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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 21, 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=mc3bc994ec89d67e3543f71197a0c1867>

Password: meeting

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://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+1-408-418-9388 United States  
Access code: 248 507 53168

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES AND TEXAS FLAGS

### PROCLAMATION(S)

Proclamation designating September 21, 2021 as **World Alzheimer's Day** in the City of Brownsville. (Commissioner N. Galonsky/Commissioner R. Gowen)

Proclamation designating September 20-24, 2021 as **National GEAR UP Week** in the City of Brownsville and recognizing all Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) High Schools

participating in the GEAR UP Program through the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). (Mayor T. Mendez/Commissioner R. De los Santos)

Proclamation designating October 4-10, 2021 as **Space Week** and Saturday, October 9, 2021 as **Astronomy Day** in the City of Brownsville. (Commissioner N. Galonsky/Commissioner J. Cowen)

## **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) Residential Parking Ordinance. (Brownsville Police Department)
- 2) Fiscal Year 2022 Work Plan Presentation(s).
- 3) Robert’s Rules and Commission Voting Matters. (City Attorney)

## **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 September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to Park Place Recreation Designs in the amount of \$73,504.00 for the purchase, delivery, and installation of a playground structure and surfacing at Morningside Park, as budgeted. (Parks & Recreation Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Civil Services Director's salary pursuant to Chapter 143, Sec. 143.012. Director Salary. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve cooperative purchase of ten (10) vehicles from Caldwell Country, contract #601-19, and Silsbee Ford, Goodbuy 21 8F000, in the amount of \$289,954.25 for the Public Health and Wellness Department, as budgeted in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (Internal Services Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt **Resolution Number 2021-064** reviewing, amending and re-adopting all of the provisions listed in the documents titled, "City of Brownsville, Texas Amended Investment Policy" and "City of Brownsville, Texas, Amended Investment Strategy Statement". (Financial Services)

- 6) **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) (Tabled from September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting)
- 7) **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) (Tabled from September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** authorizing City Manager to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant in the amount of \$1,020,922.00. (Brownsville Police Department)

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

- 1) **PUBLIC HEARING** and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2021-1070-G** of the Code of Ordinances by adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendices A through G, and dealing with related matters. (Fire Department)
- 2) **PUBLIC HEARING** and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** to adopt budget amendment **Ordinance Number 2021-1692** to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the General Fund, Non-Bonded Debt Service Fund, Streets & Drainage Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Event Center Fund, Golf Center Fund, Sports Park Fund, and TIRZ Fund. (Financial Services)

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

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for “Comprehensive Data Analysis of Emergency Services” FPD-33-0421 to iParametrics, LLC, in the amount of \$170,200.00, as budgeted. (Fire Department and Police Department)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract to NETSYNC for the implementation of digital signage equipment and software for the Multimodal Transportation Department and the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport in the amount of \$345,230.62 as budgeted. (Multimodal Transportation)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to enter into a contract with Software House Internal (SHI) Government Solutions Inc., BuyBoard Contract # 579-19, for Cartegraph asset management and SeeClickFix 3-1-1 software in the amount of \$160,428.65, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to award the purchase of Downtown parking pay stations to T2 Systems in the amount of \$963,986.25, as budgeted. (Engineering & Public Works)
- 5) **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) (Tabled from September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to award Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss Medical Insurance coverage to Berkshire Hathaway for the plan year 2021-2022. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)

#### **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 the possible purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person and Section 551.087 of the Tex. Gov't Code to deliberate economic development negotiations and

financial information received from a business prospect for proposed expansion or relocation in the City of Brownsville and seek legal advice regarding such projects, incentives, and negotiations related to Project Anchor. (City Manager's Office)

- 2) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code, to provide legal advice and counsel with respect to a written decision and chairman's report entered by the Ethics Advisory Commission on September 9, 2021, related to Ethics Complaint #2021-02-04. (City Attorney's Office)
- 3) Closed session pursuant to Section 551.071, 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, including discipline, termination or dismissal of public officer(s) or employee(s), and other related legal issues. (City Attorney)
- 4) 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 In Re: Texas Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2018-63587 (152d District Court - Harris County) and related legal issues. (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.

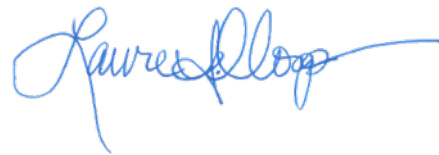
- 1) Consideration, discussion, and appropriate **ACTION**, if any, regarding Project Anchor.

### **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, September 20, 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 21, 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 17, 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