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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 **December 12, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.**, in the City Commission Chambers, located on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall - Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, 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:

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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.

At any time during the course of the posted meeting, the Brownsville City Commission may retire into Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 to confer with legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during this meeting, the City Commission may retire to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER

- a) ROLL CALL
- b) INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF TEXAS

PROCLAMATION(S)

Honoring Consul General Juan Carlos Cue (Mayor J. Cowen, Jr. / Commissioner R. De los Santos)
Recognizing Tad Hasse (Commissioner R. De los Santos / Mayor J. Cowen, Jr.)

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.

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) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a contract, #EAP-122-0923, with Curalinc, LLC, at a rate of \$1.56 per covered employee per month, for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). (Organizational Development and Human Resources)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Task Order No. 1 for our on-call consultant Garver, LLC., under contract PES-63-0523 for the design and special services for the terminal building improvement project, in the amount of \$174,800, as budgeted. (Airport Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a term contract to G&T Paving, LLC for Stagecoach Trail Paving & Drainage Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,456,135.16, #011-24-EPW-IFB (Engineering & Public Works Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** for a Cooperative Purchase Agreement, 044-24-FR-SA, with Galls, LLC. for the purchase of Uniforms, as budgeted. (Fire Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** for a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) Arctic Compressors #023-24-FIR-CP, in the amount of \$123,086.00, as budgeted. (Fire Department)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** for a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc. dba NAFECO for the Purchase of Turnout Gear and VersaPro from Lion items #033, FIR-CP-24, as budgeted. (Fire Department)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2023-136** supporting Cameron County's Resolution 2023R04017 in support of the United States Postal Service name designation of Starbase for the unincorporated area of the County where SpaceX conducts operations and authorizing the Mayor to submit a Letter of Support to the U.S. Geological Survey. (City Managers Office)

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2023-1733**, an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Brownsville amending Chapter 22 to add Article XIV-Establishments Not Licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), and Amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to adopt annual permit and inspection fees, and other

related matters. (Police Department) (Tabled December 5, 2023)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

- 1) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2023-1724**, adopting City Board Policies. (Office of the City Attorney) (Tabled on November 7, 2023)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to acknowledge the Finance Director's financial statements and cash investment report for the City of Brownsville for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2023. (Financial Services Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation's (BCIC) defeasance and redemption of outstanding obligations, and the resolution related thereto. (Office of the City Attorney)

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2023-133**, to appoint or reappoint three (3) members to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). (Multimodal Transportation)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2023-118-A** to appoint two (2) members to the Brownsville Public Library System Advisory Board. (Library)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Real Property Deliberation) related to bid(s) received from the Cameron County Tax Resale of November 7, 2023. (Office of the City Attorney)

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.

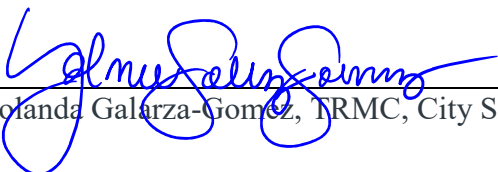
- 1) Discussion and possible **ACTION**, if any, on **Resolution Numbers 2023-137** through **Resolution Number 2023-139**, approving or rejecting the bid/offer(s) received on the Tax Resale Properties on November 7, 2023. (Office of the City Attorney)

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, no later than 12:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

By: John Cowen, Jr
Mayor of the City of Brownsville

I certify that a copy of the **December 12, 2023**, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on December 8, 2023. 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>


Yolanda Galarza-Gomez, TRMC, City Secretary