

TO:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board

Date: November 4, 2021

FROM:

Dr. Jude A. Benavides, Chair

SUBJECT:

Notice of a Regular Board Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** 

November 8, 2021

**MEETING TIME:** 

5:00 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** 

**BPUB Service Center Conference Room** 

1155 FM 511

Olmito, Texas 78575

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

**MEETING AGENDA** 

Call Open Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM

**CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM** 

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Please note the following:

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING BY SENDING THEM TO NORMA SANCHEZ AT nsanchez@brownsville-pub.com. In the body of the email please include date, your name, your address, phone number, agenda item number, if applicable, or subject of discussion, and your comments.

- THERE IS A <u>FIVE (5)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER</u>. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO A SPEAKER.
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION (IF ANY) BEFORE SPEAKING.
- QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS, THE CEO, OR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE.
- IF AN ISSUE ADDRESSED IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Grounds Keeping Maintenance Services—Miguel Perez.
- 2. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Janitorial Services—Miguel Perez
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action for Payment of the Annual Maintenance Fee for the Banner System—Eddy Hernandez
- 4. Consideration and Possible Action to Purchase a New 66-Foot Self-Propelled Telescopic Boom— Diane Solitaire
- 5. Consideration and Possible Action to Purchase a Freightliner 114SD Roll Off Truck—Diane Solitaire
- 6. Consideration and Possible Action to Purchase a New 2022 F-600 Chassis 4x4 Sewer Jetter Truck—Diane Solitaire
- 7. Consideration Possible Action to Purchase a New VacTron HTV873PTO Hydro Truck Vacuum Excavator and a New McLaughlin VX50-800 Vacuum Excavator—Diane Solitaire
- 8. Consideration and Possible Action to Purchase Four John Deere, Model 410L, Closed Cab Backhoes with Extended Boom—Diane Solitaire
- Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Reimbursement to the City of Brownsville for Utility Improvements for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Paving and Drainage Improvements Project (FSP-40-0721)—Marie Leal
- 10. Consideration and Approval of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Annual Consolidated Water Quality Assessment Payment for the South and Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plants— Albert Gomez

RECESS TO CLOSED MEETING to Consider Matters Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Chapter 551, et seq.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

At this time the items on the Agenda designated for Closed Meeting will be considered. If there is an approved motion to go into Closed Meeting the listeners will be placed on "hold" until the Board returns to Open Meeting.

- 1. Meeting with Board's legal counsel for advice about contemplated and pending court and administrative litigation and on matters in which the duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 (Sec. 551.071) (Sec. 551.086).
  - a. Legal requirement for Board to make decision in near future of whether to accept a refund from

ERCOT for overcharge during Winter Storm Uri and incur debt or to opt-out of acceptance of the refund.

- b. Brief summary of facts related to 1.a. above.
- 2. Interview vendors for security guard services to determine firm qualifications for implementation and personnel to provide security for the Brownsville Public Utilities Board facilities (Sec. 551.076).
- 3. Deliberation of vendor proposals to determine firm qualifications for implementation and personnel to provide security for the Brownsville Public Utilities Board facilities and discuss terms and conditions of contract for annual security guard services (Sec. 551.071 and Sec. 551.076).
- 4. Consultation with the Board's legal counsel regarding a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Utilities Board of Brownsville and the Brownsville City Employees Federal Credit Union (Sec. 551.071).
- 5. Discussion relating to appointments to the offices of the Chief Operating Officer and the Chief Financial Officer (Sec. 551.074).

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** 

## ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 1. Consideration and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting
- 2. General Manager's Report:
  - a. Board Calendar
  - b. Financial Report
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request from the City of Brownsville for Release of \$10 Million Brownsville Public Utilities Board City Transfer for Fiscal Year 2021 Related to the February Winter Storm—John Bruciak
- 4. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the September 29, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 5. Discussion on the Quarterly Investment Activity Report for Period Ended September 30, 2021, Pursuant to Chapter 2256.023 of the Public Funds Investment Act—Miguel Perez
- 6. Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Security Guard Services—Lucila Hernandez
- 7. Consideration and Possible Action of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Basic Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Voluntary Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Group Long Term Disability, Voluntary Short Term Disability Voluntary Group Cancer/Dread Disease, Voluntary Group Vision, and Voluntary Group Critical Care Insurances—Lucila Hernandez
- 8. Consideration and Possible Action on a Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Utilities Board of Brownsville and the Brownsville City Employees Federal Credit Union—Emilia Guerra

Adjournment

Jude A Benavides

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Dr. Jude A. Benavides, Chair

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**City Commission** Marjory Batsell John Davidson City Manager

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The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Board Resolution No. A2009-1012 (IC10), the "Amended Rules of the Public Utilities Board." Once the Meeting is convened with a quorum present, the Presiding Officer may change the order of business for purposes of accommodation of the Board members or participants and to permit a more orderly consideration of related agenda items.

The BPUB reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code  $\S$  551.071 (Consultation with Attorney),  $\S$  551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property),  $\S$  551.074 (Personnel Matters),  $\S$  551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices),  $\S$  551.086 (Public Utility Competitive Matters),  $\S$  551.087 (Economic Development), and  $\S$  551.089 (Department of Information Resources).

I certify that a copy of the November 8, 2021 agenda of items to be considered by the BPUB was posted on the BPUB website.

ATTEST:

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