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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 **August 18, 2026**, at **5:00 P.M.**, 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 "National Aviation Day" (Commissioner L. Macias; Commissioner T. Villarreal)
- 2) Recognizing the Brownsville Police Department SWAT Competition Team (Mayor J. Cowen; Commissioner P. Cardenas)

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)

- 1) Presentation on Municipal Court collection services provided by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP, including the Brownsville City Fines and Fees Collection Report for the period of October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. (Municipal Court)
- 2) Receive a presentation on USL Steering Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE(S)

- 1) Driver Safety Training
- 2) Pet of the Month Adoption Spotlight

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 Meetings held on July 21, 2026. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the second one-year renewal of the Professional Service Agreement for Marketing and Advertising Services (RFP ASC-89-0623) with Dovetail, Inc for the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport for an amount not to exceed \$450,000. (Airport Department).

- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. HHS001309800001 with the Texas Department of State Health Services and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents. (Department of Health, Wellness & Animal Services)
- 4) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the execution of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Agreement between the City of Brownsville and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). (Multimodal Transportation)
- 5) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize a Contract with G&E Escobedo Construction Inc. for Contract No. 218-26-EPW-IFB, Bore and Trenching On-Call Services, for a term consisting of a three (3) year base term with two (2) optional one-year renewal periods. (Engineering and Public Works Department)
- 6) Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County for certain administrative, financial, and other matters concerning City and County participation in the Estrella Reinvestment Zone Number Six, City of Brownsville, and authorize the City Manager to execute the same. (Office of the City Attorney/ Planning and Redevelopment Department)
- 7) Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Brownsville and the Cameron County Elections Office for election services for the purpose of the Charter Amendment ; and dealing with related matters. (Office of the City Secretary)

Consideración y **ACCIÓN** para autorizar la firma de un Acuerdo de Cooperación Interlocal entre la Ciudad de Brownsville y la Oficina de Servicios Electorales del Condado de Cameron para la prestación de servicios electorales para la Enmienda a la Carta Municipal; y abordar asuntos relacionados. (Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal)

- 8) Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-116**, repealing and replacing all prior resolutions creating the Youth Advisory Board and establishing governing bylaws of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). (City Manager's Office)
- 9) Consideration and **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2026-1814**, amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Commission, Section 2-26, Meetings and agendas, in order to adopt rules and procedures for executive session, including preserving confidentiality of topics discussed in executive session. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)
- 10) 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 Secretaría Municipal/Oficina del Abogado Municipal)

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 1) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** to adopt end-of-year budget amendment **Ordinance Number 2026-1781-B** to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. (Financial Services Department)
- 2) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1815** of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for BCIC. (BCIC)
- 3) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1816** of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for GBEDC. (GBEDC)
- 4) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1820** of the City of Brownsville Texas to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget. (Financial Services Department)(**Roll Call Vote Required**)
- 5) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1821** to ratify the Fiscal Year 2027 budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget. (Financial Services Department)(**Roll Call Vote Required**)
- 6) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1822** levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2026 for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2027, providing for the interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2027 City of Brownsville, Texas, General Obligation Debt. (Financial Services Department)(**Roll Call Vote Required**)
- 7) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1817** to adopt the City of Brownsville's Downtown Renaissance's Master Plan. (Planning & Redevelopment)
- 8) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-018**, to rezone from Agriculture (AG) to Residential Single-Family (R-1) to allow a single-family residential subdivision for all of Summer Lakes Subdivision Phase 4, Cameron County, Texas, located at Summerhill Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 9) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-903-S**, to request a Specific Use Permit (SUP) in a Commercial Corridor (CC) zoning district to allow a commercial plaza and establish reduced setbacks for Lots 16, 17, and 18, Block 1, Naranja Vista Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas located at 9935 Naranjo Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 3) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 10) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-904**, to rezone from Residential Single-Family (R-1) to Residential Suburban (R-2) to allow an existing duplex subdivision for all of Hidden Meadows Subdivision Section 2, Cameron County, Texas, located at Hidden Meadows Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 11) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-905**, to rezone from Commercial Corridor (CC) to Residential Transition (R-3) to allow an existing single-family development for an approximate 2.09 acres out of Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 40, out of Share 28 of the Brownell Tract, coming from a portion of El Jardin Subdivision, located at Lester Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 2) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 12) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2026-012**, to rezone from Residential Single-Family (R-1) to Residential Transition (R-3) to allow a townhome

development for 3.205 acres out of Share 4, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, located at Vasquez Ranch Road, Brownsville Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)

- 13) Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 2026-1818**, making findings related to the Madeira Espiritu Santo Public Improvement District Number One, including: advisability of the special supplemental services, the estimated operation and maintenance costs, boundaries of the district, method of assessment, and apportionment of costs between the City of Brownsville and the District; updating the Service and Assessment Plan (SAP) that established the Madeira Espiritu Santo PID Number One; levying the assessments; and, also providing official notice of the PID's updated SAP to the Cameron County Clerk as required by Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code. (Planning & Redevelopment Department/Office of the City Attorney/City Manager's Office) (Public Hearing Tabled from August 4, 2026 Commission Meeting)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** to grant employees an additional paid holiday and/or personal day based on the results of the Employee Time-Off Preference Survey for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION** to award a managed print services contract to Documation, Inc. for the provision, installation, maintenance, and support of a managed print solution for a term of sixty-three (63) months, in an amount not to exceed \$247,619 annually and a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, as budgeted. (Information Technology Department)
- 3) Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 2 with Noble Texas Builders, LLC, for construction of the Brownsville Public Safety Complex under the Construction Manager at Risk contract, RFQ #142-25-EPW-RFQ, in the amount of \$74,181,729. (Enterprise Project Management Office)

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

- 1) Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2026-117** to appoint or reappoint members to the Youth Advisory Board. (Office of the City Manager)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) related to Project Ascend. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)
- 2) Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) related to Collective Bargaining Agreement with Brownsville Police Officers' Association, Charter 290577-01 (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager'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.

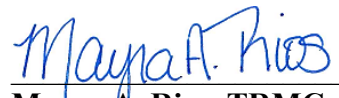
- 1) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to Project Ascend. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager's Office)
- 2) Consideration and **ACTION**, if any, related to Collective Bargaining Agreement with Brownsville Police Officers' Association, Charter 290577-01. (Office of the City Attorney/ City Manager'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 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 18, 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