

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

**DATE:** February 09, 2022  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** City Commission Chambers Meeting Room

**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 No. 3  
Jeffery David Martinez, Commissioner Place No. 4  
Jared Hockema, City Manager  
Gilbert Hinojosa, City Attorney  
Susie Alcocer, City Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Betty Wells and Neil Spencer

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Juan Jose "JJ" Zamora Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

**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 :**

- o Any person with business before the Commission, not scheduled on the Agenda as a Public hearing may speak to the commission.
- o 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]
- o 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.
- o The speaker must state his/her full name before speaking.
- o There is a three (3) minute time limit per speaker .
- o Public Comment Forms are not accepted after 10:45 a.m.
- o PowerPoint Presentations are not conducted during the public comment period.

Mr. Spencer McNeil approached the City Commission asking letting them know that his insurance should cover if the dock would get damaged.

**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 schedule

b. Minutes of:

**Regular Meeting January 25, 2022**

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to approve the following:

- Public Works budget amendment to increase the ground maintenance of \$23,000
- Police Department budget amendment an increase of \$6,000.00 for a part-time officer

- To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 25, 2022.

## 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 City will have free COVID testing thru May on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 at the Community Center.
  - The median project has been moving forward.
  - The Vessel Program was very successful 26 vessels were turned in.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action to approve Resolution NO. 02-08-22-01: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Port Isabel, Texas, supporting for the closure of one lane of the Queen Isabella Causeway for our 38<sup>th</sup> Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk, scheduled to be held Saturday, April 9, 2022. [City Manager, Jared Hockema/Chamber of Commerce Director, Betty Wells]**  
 Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting "aye" to approve Resolution NO. 02-08-22-01: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Port Isabel, Texas, supporting for the closure of one lane of the Queen Isabella Causeway for our 38<sup>th</sup> Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk, scheduled to be held Saturday, April 9, 2022.
2. **Discussion and potential action to acknowledgment of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 Public Funds Investment Act Report. [City Manager, Jared Hockema]**  
 Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to acknowledgment of 1st Quarter 2022 Public Funds Investment Act Report.
3. **Discussion and potential action to approve Resolution 02-08-2022-02, a Resolution setting fees for solid waste collection. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
 Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to approve Resolution 02-08-2022-02, a Resolution setting fees for solid waste collection.
4. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**  
 Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to approve the bills.
5. **Discussion and possible action to enter into a five-year contract with REKOR cameras for fixed cameras and license plate readers. [Chief Robert Lopez]**  
 Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to enter into a five-year contract with REKOR cameras for fixed cameras and license plate readers with two (2) exception that City Attorney Gilbert Hinojosa reviews the contract and TXDOT approves for the cameras to be installed.
6. **Discussion and potential action to accept a grant from Small Rural Tribal body camera program by Dept. of Justice for \$14,460.00 for 12 body cameras. [Chief Robert Lopez]**  
 Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to accept a grant from Small Rural Tribal body camera program by Dept. of Justice for \$14,460.00 for 12 body cameras.
7. **Discussion and possible action to award contract for administration contract for a prospective application to the 2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Planning and Capacity Building Fund application. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**

City Manager Jared Hockema informed the City Commission that there was only one (1) respond to the 2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Planning and Capacity Building Fund application it was Langford Community Management Services.  
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to award the contract to Langford Community Management Services for administration contract for a prospective application to the 2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Planning and Capacity Building Fund application.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting "aye" to go into closed session at 11:25 am.

- a. **Deliberation regarding lease of property 700 N. Shore , Port Isabel Original Townsite Subdivision , pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072.**
- b. **Deliberation regarding potential litigation relating to a nuisance condition at Blk 2 Queen's Point Subdivision 6.890 Acres , pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(a).**
- c. **Deliberation regarding potential litigation relating to a nuisance condition at 3000 Houston St. Lot 1 Blk 1 Raybec Port Isabel Condominiums , 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 12:26 pm.

- a. **Action relative to closed session.**
- b. **Action relative to closed session.**
- c. **Action relative to closed session.**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting "aye" to proceed on all items as discussed under closed session.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting "aye" to adjourn at 12:28 pm.

CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

  
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Juan José "JJ" Zamora, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susie Alcocer, City Secretary