

# MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
5:30 P.M. – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006  
MISSION CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM  
1201 E. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET – MISSION, TX**

**PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN**

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The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at the Mission City Hall Commissioner's Meeting Room, in Mission, Texas. In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. Joe Olivarez  
Mr. Ruben Plata  
Mr. Ruben Serna  
Mr. Roberto Villarreal

Others

Judge Elect J.D. Salinas, Hidalgo County  
Ms. Alma Walzer, J.D. Salinas Office  
Mr. Steven F. Austin, Hidalgo County  
Mr. Godfrey Garza, HCDD #1  
Ms. Melba R. Ramos, TxDOT  
Mr. Shaine Mata, Rep. Aaron Peña's office  
Mr. David Diaz, [www.EdinburgPolitics.com](http://www.EdinburgPolitics.com)  
Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC  
Ms. Debby Morales, LRGVDC

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5: 35 p.m. and announced that a quorum of voting members was present. Chairman Burleson then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval of November 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes. As there were no changes ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Roberto Villarreal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 3. – Public Comment. As there were no Public Comments the Chairman then moved to item 4. – Presentation RE: Hidalgo County Economic Development and recognized Judge Elected J.D. Salinas. Judge Elect Salinas thanked the Board for the invitation to speak, and stated that he had planned on giving a forty-five minute presentation on infrastructure and how the area was twenty years behind, but changed his plans as he determined he would be “preaching to the choir” given the combined experience of the Board of Directors. Instead Judge Elect Salinas stated that he looked forward to working with the HCRMA, and offered the resources, once he took office in January 2007, of his office and staff to the Board.

Upon conclusion of the Judge Elect's presentation and the addressing of questions by the Board members, the Chairman then moved to item 5. – Presentation RE: Tax Increment Financing in Hidalgo County. Mr. Jeff Hall, Mission Redevelopment Board was recognized and introduced Mr. Bill Calderon of Hawes, Hill & Calderon who gave a presentation on an Overview of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ). Mr. Calderon stated that the purpose of TIRZ was to stimulate Economic Development, the benefit was to create the capacity to generate capital improvements, and was not limited to private development. Mr. Rick Perez stated that the purpose of the HCRMA was to alleviate traffic congestion; and the purpose of

the TIRZ was to create economic development. Mr. Perez advised that it should not be the priority of the HCRMA to plan roads through a TIRZ, but saw no problems should the route of a planned road go through a TIRZ. Mr. Calderon respectfully suggested that economic development and traffic congestion alleviation go hand in hand. At the conclusion of Mr. Calderon's presentation Chairman Burleson stated that a TIRZ was a tool that the HCRMA could use to generate funds in addition to receiving funding from TxDOT and Hidalgo County.

Upon conclusion of the presentation and discussion on TIRZ Chairman Burleson moved to item 6. – Discussion on Construction Project Alternatives, and stated there was no action to be taken on this item at this time. The Chairman then moved to item 7. – Discussion and Possible Action RE: Website Development. Mr. Ken Jones was recognized and advised the Board of the need to create a domain name. It was discovered that hcrma.org may or may not be available by the beginning of January 2007. The Board discussed the potential costs and possible entities to create a website. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to move forward with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Website Development. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on item 7, Chairman Burleson moved to item 8. – Consider Approval RE: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for Administrative Funds. The Chairman informed the Board that he had appeared before the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on December 12, 2006 regarding this item and stated that the Interlocal Agreement submitted to the County was accepted, and a check for \$5,000 was to be prepared for the Board by the following Tuesday. Mr. Jones stated that the county had added some legal phrases to the agreement that had been previously approved by the Board and suggested the revised agreement be considered for Board action. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the revised Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County. Mr. Ruben Plata seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

At conclusion of action on item 8 Chairman Burleson moved to item 9. – Status Reports. Mr. Jones stated that the RFQ for General Counsel Services had been published in the newspaper and was available on the LRGVDC website with December 29, 2006 as the deadline for receipt.

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 10. – New or Old Business and announced that there was a Team TX meeting on January 3 – 4, 2007 and recommended that Board members attend this meeting if possible; the deadline for registration was December 22, 2006. Chairman Burleson then moved to discussion on scheduling and suggested conducting two meetings a month in order to accomplish all the goals set forth by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to meet the second and forth Thursday of each month with the next meeting to be scheduled on Thursday, January 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. again at the Mission City Hall Commissioner's meeting room.

At conclusion of discussion on item 10 **Chairman Burleson called for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Ruben Plata so moved; Mr. Roberto Villarreal seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

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Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer