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## NOTICE OF A 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 Meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx Teleconference Meeting by logging on at: <https://brownsville.webex.com/brownsville/j.php?MTID=m1cc9d61366115fe929df84551ffcd3da>

Meeting Number: 146 093 1016

Password: meeting

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes> and at <https://greaterbrownsville.com/board-meeting-agendas/>. The members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting hosted through WebEx Teleconference can join at the following numbers:

Join by phone  
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Access code: 146 093 1016

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Non-Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a "Public Comment Form" stating the items of public concern that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary of the City of Brownsville or the Recording Secretary of GBIC. 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. The form can be completed and submitted at: <https://www.brownsvilletx.gov/formcenter/city-secretary-17/public-comment-registration-form-86>

- **Agenda Items:** Kindly submit a "Public Comment Form" stating which item(s) on the agenda that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the City Secretary or the Recording Secretary of GBIC. Speakers will be allowed to address the GBIC Board on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

- **Time Limits:** The GBIC Board 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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) Consideration and action, if any, on the following items:
  - a.) Approval of the Minutes of Special, Workshop & Regular Board Meetings —
    - Regular: June 17, 2021
  - b.) Approval regarding the payment of vendor services invoiced to the GBIC for the month of June 2021.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. Business Retention, and Expansion Outreach Efforts. - (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director and Karla De La Riva, Associate Director of Business Retention & Expansion)
2. Update on the Careers and Coffee Expo. – (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director and Karla De La Riva, Associate Director of Business Retention & Expansion)
3. Rio Grande Valley Partnership Developers Event and Tour. – (Constanza Miner, COB Retail and Redevelopment Manager)
4. GBIC New Website Update. – (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director)

## **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 1) Discussion and action on the ratification of City Commission’s replacement and appointment of two new members to the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) Board of Directors. – (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director)
- 2) Discussion and action on election of GBIC Board Secretary. – (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director)
- 3) Discussion and acknowledgement of GBIC Financials and Quarterly Investment Report. – (Lupe Granado, COB Finance Director)
- 4) Discussion, consideration, and possible action on approving the performance agreement for Project Surf. - (Ramiro Aleman, Director of Business Recruitment, Retention & Expansion)
- 5) Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Professional Service Contract with The Management Connection, Inc. – (Helen Ramirez, GBIC Executive Director)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Tex. Gov’t Code to receive advice from legal counsel and pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Tex. Gov’t code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on the position of the GBIC in negotiations with a third person for Project Label.
2. Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Tex. Gov’t Code to receive advice from legal counsel and pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Tex. Gov’t code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on the position of the GBIC in negotiations with a third person for Project Connect.

**RECONVENE**

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

1. Consideration and appropriate action, if any, regarding the possible purchase, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property, generally located along Paredes Line Road, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.
2. Consideration and action if any, regarding the provision of incentives for Project Connect.

**ADJOURNMENT**

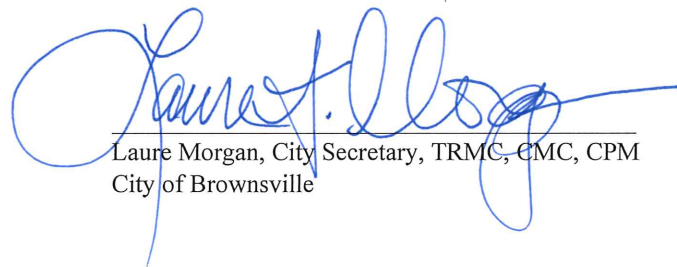
To the extent authorized by law, meetings of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation are governed by the rules of meeting decorum as adopted by Resolution Number 2019 – 101719.

**NOTE:** The City of Brownsville and the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation 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 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: Trey Mendez  
Mayor of Brownsville

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I certify that a copy of the July 22, 2021, Agenda of the items to be considered by the City Commission/GBIC Board was posted on the Bulletin Board Area at the Brownsville City Hall - Federal Building on Monday, July 19, 2021. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City's website and the GBIC website and can be downloaded by accessing: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes> AND <https://greaterbrownsville.com/board-meeting-agendas/>.



Laure Morgan, City Secretary, TRMC, CMC, CPM  
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