

MINUTES
HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 PM - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
100 E. CANO, 1ST FLOOR
EDINBURG, TEXAS
PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer
Ricardo Perez
Juan Maldonado
Joe Olivarez
Rick Perez, Vice-Chair (arrived late)

Others Present:

Godfrey Garza, HCRMA
Blakely Fernandez, TRPSA
Dan Rios, Daniel Rios Law Firm
Everett Owen, Owen Consulting
Richard Ramirez, First Southwest
Pete Mcrae, PTI
Richard Moya, PTI
Sophia Hernandez, HC Judge's Office
David Salinas, S&B

Tracy Hill, PBS&J
Kerry Winkler, PBS&J
Louis Jones, Dannenbaum
Scott Young, Raba-Kistner
Eric Dietrick, HC/TEDSI
Jaime Gonzalez, Hidalgo County
Richard Zamora, Dannenbaum
Steve Taylor, Rio Grande Guardian
Jesse Salinas, TEDSI

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Burleson announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports- Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, L.L.P.
Presentation of Vehicle Registration Fees, year to date

Cheryl Bellamy gave a brief summary on the financial report and vehicle registration fees. Joe Olivarez made a motion to approval the financial report, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Executive Director's Report – Godfrey Garza, Jr.

1. Overview of GMP Team

Godfrey Garza gave a brief report on meetings held with different components of the HCRMA and GMP Review Team.

Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m. and the board entered into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding questions on Confidentially Agreement regarding GMP. The Board reconvened in open session at 5:50. Chairman Burleson announced no action was taken and that the board would reconvene into Executive Session once all the board members were present. At 6:05, the board adjourned from the Special Meeting and entered into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding questions on Confidentially Agreement regarding GMP. The board reconvened the Special Meeting at 7:03; the Chairman announced no action was taken in Executive Session.

- B. TRPSA, Legal Counsel – Blakely Fernandez / Law Office of Daniel Rios – Dan Rios

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of Confidentially Agreement regarding GMP

Blakely Fernandez presented a non-disclosure certificate as an alternative to the confidentiality agreement. Vice chair Perez and board member Maldonado stated that they would not execute a non-disclosure certificate regarding GMP information. No action taken.

2. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of Items in Support of TxDOT's Compliance Program

Tabled for next meeting. No Action taken

- C. Owen Consulting – Everett Owen

1. Update on Project

Everett Owen gave a brief summary on his report to Godfrey Garza and on Mr. Robert Ferguson. Mr. Owen reported that the revised traffic and revenue study is due on December 4, 2009 and the schematics for Segment F are under QAQC and will be submitted to TxDOT by the end of the month.

D. PBS&J – Tracy Hill

1. Overview of Environmental Process – timeline and scope

Tracy Hill introduced Ms. Kerry Winkler (replacement for Sharon Becca). Ms. Winkler gave a short update on environmental process timeline and scope. Ms. Winkler reported that the classification letter for the Connector Project (Segment A) is underway and will be presented next month.

E. Hidalgo County Road Builders

1. Update on cost breakdown for locally funded project

No report was given.

F. Chairman's Report

Dennis Burleson and Godfrey Garza met with Hidalgo County Interim Judge to give an update on the project.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND SELECTION OF A FIRM OR FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS

Godfrey Garza recommended the board select S&B Infrastructure and Raba-Kistner as the firms to begin negotiations for professional engineering services. Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve Mr. Garza's recommendation and select S&B Infrastructure and Raba-Kistner as the firms for professional engineering services and authorize to begin negotiations, Rick Perez (Vice-chair) seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried 5 to 1; with the Chairman, and board members Salazar, Maldonado, and Perez, and Vice Chairman Perez voting for and board member Olivarez voting against.

6. 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

The board entered into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding questions on Confidentially Agreement regarding GMP and contract engagement with firm or firms to provide Professional Engineering Services. No Action was taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

Next Board meeting will be arranged for Thursday, December 10, 2009.

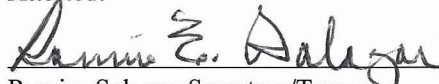
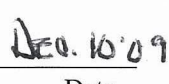
8. ADJOURNMENT *Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm*

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 Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer Date