

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

MINUTES

5:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011

LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER

510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE

WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Board Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman

Joe Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer

Ricardo Perez

David Guerra

Alonzo Cantu

Forrest Runnels

Not Present: Michael Cano, Vice-Chair

Others Present:

Flor E. Koll, HCRMA

Godfrey Garza, Integ

Louis Jones, DEC

Dan Rios, Legal Counsel

David Garza, City of Pharr

Adan Farias, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Pharr

Albert Aldana, Aldana Engineering (City of Pharr)

Jody Ellington, TxDOT-Pharr District

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
Chairman Burleson established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.
3. GENERAL BUSSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for 11/15/2011
Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve the minutes, Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for December 2011
David Guerra made a motion to approve the expense report as presented, Alonzo Cantu seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports - Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP
Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
4. REPORTS:
 - A. Presentation from the City of Pharr (Traffic and Revenue Study) – Fred Sandoval, City Manager
David Garza, City of Pharr presented Albert Aldana of Aldana Engineering. Mr. Aldana gave a brief presentation on the traffic and revenue study for the Pharr Military Highway. The board moved to item 5B, resolution 2011-49.
 - B. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
Godfrey Garza briefed the board on the accomplishments of Dannenbaum. Louis Jones briefed the board on several issues including an upcoming strategic plan, a workshop and the next board meeting.
 - C. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest and Carlos Contreras, C&M
No report was given.
 - D. Update from Bond Counsel on Project Finance – Barron Wallace
No report was given. Chairman Burleson announced that the Vinson and Elkins public finance department had moved to Bracewell & Guiliani. This move would not impact the on-going financing efforts.
 - E. Update on Pass Through Projects – Jody Ellington, TxDOT
Jody Ellington elaborated on the funding including amounts of CBI and City of Pharr funds

regarding the US 281 Military Highway Project.

5. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
- A. Discussion, consideration and action on Engagement Letter with Long Chilton for Professional Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority 2011 Audit and Audit Committee – **Resolution 2011-48**
David Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-48, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. It was established in the motion that the Finance Committee will serve as audit committee.
- B. Discussion, consideration and action on request from City of Pharr for realignment of US 281 Military Highway (from San Juan to I Road) – **Resolution 2011-49**
Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-49 with amendment for resolution to read “consider option on realignment of US 281 to I Road, subject to approval from TxDOT on the Pass Through Agreement and successful negotiations with the City of Pharr”, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion, consideration and action issuing a stop work order for environmental work for the TCC and US 281 Military Highway – **Resolution 2011-50**
Godfrey Garza explained that due to looking at a strategic plan, HCRMA should stop work until all projects are reviewed and considered. Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-50, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Dan Rios, Legal Counsel suggested the board enter into Executive Session to discuss the terms of the proposed interlocal agreement with the county . Chairman Burleson announced the board would enter Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with an attorney regarding item 5D and adjourned the regular session as 6:41 pm. Chairman Burleson called the regular meeting to order at 6:53 pm and announced no decisions had been made during executive session.

- D. Discussion, consideration and action on an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number 2 -- **Resolution 2011-51**
Chairman Burleson stated Hidalgo County would have a Commissioners Court Meeting on Thursday, December 29 and this item was on the agenda for consideration. David Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-51, Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

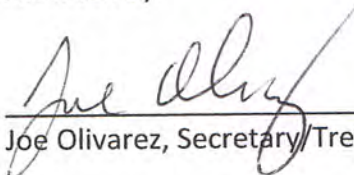
6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- A. Correspondence
B. Texas Transportation Forum – February 15-17, Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas
Chairman Burleson announced several board members are registered for this event.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
Board entered executive session on item 5D. No decisions were made during executive session.
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

Attested by:



Joe Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer

2/1/12

Date