

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL COMMISSION**

DATE: February 25, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor
Martin Cantu Jr. Commissioner Pl No. 1
Carmen Rios, Commissioner Place No. 2
Martin C. Cantu Commissioner Place 3
Jeffery David Martinez, Commissioner Pl No. 4
Jared Hockema, City Manager
Susie Alcocer, City Secretary
Nadini Jee, Assistant City Secretary
Gilbert Hinojosa, City Attorney
MEMBERS ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Baldovinos and Glenda Stafford

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Carmen Rios gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM: PLEASE NOTE:

- Any person with business before the Commission, not scheduled on the Agenda as a Public hearing may speak to the commission.
- Public Comment Forms are located on the table at the entrance of the City Chambers meeting Room. [For further information, contact the Office of the City Secretary]
- Public Comment Forms must be filled out and presented to the City no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled start of the meeting, to be considered and recognized.
- The speaker must state his/her full name before speaking.
- There is a three (3) minute time limit per speaker.
- Public Comment Forms are not accepted after 5:45 p.m.
- PowerPoint Presentations are not conducted during the public comment period.

Victor Baldovinos thanked Officer Rene Camacho for knocking at his door just to let him know that his car light were on and his window was open. Police Officer Camacho was just making sure his car wasn't broken into, he is very grateful that Officer Rene Camacho went over and beyond his job duties.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. All Consent Agenda items listed 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.
 - a. Consideration and approval of budget amendments and/or salary schedules

VI. REGULAR REPORTS

- **Update reports from Department Heads [Administration, EDC Revolving Loan, EMS, Fire, Public Works, Museum, PI Event & Cultural Center, Library and Police]**

City Manager informed the City Commission on the following:

- Working with AEP to minimize the delays working on the poles at Port Road so they won't be out there for the months of June and July. They will stop working for the two weeks of Semana Santa.
- We have scheduled an Easter Hunter on the Saturday before Easter. We will decorate the medians and the poles with Easter Decorations. Last year we had a at least 500 people so we order more easter eggs this year for the Easter Hunt. The businesses around the Light House will also participate on the Easter Egg Hunt.
- On Maxan Street I was speaking to the Engineer giving him the notice to proceed to start on Maxan with the idea that when they are done with Maxan they will be moving to the Fingers.
- We will receive the environmental clearance on April 19, 2020 on the South Shore Project and will start the project at the end of April.
- We have received four applications for the Home Program Homeowner project.
- The Volunteer Fire Department did the "Fill the Boot" fundraiser and donated all the proceeds to an Autism Charity.
- All the department heads are ready for this year's Spring Break.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to approve the bills.
2. **Discussion and potential action to allow Library Director Janie Villarreal to attend the Texas Library Association Annual Conference March 23 – March 27 2020 at Houston, Texas. [Library Director Janie Villarreal]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to allow Library Director Janie Villarreal to attend the Texas Library Association Annual Conference March 23 – March 27 2020 at Houston, Texas.
3. **Discussion and potential action to allow Community Health Worker Cecila Zamora and City Secretary Susie Alcocer to attend the Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference March 25-27 at San Antonio. [Library Director Janie Villarreal]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting "aye" to allow Community Health Worker Cecila Zamora and City Secretary Susie Alcocer to attend the Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference March 25-27 at San Antonio.
4. **Discussion and potential action to approve contract with SLR Building Contractors for roof repairs. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to approve contract with SLR Building Contractors for roof repairs subject to the City Attorney reviews it.
5. **Discussion and potential action to a hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Lighthouse on April 11, 2020. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to a hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Lighthouse on April 11, 2020.
6. **Discussion and potential action to allow Chief Lopez and Captain Cadengo to attend the "62nd Police Chief Conference in Galveston, Texas on 04/6-9/2020. [Chief Robert Lopez]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting "aye" to allow Chief Lopez and Captain Cadengo to attend the "62nd Police Chief Conference in Galveston, Texas on 04/6-9/2020.

7. **Discussion and possible action to allow Albert Sosa to use the swimming pool from March 30 to May 8, 2020 during designated hours for competitive swimming. [Building Inspector Joshua Garza]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” action to allow Albert Sosa to use the swimming pool from March 30 to May 8, 2020 during designated hours for competitive swimming.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” to go into closed session at 7:29 pm.

1. **Deliberation regarding air permit application of Texas LNG, LLC, SOAH Docket No. 582-19-6261 TCEQ Docket No. 2019-0624-AIR, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**
2. **Deliberation regarding applications of Texas LNG, Rio Grande LNG, Annova LNG and their affiliates before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**
3. **Deliberation regarding City of Port Isabel, JJ Zamora and Martin Cantu vs. Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**
4. **Deliberation regarding franchise agreement with AEP, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(2).**
5. **Deliberation on Edward Meza vs. City of Port Isabel, pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a), pending or contemplated litigation.**

IX. OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to come out of closed session at 8:12 pm.

1. **Action relative to executive session.**
2. **Action relative to executive session.**
3. **Action relative to executive session.**
4. **Action relative to executive session.**
5. **Action relative to executive session.**

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” to acknowledge the reports on items 1 through 5 give by City Attorney Gilbert Hinojosa under closed session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY