

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL RMA MEETING
6:00 P.M. – MONDAY, AUGUST 03, 2009
McAllen City Hall
City Commission Room, 3rd Floor
1300 Houston Avenue
McAllen, Texas**

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a Special Public Meeting of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 AT 6:00 pm at McAllen City Hall, 1300 Houston, McAllen, Texas

In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/ Treasurer
Mr. Joe Olivarez
Mr. Juan Maldonado
Mr. Ramon Garcia

Others

Ms. Mary Escalona
Ms. Maria Champine
Commissioner Scott Crane, City of McAllen
Ms. Cheryl Bellamy, SAS
Mr. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting
Ms. Blakely Fernandez, TRPSA
Mr. Gerry Pate, HCRB
Ms. Flor Koll, HCRB
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani, HCRB
Mr. Jacinto Garza, HCRB

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Dennis Burleson gave a brief opening statement regarding the creation of the RMA and what the future holds. He stated that several cities from the Hidalgo County area have given their full support by submitting a resolution of support to fund the RMA loop project with local vehicle registration funds of \$10 per vehicle registration. He also noted that TxDOT has limited their funds for the loop project noting that the burden to fund the project was falling on the County and the RMA.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

3. RMA WORKSHOP - PRELIMINARY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Everett Owen gave a brief power point presentation on the Preliminary Development Agreement (PDA) and the Hidalgo County Loop Project. Several questions were asked by all Board Members regarding the presentation. Mr. Owen outlined certain milestones under the existing contract that are pending and noted those that are complete and those that, under the new project scope, do not need to be done. For example, he recommended that ROW purchase not be done until all of the environmental work is cleared.. Mr. Owen also discussed the various options to the Board in terms of re-procuring the Project.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Pursuant to item 5(A) below, the Board returned from Executive Session. Ms. Blakely Fernandez reminded the members that at the July 28th meeting, a resolution was approved extending the negotiating period with HCRB from July 31 to until August 7. She reviewed the terms of the July 28 proposed amendment to the Preliminary Project Development Agreement and the Board discussed additional terms to be included in the amendment. The board agreed to accept a total management fee of \$375,000 for the deliverables under consideration. Ramon Garcia requested that the HCRB team solicit support from cities and the County to protect right of way for the Project. Chairman Burlson reiterated the importance of this effort. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-21 Amendment to Preliminary Project Development Agreement. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ramon Garcia made a motion to amend the first motion to include efforts of HCRB to obtain right-of-way protection from all affected cities as well as the County. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Juan Maldonado commented that although he approved the motion adopting the amendment, he had concerns, specifically with regard to efforts put forth to protect right-of-way, the work completed under the contract and the amount of money the RMA has spent to date. Mr. Garcia expressed similar concerns, but thanked the Board for their efforts to manage a difficult situation.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551:

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
 - 1. Preliminary Project Development Agreement
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

At, 7:32 p.m. Chairman Dennis Burlson stated that the Board members will go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, to engage in consultation with the RMA attorney regarding a proposed contract amendment to the preliminary Project Development Agreement. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Juan Maldonado seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

At 8:57 p.m., Chairman Dennis Burlson stated that the Board members were back from Executive Session. He noted that no Action was taken during Executive Session and called the public meeting back to order.


6. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Burluson stated that next month's RMA Meeting was scheduled to take place at Mission City Hall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Juan Maldonado made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer