

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

**DATE:** January 26, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** City Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martin Cantu Jr. Commissioner Place No. 1  
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** Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carol Rausch, Steve Collier, Steve Edwards, Ray Rios, Gwen Krummel, and David Krummel

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Martin C. Cantu Mayor Pro-Temp 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.
- 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.

- a. Consideration and approval of budget amendments and/or salary schedules
- b. Regular Meeting October 27, 2020  
Regular Meeting November 17, 2020  
Special Meeting December 15, 2020

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., to approve the minutes and to correct a typo on Ordinance No. 548-F.

## 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 Jared Hockema informed the City Commission on the following:**
  - Still waiting for the vaccine report from the County.
  - We met with the school district to finalize the plan for the School District to be a site to give out the vaccines. The school plans to give the vaccines at the High School gym.
  - Citizens are still calling about the vouchers for the COVID vaccines. City Hall will sign up the citizens for the next time the city receives vouchers for the vaccines.
  - The Median project will be starting soon.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action on approving bid(s) received on the properties struck off to Cameron County, for itself and other taxing jurisdictions from a tax resale conducted on November 3, 2020.**

**[City Manager Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” on approving bid(s) received on the properties struck off to Cameron County, for itself and other taxing jurisdictions from a tax resale conducted on November 3, 2020.

2. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to approve the bills. Commission Martin C. Cantu and Martin Cantu Jr., abstained on the reimbursement for Merced Cantu IV.

3. **Discussion and potential acknowledgment of purchase two used Ford Crown Victoria from the City of New Braunfels using forfeiture funds, and approval for Chief Robert Lopez, Sgt. Rene Camacho, and Mechanic LB Cantu to travel to New Braunfels, Texas on January 26, 2021 to pick-up the units.**

**[Chief Robert Lopez]**

Chief Robert Lopez will not be going on this trip he will be replaced by Building Inspector Joshua Garza and Police Officer Sam Saucedo.

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to acknowledgment of purchase two used Ford Crown Victoria from the City of New Braunfels using forfeiture funds, and approval for Sgt. Rene Camacho, Building Inspector Joshua Garza, Police Officer Sam Saucedo., and Mechanic LB Cantu to travel to New Braunfels, Texas on January 26, 2021 to pick-up the units.

4. **Discussion and potential action to allow Crystian Lopez and Erick Garza of UTRGV and Joshua Traya from South Texas College to perform Internship at the Port Isabel Police Department.**

**[Chief Robert Lopez]**

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to allow Crystian Lopez and Erick Garza of UTRGV and Joshua Traya from South Texas College to perform Internship at the Port Isabel Police Department.

5. **Discussion and potential acknowledgment of purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe using the state contract from the Caldwell County Chevrolet using forfeiture funds a 2017 Tahoe from Caldwell Chevrolet and approval for to travel to Caldwell, TX on Chief Robert Lopez, Sgt. Rene Camacho, and Mechanic LB Cantu on January 27, 2021 to pick-up the unit. [Chief Robert Lopez]**

Chief Robert Lopez will not be going on this trip he will be replaced by Building Inspector Joshua Garza and Police Officer Sam Saucedo.

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” acknowledgment of purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe using the state contract from the Caldwell County Chevrolet using forfeiture funds a 2017 Tahoe from Caldwell Chevrolet and approval for to travel to Caldwell, TX on Building Inspector Joshua Garza, Police Officer Sam Saucedo, Sgt. Rene Camacho, and Mechanic LB Cantu on January 27, 2021 to pick-up the unit.

**6. Discussion and potential action to adopt a resolution to apply for the 2020 Stone Garden Grant.**

**[Chief Robert Lopez]**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to adopt a resolution to apply for the 2020 Stone Garden Grant.

**7. Discussion and potential approval of agreement with RE Garcia and Associates for design of Marina Drive Drainage Improvements. [City Manager, Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” approval of agreement with RE Garcia and Associates for design of Marina Drive Drainage Improvements for the amount of 12,000.00.

**8. Discussion and potential action to install one or more speed hump on Tarpon Drive based on petition received. [City Manager, Jared Hockema]**

David Krummel, Carol Rausch and Steve Edwards recommended the City Commission to first try reducing the speed limit to 20 instead of 30 to slow traffic down. If that didn't work than to install speed humps.

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to table the installation of one or more speed hump on Tarpon Drive based on petition received.

**9. Discussion and potential action to approve Change Order #2 on Island Avenue Project.**

**[City Manager Jared Hockema]**

Mayor Pro-Temp Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve Change Order #2 on Island Avenue Project Option # 2-Furney Lane (Asphalt Pavement) for the amount of 22,974.72

**10. Discussion and possible action to ratify agreement with G&T Paving for additional work performed on South Shore Dr. [City Manage Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to ratify agreement with G&T Paving for additional work performed on South Shore Dr for the amount of \$31,965.20.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to table closed session.

**1. Deliberation regarding potential lease of real property described as 1 acre out of a 4.301 acre tract, located upon Lot 3, Block 1, PI Industrial Park, Deed and Map Records of Cameron County, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to lease the above property to PowerComm USA, LLC for \$2,000.00 monthly.

**IX. OPEN SESSION**

**1. Action relative to executive session.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

**CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS**

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**Martin C. Cantu Mayor Pro-Temp**

**ATTEST:**

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**Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY**