

MINUTES

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

5:30 PM - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER

510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE

WESLACO, TEXAS 78596

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Board Members Present:

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice-Chair
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Juan Maldonado
Mr. Ricardo Perez
Mr. Joe Olivarez

Others:

Ms. Blakely Fernandez
Mr. Richard Ramirez
Mr. Dan Rios
Mr. Gerry Pate
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani
Mr. Richard Moya
Mr. Pete Mcrae
Mr. James W. Griffin
Mr. Jay Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pratt
Ms. Charlotte L. Teague
Mr. Mark Iglesias
Mr. Robert Fina

Others:

Mr. David Balli
Mr. Godfrey Garza
Mr. Richard Zamora
Mr. Richard d. Seitz
Commissioner Angie Garza
Mr. Eric Dietrich
Mr. Scott Young
Mr. Craig Stong
Mr. Phillip Pandek
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Erickson
Mr. Daniel Rios, S&B
Mr. David Salinas
Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Burleson stated there was a quorum present and started the meeting at 5:33 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Pratt address the board with questions regarding timeline for construction on Valley View Drive.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from October 8th and October 16th Meetings.

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approved the minutes, Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests.

Dennis Burleson stated the additions to the Expense Report. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve payment on the Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests, Rick Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports- Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, L.L.P.

Presentation of Vehicle Registration Fees, year to date

This item was tabled due to Cheryl not being able to attend the meeting. No action taken.

4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. TxDOT – Mario Jorge, P.E., Pharr District Engineer

1. State Infrastructure Bank Committee and Rule Making Process
2. Overview of Project
3. Other business from TxDOT / Texas Transportation Commission

Ms. Norma Garza gave a report on the status for schematics on Sections B, D & E.

B. HCMPO – Andrew Canon, Director

1. Update on Long Range Plan / Adoption of County Thoroughfare Plan
2. Other business from MPO

Mr. Andrew Canon gave a brief update on the Long Range Plan and the adoption of the County's Thoroughfare Plan.

C. HCRB – Gerry Pate, P.E.

1. Update on Project
2. Update on GMP Review Process
3. Update on Local Meetings / County Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Gerry Pate addressed the board on the GMP review process. Mr. Pate answered questions for board members. Mr. Reza Badiozzamani gave an update on the status of the meeting with Cities being affected by the Loop Project.

D. Owen Consulting – Everett Owen

1. Presentation of Respondents to Professional Services Procurement for Engineering Services
Presentations were given by S&B Infrastructure, Raba-Kistner Infrastructure, Teds, and Dannenbaum. No action required at this time; a selection will be made at the next meeting, November 17, 2009.

2. Presentation of Proposed Consultant to Provide Risk Assessment / Analysis for Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal

Mr. Burleson stated that Mr. Everett Owen was not able to be present at this meeting. Mr. Owen sent a letter to the board with his recommendation on the selection of the Consultant to provide Risk Assessment/Analysis for Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal. Mr. Owen's recommendation is Robert Ferguson. Mr. Olivarez made a motion to approve the selection of Mr. Robert Ferguson as consultant to provide professional services with regard to review the Risk Fee Assessment under the GMP, Mr. Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. PBS&J – Tracy Hill

1. Overview of Environmental Process

This item was tabled for the next meeting, November 17, 2009. No action taken.

F. First Southwest – Richard Ramirez

1. Overview of financing plan
2. Update on Traffic and Revenue Study

Mr. Ramirez reported on C&M updates, stating that C&M will meet December deadline. Mr. Ramirez has requested a breakdown on A&B Sections on the GMP. Mr. Ramirez stated the approach is still looking at B as a stand-alone project with looking at A further out.

G. TRPSA, Legal Counsel – Blakely Fernandez

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval on Confidentially Agreement regarding GMP
Ms. Fernandez

Ms. Fernandez explained the purpose of the Confidentially Agreement. *No action was taken. This item was tabled to the next meeting scheduled on November 17, 2009.*

H. Chairman's Report

Next meeting November 17, 2009.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2009 AUDIT SERVICES WITH LONG CHILTON, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Burleson addressed the board regarding the Letter of Engagement with Long Chilton for 2009 Audit Services. *Mr. Salazar made a motion to approval the Engagement Letter with Long Chilton, Mr. Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REGARD TO REVIEW THE RISK FEE ASSESMENT UNDER THE GMP

This item was discussed with item 4.D.2.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GODFREY GARZA FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL SERVICES

Ms. Blakely Fernandez (Legal Counsel) briefly explained the contract agreement, highlighted some pertinent areas of the agreement and answered questions from the board members. *Mr. Rick Perez (Vice-Chair) made a motion to approve the agreement with Mr. Godfrey Garza for administrative and managerial services, Mr. Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried with a 5 to 1 Vote with Mr. Maldonado voting against the motion.*

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REQUEST TO EXTEND REVIEW PERIOD FOR GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE PROPOSAL BY 60 DAYS

Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated approving this request would move the final date to February 13, 2009. *Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the written request to extend the review period for the GMP, Mr. Ricardo Perez(member) seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

No Executive Session was called.

10. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

Special meeting scheduled for November 17, 2009 to address tabled items.

11. ADJOURNMENT: **8:15 pm**

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.


PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:

Public Input Policy: "At the beginning of each HCRMA meeting, the HCRMA will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the HCRMA must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the HCRMA. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, HCRMA members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies."

Attested:



Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer



Date