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John Cowen, Jr, 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 **January 20, 2026**, at **5:00 PM**, in the Commission Chambers, 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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This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://brownsvilletx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes> 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
- c) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF TEXAS

## PROCLAMATION(S)

- 1) Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Texas Southmost College (Commissioner B. Martinez; Commissioner T. Villarreal)
- 2) Recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the Rio Grande Lodge No. 81 AF & AM (Mayor J. Cowen; Commissioner T. Villarreal)
- 3) Recognize and Support "The Challenge-RGV 2026" (Mayor J. Cowen; Commissioner L. Macias)

## 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.

## PRESENTATION(S)

Proposal to Renovate Washington Park (Parks and Recreation Department)

## CITY MANAGER UPDATED (S)

- 1) Youth Advisory Board Update
- 2) Brownsville's 173rd Birthday at First Friday
- 3) Informational update on the Capital Improvement Program, including road projects, the Public Safety Complex, grant-funded projects (TxDOT and FAA), and the Parks and Recreation Projects.

## 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 of approval of minutes from the City Commission Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2026. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a contract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc., for the Professional Engineering Services for Old Hwy 77 Street Improvements Project, in the amount not to exceed \$310,140, as budgeted, for Contract No. 125-26-EPW-PX for a term of 18 months. (Engineering and Public Works Department)

- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the selection of Estrada Hinojosa (TRB Capital Markets, LLC) as Municipal Advisor, for a five-year term. (Financial Services)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Holt Texas, Ltd. d/b/a Holt CAT for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Caterpillar 315 TC Excavator, in an amount not to exceed \$298,279.98, for Contract No. 077-26-ISD-CP, for the Engineering and Public Works Department, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a contract with Artillery LLC in the amount of \$791,916 for the extension of Southmost Nature Trail Phase IV, contract number 242-25-BMT-IFB, as budgeted. (Multimodal Transportation)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a contract with Ingram Library Services LLC in the amount of \$300,000 for contract number 068-26-LIB-CP, for a term of nine months. (Library Department)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a contract with ACS Firm, LLC for Executive Recruitment Services for Contract No. 124-26-AIR-PX for and Executive Recruitment Consulting Services in the amount not to exceed \$181,845, as budgeted. (Airport Department)
- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt and approve the amended Fire & Police Civil Service Commission's Rules and Regulations adopted and approved by the Civil Service Commission on January 8, 2026. (Office of the City Attorney/ OD&HR Department)
- 9) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the agreement between Workforce Solutions Cameron and the City of Brownsville pledging direct child care expenditures through the Parks and Recreation Department adopted budget. (Grants & Community Development Department)
- 10) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-011** in supporting the submission of the FY 2026 Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicle Grant Application #5671901 for \$844,229.20 through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office and accept the terms and conditions of said grant for the City of Brownsville. (Police Department)
- 11) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution Number 2026-009** for the agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Brownsville to authorize the street closure(s) for the Charro Day Parades (Engineering & Public Works Department).
- 12) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-012** on Fiscal Year 2026 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grant. (Grants and Community Development Department)
- 13) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve **Resolution 2026-010**, to authorize the purchase of the property described as a 19.41 acre tract of land out of Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas for a price not to exceed \$610,000 plus closing expenses. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 14) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1796** amending Chapter 46, Environment, Article III, Noise, to clarify regulations related to unreasonable noise. (Office of the City Attorney/Internal Services Department)
- 15) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1797** amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Commission, Section 2-26, Meetings and agendas, to adopt regulations that ensure that meetings of the City Commission are conducted in a way that allows the business of the City to be effectively conducted. (Office of the City Attorney/Office of the City Secretary)
- 16) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2026-1792**, to annex into the City of Brownsville boundary limits, a property described as being 2.60 acres of land consisting of Barreda Gardens Subdivision, Lot 34, Block 16, 7.1741 acres (Vol. 8, Pg. 67 Cameron County Map Records), Cameron County, Texas, located on F.M. 1421, Brownsville, Texas 78520. (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

- 17) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2025-026**, to rezone from Residential Single-Family (R-1) to Residential Transition (R-3) to allow for a townhome development for a 2.82-acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block 188, El Jardin Resubdivision, of parts of Shares 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 25, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, located at 4935 Salida de Luna, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 2) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 18) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2025-027**, to rezone from Residential Single-Family (R-1) to Regional Central (RC) to allow for a commercial development for Lot 1, Block 1, Rabel Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at Lomax Road, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 19) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2025-902**, to rezone from Agriculture (AG) to Regional Central (RC) to allow for a commercial development for 13.142 acres, more or less, out of the Southeast corner of Block 218, Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at Paredes Line Road, Brownsville, Texas 78526, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

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

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1794**, an ordinance of the Brownsville City Commission, repealing and replacing Chapter 110, Wreckers, in its entirety, of the City of Brownsville's Code of Ordinances, to regulate the wrecker service and providing for a penalty clause; providing for an effective date; and dealing with related matters. (Police Department)
- 2) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1795**, to amend Chapter 6, "Amusements and Entertainment", of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances to add Article IV establishing the "Midtown Entertainment District" along Highway 69 from Media Luna Road to Morrison Road and along Highway 77 to Central Boulevard between Morrison Road and Media Luna Road, along Pablo Kisel Boulevard, and Ruben M. Torres and its point of intersection with Seville Blvd., to regulate bars and restaurants; adding civil and criminal penalties. (City Attorney's Office/City Manager's Office) (First reading on 1/6/2026).

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

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize a contract with GO Underground LLC., for the Coffee Road Roadway, Drainage and Utility Improvements Project (005-26-EPW-IFB) for a cost of \$4,520,229.06, as budgeted. (Engineering & Public Works Department)

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)**

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-008** to appoint or reappoint members to the Airport Board. (Airport Department)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-004A**, to reactivate and appoint members to the Charter Review Committee. (Office of the City Attorney/City Secretary's Office)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-003A** to appoint or reappoint members to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. (Parks & Recreation Department)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-013** to appoint or reappoint members of the Historical Preservation Commission. (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property) regarding Project Force. (Office of the City Attorney)
- 2) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney, including Contemplated or Pending Litigation) related to the Cannery and SAMES. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)
- 3) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property) regarding Project PLR. (Office of the City Attorney)
- 4) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney, including Contemplated or Pending Litigation) related to *Quintero v. Brownsville*. (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.

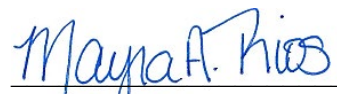
- 1) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to *Quintero v. Brownsville*. (Office of the City Attorney)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to Project Force and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute any necessary documents. (Office of the City Attorney)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to Project PLR. (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, **Mayra A. Rios**, hereby certify that a copy of the Notice for the **January 20, 2026** Meeting of the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the designated bulletin board at City Hall – Federal Building, 1001 Elizabeth Street, a location readily accessible to the public, for at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting date, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. 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>

  
**Mayra A. Rios, TRMC**  
**City Secretary**

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was removed by me from the Brownsville City Hall – Old Federal Building bulletin areas on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Employee Name and Signature

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Date