

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
3:00 PM – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009
CITY OF MISSION – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1201 E. 8TH STREET
MISSION, TEXAS
PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Juan Maldonado
Mr. Ricardo Perez
Mr. Joe Olivarez
Mr. Michael Cano
Mr. Godfrey Garza

Others:

Mr. Daniel Rios, S&B
Mr. Behrooz Badiozzamani
Mr. Scott Young
Mr. Andrew Canon
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pratt
Mr. & Mrs. Don Erickson
Mr. Don Schmeh
Mr. Eric Dietrich
Mr. David Salinas

Ms. Blakely Fernandez
Mr. Richard Ramirez
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani
Mr. Jody Ellington
Mr. Andrew Canon
Ms. Kerry Winkler
Mr. Pete Mcrae
Mr. Carlos Contreras
Mrs. Flor E. Koll

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Burleson called the meeting to order, stating there was a quorum present and the meeting began at 3:20 pm.

A. Swearing in of new Board Member: Michael G. Cano

Mr. Cano was sworn in early in the day at his office by Hidalgo County Commissioner "Tito" Palacios.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Chairman Burleson announced the Board would go into Executive Session. See item 5 below.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2009 and November 17, 2009

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve 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

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approval the Outstanding Invoices, recognizing that the Hidalgo County Road Builder invoices would be approved separately by resolution, and Travel Requests, Juan Maldonado seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Cheryl Bellamy gave a brief report on Novembers financial status, Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

D. Consideration and Approval of HCRB Invoice # 1494-005A and Draw Request

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve payment of HCRB Invoice # 1494-005A and the draw request, Joe Olivarez, seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. Consideration and Approval of HCRB Invoice # 1494-003B

Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve payment of HCRB Invoice #1494-003B once staff reviewed and board was ensured all deliverables were received as per PPDA, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Administrative Report – Godfrey Garza, Jr.

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of Engagement with Engineering Firms to provide Professional Engineering Services.
No action taken. Item tabled for next meeting in January 2010.
2. Presentation, Discussion and Consideration of Draft Ordinance for Cities.
Draft of Ordinance for Truck Traffic in appropriate cities was submitted for review and discussion. No action required.
3. Nomination of Mr. Godfrey Garza to represent HCRMA at the HCMPO Technical Committee.
Juan Maldonado made a motion for Mr. Garza, INTEG to represent the HCRMA at the HCMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings until further notice, Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of Items in Support of TxDOT's Compliance Program
Blakely Fernandez briefly explained the requirements set by TxDOT for ethics and compliance, gave an overview of the trainings and stated the deadline for submittal of Compliance Program is January 1, 2010. Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the items in support of TxDOT's Compliance Program, Michael Cano seconded the motion and upon vote the motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion, Consideration, and Action Approving Real Estate Services (Valuation Estimates and Right-of-Entry) In Compliance with the HCRMA Procurement Policies.
Blakely Fernandez gave a brief summary on the resolution approving Real Estate Services. Michael Cano suggested the Resolution make reference to INTEG as well as Godfrey Garza. Juan Maldonado made a motion approving the resolution as amended by Michael Cano, Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. PBS&J – Kerry Winkler

1. Discussion, Consideration and Action Approving Classification letter in Substantially Complete form and Environmental Schedule.
Ms. Kerry Winkler gave a brief summary on the status of the classification letter and the Environmental Schedule. No action taken.

D. First Southwest – Richard Ramirez

1. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of Traffic and Revenue Study.
Carlos Contreras gave a presentation regarding Traffic and Revenue study. No action taken.
2. Discussion, Consideration and Action on scope of Traffic and Revenue Study and Oversight of Traffic and Revenue Consultant.
Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-52 calling for the scope and oversight of study by the Traffic and Revenue Consultant to be undertaken by Integ. Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Hidalgo County Road Builders – Reza Badiozzamani

1. Presentation of Coordination Outreach Effort to Protect ROW – Final Deliverable
2. Update on Section F Schematic Completion and Briefing on status of all schematics
Reza Badiozzamani gave a status update on Public Outreach to the different cities and update on schematics. Mr. Badiozzamani presented the board with resolutions from the affected cities protecting right of way for the loop project.

F. Hidalgo County MPO – Andrew Canon

1. December 10 Adoption of Long Range Plan
Andrew Canon briefly reported on MTP 2010-2035 - 25 year plan. Mr. Canon stated the Trade Corridor and Connector projects have been adopted and are on the MTP, as well as the La Joya Loop Bypass project.

G. TxDOT - Mario Jorge, PE

1. Update on Expedited Market Valuation Process

Mr. Jody Ellington gave a brief summary on the Market Valuation Letter submitted to TxDOT by the HCRMA.

H. Chairman's Report

None.

5. 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

At 3:21, after establishing a quorum was present, the Chairman announced the board would adjourn into Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with general counsel on contractual matters related to items 4A1 and 4C of this agenda. At 3:52, the Board reconvened the public meeting and announced no action was taken in Executive Session.

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

No new business was discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

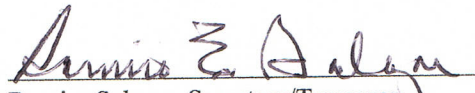
The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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

1/26/20
Date