

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

**DATE:** June 22, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.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  
Jared Hockema, City Manager  
Susie Alcocer, City Secretary  
Gilbert Hinojosa, City Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Jeffery David Martinez Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios to excuse Commission Jeffery David Martinez for being absent due to feeling sick.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cheryl Anderson, Tony Anderson, Jesse Arriaga, Bart Perez, Jim Dickens and Valerie Bates

**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 :**

- 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 5:45 p.m.
- o PowerPoint Presentations are not conducted during the public comment period.  
Cheryl Anderson approached the City Commission for property Lot 13 Queens Point she asked the City Commission if they would sale portion of city land to her.  
Jerry Garza approached the City Commission also to see if they would sale a small piece of city land to him.

**V. PROCLAMATION**

- A Proclamation by the City of Port Isabel, Texas honoring Fire Volunteers John Sandoval, Joshua Garza and Officer Antonio Martinez . [Mayor Juan Jose "JJ" Zamora]  
The City Commission honored Fire Volunteers John Sandoval, Joshua Garza and Officer Antonio Martinez with a proclamation.

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commission Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting "aye" to move Item 6 from New Business before Consent Agenda.

**Discussion and potential action to approve a cost share agreement with the Port Isabel Rotary Club to install ADA compliant swings and resources at the Laguna Madre Park. [Fire Marshal John Sandoval ]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” action to approve a cost share agreement for the amount of 16, 000.00 with the Port Isabel Rotary Club to install ADA compliant swings and resources at the Laguna Madre Park. The Port Isabel Rotary Club will pay \$8,000.00 and the city will pay \$8,000.00

**VI. 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

**VII. REGULAR REPORTS**

- **Update on progress of Arturo Galvan Coastal Park**
- **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:

- Chief Robert Lopez will be giving snacks and treats every Thursday at Washington from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm to all kids that are in the park.
- They are still working in the medians project.
- There has been a major progress at Arturo Galvan Park project.
- Valerie has been working on the reports of the Lighthouse to submit to the Texas Historical Commission. The Lighthouse has been a success and its open for longer hours. The Texas Historical Commission will donate the lens for the top of the Lighthouse.
- Port Isabel Police Department, Port Isabel Volunteer Fire Fighters and South Padre Island are working together to control the traffic on weekends.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion and potential action to allow City of South Padre Island Metro to replace and install new handicap accessible wave stop locations on City R.O.W and city owned property . [Building Inspector Joshua Garza]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to allow City of South Padre Island Metro to replace and install new handicap accessible wave stop locations on City R.O.W and city owned property.

2. **Discussion and potential action to allow Detective Christina Esquivel to attend the “Women of Law Enforcement ” annual conference to be held in Fort Worth, Texas on 09/21-24/2021 . [Chief Robert Lopez ]**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” to allow Detective Christina Esquivel to attend the “Women of Law Enforcement” annual conference to be held in Fort Worth, Texas on 09/21-24/2021.

3. **Discussion and potential action to appoint Isaac Garay and Luis Hernandez as reserve officers for Port Isabel Police Department, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code. [Chief Robert Lopez ]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to appoint Isaac Garay and Luis Hernandez as reserve officers for Port Isabel Police Department, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**4. Discussion and potential action to allow Port Isabel Police Department to hold the annual “National Night Out ” during the first week of October . [Chief Robert Lopez]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to allow Port Isabel Police Department to hold the annual “National Night Out” during the first week of October.

**5. Discussion and potential action to allow John Sandoval, Josh Garza, LB Cantu and Carlos Gonzalez to travel to College Station for the Annual Municipal Fire School to be held from July 24 to July 31. [Fire Marshal John Sandoval ]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to allow John Sandoval, Josh Garza, LB Cantu and Carlos Gonzalez to travel to College Station for the Annual Municipal Fire School to be held from July 24 to July 31 with the exception that you’re vaccinated with the COVID vaccine.

**6. Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commission Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to move Item 6 from New Business before Consent Agenda.**

**7. Discussion and possible action to approve the bills . [City Manager Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve the bills.

**8. Discussion and potential adoption of Resolution 6-22-2021-01, a Resolution supporting an application to the RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside FY 2021-22 . [City Manager Jared Hockema]**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to adopt Resolution 6-22-2021-01, a Resolution supporting an application to the RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside FY 2021-22.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to go into close session at 7:42 pm.

**1. Deliberation regarding lease of city-owned property across the channel of Bridge Street , pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 .**

**2. Deliberation regarding sale or lease of real property, 0.023 Acre Tract (1023 sq. ft.) LOT14 BLK 1 , Queen’s Point Subdivision, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551. 072. .**

**X. OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to come out of close session at 8:25 pm.

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

**2. Action relative to executive session.**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to proceed as discussed under closed session for Items No. 1 & 2.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 8:26 pm.

**CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS**

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**Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora , Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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Susie Alcocer, CITY SECRETARY