

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

DATE: March 02, 2021
TIME: 6:00 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, Auselmo Gonzalez, Shannon Broe, Roxanne Bortnick, and Eddie Ahadi

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 None

b. Regular Meeting February 09, 2021

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve the minutes.

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:

- We will be giving out vouchers for the COVID Vaccine. The vaccines will be given out at the High School on Friday. The second dose will be given on Thursday at the High School.
- We will schedule a ground breaking for the medians. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know.
- The pavilion for the Arturo Galvan Park will be ready in a couple of months.
- We were giving out water to the citizens due to the cold weather freezing water pipes.
- Commissioner Carmen Rios thanked the employees for their hard work in helping distributing water.

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to move closed session before new business and to go into closed session at 6:05 pm.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- a. **Deliberation regarding legal issues relating to the lease of city-owned properties, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(2), 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**
- b. **Deliberation regarding lease of city-owned property located along Bridge Street, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**

VIII. OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to come out of closed session at 6:31 pm.

- a. **Action relative to closed session.**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to acknowledge the report discussed under closed session.
- b. **Action relative to closed session.**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to proceed as discussed under closed session.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action to declare items as surplus and authorize their disposition.**
[Chief Robert Lopez]
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all Voting “aye” to declare items as surplus and authorize their disposition.
2. **Discussion and potential action to allow Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of AT&T to erect a cell node in city right-of-away at 438 W. Jefferson Street.** [Building Inspector Josh Garza]
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to deny Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of AT&T to erect a cell node in city right-of-away at 438 W. Jefferson Street.
3. **Discussion and potential action to allow Texas Task Force 1 to utilize the Port Isabel Event Center overnight as part of their Regional Flood Operator Training.** [Fire Marshal John Sandoval]
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to allow Texas Task Force 1 to utilize the Port Isabel Event Center overnight as part of their Regional Flood Operator Training.
4. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills.** [City Manager Jared Hockema]
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to approve the bills.
5. **Discussion and potential approval of submittal for H&R Lease Services for welcome sign.**
[City Manager Jared Hockema]
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve the submittal for H&R Lease Services for welcome sign.

6. Discussion and potential action to allow partial closure of Harbor Island Street to accommodate McAllen Roofing for building repairs. [Building Inspector Josh Garza]

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to allow partial closure of Harbor Island Street to accommodate McAllen Roofing for building repairs.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora Mayor

ATTEST:

Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY