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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 **Special Meeting** on **August 17, 2026**, at **9:00 a.m.**, in the El Valle Room, at the eBridge Center for Business and Commercialization, located at 1304 E. Adams 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 Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/268671428459234?p=FQYgoOMIcVqOaz02FV>

Meeting ID: 268 671 428 459 234

Passcode: Qh3xc3Kb

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

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 **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** acknowledging the City Secretary's Certificate of Sufficiency for the Charter Amendment Petition, proposing the Brownsville First Jobs & Contracts Policy, establishing provisions relating to local hiring, City-funded contracts, small business participation, workforce development, transparency, and safe working conditions; and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1819** ordering a Charter Amendment Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; providing for the publication and posting of notice; providing for early voting dates, times, and locations; and dealing with related matters. (Office of the City Secretary/Office of the City Attorney)

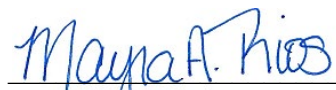
Consideración y **APROBACIÓN** en **SEGUNDA** y **ÚLTIMA LECTURA** para dar constancia del Certificado de Suficiencia de la Secretaria Municipal para la Petición de Enmienda a la Carta Municipal que propone la adopción de la Política Brownsville First Jobs & Contracts, estableciendo disposiciones relacionadas con la contratación local, los contratos financiados por la Ciudad, la participación de pequeñas empresas, el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, la transparencia y condiciones laborales seguras; y Consideración y **APROBACIÓN** en **SEGUNDA** y **ÚLTIMA LECTURA** de la Ordenanza número de la **Ordenanza Número 2026-1819** ordenando una elección de enmienda a la Carta Municipal para llevarse a cabo el martes, 3 de noviembre de 2026; disponiendo la publicación y fijación de avisos; estableciendo las fechas, horarios y lugares de la votación anticipada; y tratando asuntos relacionados. (Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal/Oficina del Abogado Municipal)

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 **August 17, 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.

Employee Name and Signature

Date