

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

**DATE:** February 09, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** City Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor  
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** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rey Rios

**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.
- 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 26, 2021

Special Meeting February 02, 2021

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve the minutes with the correction on the Regular Meeting January 26, 2021 under closed session to change the lease agreement from AEP to PowerComp USA.

## 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:**
  - The event with the School District went very well. It went pretty quick. We received many compliments on how very organized it was and fast. We are waiting for the County to call us and let us know how many vouchers they will be giving us this week. The County said that this week we might get 500 vaccines to distribute again at the Port Isabel High School.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and potential action on to approve the submittal from H&R Lease Services for the welcome sign. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to approve the submittal from H&R Lease Services for the welcome sign the City Commission chose the white brick (1), on the sign to make Port Isabel bigger and the Welcome make it smaller. The City Commission also requested to make different fonts of the sign so they can choose one.
- 2. Discussion and potential action to approve the contract with Republic Services for solid waste services. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second Commissioner Carmen Rios by and all voting “aye” to approve the contract with Republic Services for solid waste services.
- 3. Discussion and potential action to approve the Franchise Agreement with AEP. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora and all voting “aye” to approve the Franchise Agreement with AEP.
- 4. Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second Commissioner Carmen Rios by and all voting “aye” to approve the bills.
- 5. Discussion and potential action to allow Chief Robert Lopez and Captain Cadengo to travel to Fort Worth for the Annual Texas Chief Association Conference. [Chief Robert Lopez]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., by and all voting “aye” to allow Chief Robert Lopez and Captain Cadengo to travel to Fort Worth for the Annual Texas Chief Association Conference.
- 6. Discussion and potential action to declare items as surplus and authorize their disposition. [Chief Robert Lopez]**  
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to declare items as surplus and authorize their disposition.
- 7. Discussion and potential action to award the contract to G&T paving for the installation of the speed humps on Illinois. [City Manager, Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., by and all voting “aye” to award the contract to G&T paving for the installation of the speed humps on Illinois between 1734 and phone house, on 1832 block and 516 block.
- 8. Discussion and potential action to give a discount to local entities for the use of the Port Isabel Event Center as the polling place for the May 1, 2021 election. [City Manager, Jared Hockema]**  
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez by and all voting “aye” to give a discount to local entities for the use of the Port Isabel Event Center as the polling place for the May 1, 2021 election if using for three (3) entities \$12,000.00, two (2) entities \$10,000.00 and for one (1) \$8,000.00.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

**CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS**

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**Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY**