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Trey Mendez, Mayor

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

TELECONFERENCE OPEN MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5, Section 551.041, of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville will conduct a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. **via Webex Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:**

<https://brownsville.webex.com/brownsville/j.php?MTID=m8b95338bfd04b33a8a547e0d2a982079>

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This Notice and Meeting Agenda, are posted online at: <https://www.brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>

The members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting hosted through Webex Teleconference can join at the following numbers:

Or Join by phone

1-844-992-4726 United States Toll Free

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Access code: 146 599 3633

Members of the public who submitted a “Public Comment Form” will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

CALL TO ORDER

- a) ROLL CALL
- b) INVOCATION

PRESENTATION(S)

Update on the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC), Helen Ramirez Executive Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- **Non-Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating the City business or City policy you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Forms are not reserved for anyone nor may time be deferred to anyone. PowerPoint presentations may not be accommodated. This period is limited to five (5) speakers with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.
- **Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating which item(s) on the agenda you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary. Speakers will be allowed to address the Commission on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- **Time Limits:** The City Commission shall have the discretion to modify its regulations regarding time limits on public comment if necessary. For example, the time limit may be shortened to accommodate a lengthy agenda or it could be lengthened to allow additional time for discussion on a complicated matter or if there is a need for an interpreter.

WORK SESSION(S)

As a governmental body, the City Commission will not vote or take any formal action on any items discussed in the work session portion of the agenda.

- 1) Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Presentation #2

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

The following 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) Approval of the Minutes of the following:
 - a) Minutes of June 29, 2021-Special
 - b) Minutes of July 06, 2021-Regular

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2021-1688**, approving a negotiated resolution between the City of Brownsville and Texas Gas Service (“TGS” or “The Company”) regarding the Company’s April 29, 2021 Cost of Service Adjustment (“COSA”) filing, declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustment consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City’s and TGS’ reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company’s and the City’s Legal Counsel. (City Manager’s Office).

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the City of Brownsville's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2021-2025 and related documents, **Resolution Number 2021-055**, and the allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for the 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan. (City Manager's Office- OSI)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 One Year Action Plan to add Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Coronavirus Round 2 funds in the amount of \$1,964,765.00. (City Manager's Office -OSI)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution Number 2021-053** affixing certain Other Post-Employment Benefits by prescribing the health benefits for qualified retirees from the City of Brownsville not governed by a collective bargaining agreement. (City Manager's Office)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a rate adjustment plan for the Brownsville Events Center. (City Manager's Office.)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement related to Project Samano and to execute any pertinent documentation for its implementation. (City Manager's Office)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number # 2021-057**, authorizing, in accordance with section 26.04 (c-1) of the Texas Tax Code, that a city officer or employee calculate the voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2021. (Financial Services)

- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** regarding relocation of Neale House to Linear Park. (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-051** to replace and appoint two new members to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) Board of Directors. (City Manager's Office)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-052**, to appoint one (1) member to the LGBTQ+ Task Force. (City Manager's Office)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to create the Health Plan Committee and authorize the Mayor to appoint its three Commission members. (City Manager's Office.)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve **Resolution Number 2021-056** to appoint Tax Increment Reinvestment Board of Directors, Positions One through Seven, as provided in Ordinance Number 2021-1678-A. (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-044** to appoint or reappoint five (5) members to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-041**, to appoint one (1) board member to the Main Street Advisory Board. (Planning and Redevelopment)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-036** to appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Public Library System Advisory Board. (Library)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-034**, to appoint one (1) member to the Brownsville Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. (Multimodal Transportation - Mobility)
- 9) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-046**, to appoint one (1) member of the Commission to the Paseo De La Resaca Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District Board. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 10) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-043**, to confirm the appointment of members to the Civil Service Commission. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 11) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-050**, to appoint or re-appoint two (2) members to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB). (Office of the City Secretary)
- 12) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-047** to appoint or re-appoint three (3) member(s) to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee. (Parks Department)
- 13) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-038** to appoint six (6) members to the Brownsville Beautification Committee. (PARD)
- 14) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-039**, to appoint or reappoint members to the Brownsville Border Film Commission. (Communications & Marketing)
- 15) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2021-045**, to appoint one (1) member of the Commission to the Brownsville Animal Regulation and Care Advisory Committee. (Public Health Department)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.087(1), Texas Gov't Code regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Brownsville has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City; and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; and to deliberate financial or other incentives to the same; regarding "Project Shield." (City Manager's Office)

- 2) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.087(1), Texas Gov't Code regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Brownsville has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City; and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; and to deliberate financial or other incentives to the same; regarding "Project Discovery." (City Manager's Office)

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM(S) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

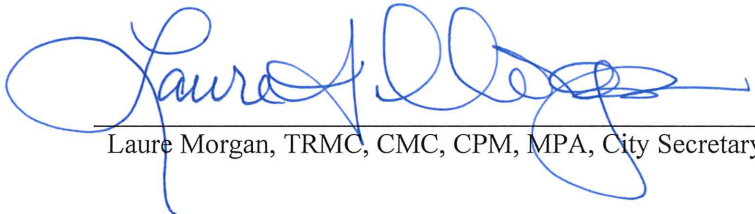
NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the Organizational Development & Human Resources Department at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, July 19, 2021, no later than 10:00 A.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: Trey Mendez
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the **July 20, 2021**, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on July 16, 2021. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City's website and can be downloaded by accessing: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>



Laure Morgan, TRMC, CMC, CPM, MPA, City Secretary