **adopted** at first reading, to allow a Duplex in General Retail “G” (4CG) for 0.1377 Acres for Lot 4, Block 112 Brownsville Original Townsite located at 1042 E. Madison Street. (District 4) The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Villarreal and carried unanimously.

**13. Public Hearing and ACTION on Resolution Number 2017-021 of the City of Brownsville supporting a proposed affordable housing community known as Vista Laredo Apartment Homes, providing for City of Brownsville support and authorizing such other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution.**

Ms. Ana Hernandez, Interim Assistant Planning Director of Operations, gave a brief explanation of the proposed resolution, noting that construction would begin on December 2017, with 120 mixed income units making 96 affordable units and 24 market rate units, located on Tandy Road.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr., and carried unanimously, the public hearing was **closed**.

Commissioner Jessica Tetreau moved that Resolution Number 2017-021 of the City of Brownsville supporting a proposed affordable housing community known as Vista Laredo Apartment Homes, providing for City of Brownsville support and authorizing such other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution, be **approved**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Portillo and carried unanimously.

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**14. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PLEASE NOTE:**

Mr. Jose Escobedo, suggested that the City of Brownsville flag be re-designed, replaced and gave a brief explanation of his request and hoped that the Mayor Pro-Tem and Commissioners would consider his request.

Mr. Jorge Contla, expressed concern regarding a project that he and other individuals participated in constructing the Hike/Bike Trail and have not yet received any type of payment from the City.

Mr. Kevin Barajas, noted that he now understands the meaning of Charro Days and the work that takes to organize the event for the City.

***PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:***

**15. Consideration and ACTION to award contract for the purchase and delivery of four (4) aquatic filtration systems to Recreonics Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky, in the amount of \$105,393.69.**


Mr. Cory Vander Veen, Assistant Parks Director, gave a brief explanation of the contract noting that the work would be done in-house and noting that the City needs to stay within Federal Regulations.

Commissioner John Villarreal moved that the purchase and delivery of four (4) aquatic filtration systems, be awarded to **Recreonics, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky** for the amount of **\$105,393.69**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessica Tetreau and carried unanimously.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
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**Antonio Martinez**  
Mayor

Attest:



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



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