

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

DATE: May 12, 2020
TIME: 7:20 p.m.
PLACE: City Commission Chambers Meeting Room
MEMBERS PRESENT: Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor
Carmen Rios, Commissioner Place No. 2
Martin C. Cantu Commissioner Place 3
Jeffery David Martinez, Commissioner Place No. 4
Jared Hockema, City Manager
Susie Alcocer, City Secretary
Nadini Jee, Assistant City Secretary
Gilbert Hinojosa, City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT Martin Cantu Jr. Commissioner Place No. 1

ALSO PRESENT: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:20 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.

None

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.
 1. Consideration and approval of budget amendments and/or salary schedules
 2. Regular Meeting January 28, 2020
Special Meeting February 12, 2020
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to approve the minutes with corrections.

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:

- All the employees that were furloughed due to COVID- 19 got their unemployment benefits.
- There hasn't been a big drop on sales tax due to COVID-19 as of now.
- Roof repairs continue for City Hall, Library Museum. Commissioner Rios asked if the Treasures of the Gulf museum roof was going to be repaired also. City Manager Jared Hockema it wasn't on the list for repairs but we can include it.
- The City has already received the Environmental Clearance for the South Shore Drive Project.
- The Lighthouse grounds have reopened.
- Mayor thanked the employees for doing their best on keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Mayor Juan Jose "JJ" Zamora and all voting "aye" to approve the bills.
2. **Discussion and potential acknowledgment of FYE 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to acknowledge the FYE 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
3. **Discussion and potential adoption of Resolution 05-12-2020-01, a resolution amending resolution 02-12-2020 providing for tiered contributions towards employee health insurance by volunteers and part-time employees. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to adopt Resolution 05-12-2020-01, a resolution amending resolution 02-12-2020 providing for tiered contributions towards employee health insurance by volunteers and part-time employees.
4. **Discussion and potential adoption of Resolution 05-12-2020-02, a resolution authorizing certain interfund borrowings and establishing a pledge for repayment. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to adopt Resolution 05-12-2020-02, a resolution authorizing certain interfund borrowings and establishing a pledge for repayment.
5. **Discussion and potential action to apply for and accept the Operation Stonegarden funds. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to apply for and accept the Operation Stonegarden funds.
6. **Discussion and potential action to appoint Francisco Lerma as reserve officer, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code. [Chief Robert Lopez]**
Mayor Juan Jose "JJ" Zamora motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting "aye" to appoint Francisco Lerma as reserve officer, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code.
7. **Discussion and potential action to approve to allow Port Isabel Police Department to apply for a US Department of Justice (DOJ), for Body Worn Cameras Grant. (A match of 50% is required). [Chief Robert Lopez]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to approve to allow Port Isabel Police Department to apply for a US Department of Justice (DOJ), for Body Worn Cameras Grant. (A match of 50% is required).
8. **Discussion and potential action to approve a request from Cameron County to designate Port Isabel City Commission Chambers Meeting Room as the Early Voting and Election Day site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Election from Monday, July 6 thru Friday July 10 for the Primary Runoff Elections to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to approve a request from Cameron County to designate Port Isabel City Commission Chambers Meeting Room as the Early Voting and Election Day site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Election from Monday, June 29 thru Friday July 10 for the Primary Runoff Elections to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to go into closed session at 7:52 pm.

1. **Deliberation regarding pending or contemplated litigation related to TCEQ Docket No. 2019-0624-AIR, regarding application of Texas LNG Brownsville, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a).**
2. **Deliberation regarding pending or contemplated litigation related to Robert Salinas vs. City of Port Isabel, Cause Number 2020-DCL-01570, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a).**

IX. OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to come out of closed session at 8:19 pm.

1. **Action relative to closed session.**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery Martinez and all voting “aye” to authorize the following of the motion for a rehearing to and to appeal to the District Court in Austin if the rehearing is denied regarding pending or contemplated litigation related to TCEQ Docket No. 2019-0624-AIR, regarding application of Texas LNG Brownsville, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a).
2. **Action relative to closed session.**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez to allow TML to hire Arnold Aguilar regarding pending or contemplated litigation related to Robert Salinas vs. City of Port Isabel, Cause Number 2020-DCL-01570, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a).

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY