

John F. Cowen, Jr., Commissioner At-large "A"  
Nurith Galonsky Pizana, Commissioner District 1  
Roy De los Santos, Commissioner District 3



Rose M.Z. Gowen, M.D., Commissioner At-large "B"  
Jessica Tetreau, Commissioner District 2  
Pedro Cardenas, Commissioner District 4

Trey Mendez, Mayor

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Regular Meeting**, on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the **Brownsville Public Library-Main Branch, Meeting Room, located at 2600 Central Blvd, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.**

Pursuant to Section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more Commissioners or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology. The video and audio feed of the videoconferencing equipment can be viewed and heard by the public at the address posted above as the location of the meeting.

Members of the Public, Employees, and the City Commission may join via the Webex Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:

<https://brownsville.webex.com/brownsville/j.php?MTID=md932c338fe2538be889074165cffe6b9>

Password: meeting

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://www.brownsilletx.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+1-408-418-9388 United States  
Access code: 248 876 72428

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

### PROCLAMATION(S)

Proclamation recognizing Police Officer Rene Cruz's invitation to umpire and service as an umpire in the Little League Softball World Series held in Greenville, North Carolina. (Mayor T. Mendez/Commissioner J. Cowen)

Proclamation recognizing and honoring Brownsville Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Game of Texas Athletes. (Mayor T. Mendez/Commissioner R. Gowen)

Proclamation designating Tuesday, September 14, 2021 as Support Latino Business Day in the City of Brownsville. (Mayor T. Mendez/Commissioner P. Cardenas)

Proclamation designating Saturday, September 18, 2021 as Día de los Abuelos in the City of Brownsville, honoring all Grandparents and celebrating the bond between grandparents and grandchildren. (Commissioner N. Galonsky Pizana/Commissioner R. De los Santos)

## **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) Republic Services Update. (City Manager's Office)
- 2) Fire Code Update. (Brownsville Fire Department)

## **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:
  - a) Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to Roberto J Ruiz, Architect Inc. for architectural services for the reroof and replacement of the roof top HVAC system of the Brownsville Central Library in the amount of \$115,870, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department),
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** on an extension of the term contract, #MCS-60-0919, for CSpence marketing and consulting services for targeted projects, involving marketing campaigns for the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau. (Communications & Marketing Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to extend the term contracts named City of Brownsville Contract Agreement for On Call Term Contract for Signage and Marquee Installation with the companies, Signs and More LLC, Global Quest Services, and Sign Solutions. (RFP #SNM-46-0820) (Communications & Marketing Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville Police Department, Cameron County and the City of Harlingen Police Department, regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program application A-346012 in the amount of \$81,298.00. (Brownsville Police Department)

- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jubilee Academies to collaborate in the “Handle with Care” Program. (Brownsville Police Department)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** to award Work Order #1 to CSpence Group for Broadband Marketing Strategy in the amount of \$60,000, as budgeted. (City Manager's Office)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution Number 2021-063** designating all employees as essential workers. (City Manager's Office)
- 9) Consideration and **ACTION** to reject any and all proposals for Request for Proposal (RFP) Temporary Employment Services #TES-28-0221. (Financial Services Department)
- 10) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the City of Los Fresnos for trail improvements. (Multimodal Transportation - Mobility)
- 11) Consideration and **ACTION** authorizing the City Manager to execute the Fiscal Year 2022 one-year term of the Management Agreement Contract with First Transit in the amount of \$170,001.00. (Multimodal Transportation – Transit)
- 12) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to G&T Paving, LLC for the Buena Vida/15th Street Paving and Drainage Improvement Project funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB). For the amount of \$659,059.50 as budgeted. IFB # FSP-40-0721 (Engineering & Public Works)
- 13) Consideration and **ACTION** to renew an annual software support contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for New World (Logos) Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) in the amount of \$209,092.67, as budgeted for FY22. (Enterprise Applications)
- 14) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the purchase of personal computers from Dell Corporation in the amount of \$107,500.00 for the Technology Replacement Plan Year 1, as budgeted. (Enterprise Applications)
- 15) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the City Manager to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Contract for Temporary Employment Services TES-42-0816 between the City and Express Employment Professionals for four additional months. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** to authorize the City of Brownsville Police Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program application A-346012 in the amount of \$81,298.00. (Brownsville Police Department)

#### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)**

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation (GBIC) Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. (GBIC)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) Fiscal Year 2022 budget. (BCIC)
- 3) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2021-1689** of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget. (Financial Services Department)
- 4) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2021-1690**, to ratify the Fiscal Year 2022 budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget. (Financial Services Department)
- 5) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2021-1691** levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2021 for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the

City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2022, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2022 City of Brownsville, Texas, General Obligation Bonds. (Financial Services Department)

- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the City of Brownsville FY 2022 Holiday schedule for non-civil service employees. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** on the Twenty-Fifth Amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency. (City Manager's Office)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to Gignac & Associates LLP for comprehensive Facility Assessment of City-Owned Buildings in the amount of \$316,200.00, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Tex. Gov't Code, to consult with legal counsel and pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Tex. Gov't Code to deliberate personnel matters related to a complaint filed against the City Auditor and/or evaluation, duties, discipline, dismissal, compensation, and/or contract of the City Auditor. (City Attorney's Office)
- 2) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code, to provide legal advice and counsel with respect to pending litigation styled and numbered City of Brownsville, et. al. v. Brownsville GMS, Ltd., Cases No 13-19-0311-CV (13th COA – Edinburg) and related legal issues. (City Attorney's Office)
- 3) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code, to provide legal advice and counsel with respect to litigation styled and numbered, Gutierrez v. Saenz et al, Case No. 1:19-cv-00185 (U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas) and related legal matters. (City Attorney'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.

- 1) Consideration, discussion, and appropriate **ACTION**, if any, regarding the evaluation, duties, discipline, dismissal, compensation, and/or contract of the City Auditor (City Attorney's Office).

## **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 Tuesday, September 7, 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 **September 7, 2021**, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on Friday, September 03, 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>



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