



REGULAR MEETING

A MEETING OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WILL BE HELD BY
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ON THURSDAY, January 21, 2021
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

THIS CITY OF EDCOUCH MEETING WILL BE HELD USING TELE CONFERENCE
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address, phone number, agenda item # if applicable of subject of discussion, and your comments.
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

AGENDA

- A. **Call Meeting to Order**
- B. **Roll Call**
- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Invocation**
- E. **Public Comments**
- F. **Discussion and possible action on approval of Minutes:**
 - 1. **Regular Meeting Minutes of Jan 07, 2021**
- G. **Open Public Hearing Hidalgo County Urban County Program, workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021)**
- H. **Open Public Hearing to discuss the City of Edcouch Storm Water Program**

- I. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution No. 2021-01-Approving the Hidalgo County Urban County Workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021)-\$270,886.00**
- J. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval Ordinance No. 2021-02 Approving the City of Edcouch storm water program**
- K. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Polar Bear Plunge Event to benefit Capable Kids**
- L. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Contract for consulting services with Aron Pena of Rubicon Strategies USA**
- M. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve change order 3 for the Community Center project with Tri-Gen Construction**
- N. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve City of Edcouch Drainage Policy**
- O. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-03 on Submission of the Stone Garden Grant Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant #4176302**
- P. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-04 on Submission of the Interdiction Officer Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant # 3772603**
- Q. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-05 on Submission of the Crime Victim Liaison Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant # 4239901**
- R. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-06 on Submission of the State Homeland Security Equipment Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant #4240001**
- S. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-07 on Submission of the Juvenile Officer Grant to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant # 4240101**
- T. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-08 on Submission of BG-Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program Grant # 4033601**
- U. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-09 on Submission of CV-Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funding Program Grant #4139701**

V. Consent Agenda

A. Resolution No. 2021-10 to change Sgt. Rodriguez Pavilion to Sgt Rodriguez Community Center

B. Resolution No. 2021-11 to name the City of Edcouch Municipal Library

C. Resolution No. 2021-12 to name Technology Room to Frances Segura Technology Room

D. Resolution No. 2021-13 to name Edcouch Memorial Garden

W. Adjournment

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If during the course of the meeting, The City Council should determine that a Closed Session or meeting is authorized by section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.084, 551.086 of the Government Code or Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, notice of Closed or Executive Session will be given after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Local Government Code. Should any final motion, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the council with regards to any item during the meeting, then such final action, decision, or vote shall be made during the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of the Public Meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meetings of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Edcouch was posted on the main entrance to Edcouch City Hall on the 18th day of January at 5:00 pm and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Victor H. De La Cruz
City Manager

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF EDCOUCH**

211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS
THURSDAY, January 21, 2020
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- X. **Call Meeting to Order** Meeting was called to Order by **Mayor Gonzalez at 6:00 p.m.**
- Y. **Roll Call** Roll call was called by **Mr. Manuel Hernandez Jr** as follows:

	Present	Absent	City Staff:
Mayor: Virginio Gonzalez Jr.	_X_	___	Victor H. De La Cruz, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem: Flores	_X_	___	Manuel Hernandez Jr., Fin./Grants
Alderman: Joel Segura	___	_X_	Police Chief., Roel Guerra
Alderman: John Chapa	_X_	___	Fire Chief., Victor Nieves
Alderman: Robert Gutierrez	_X_	___	Engineer, Eddie Saenz
Alderman: Lorenzo Cabrera	X	_ _	
City Attorney: Orlando Jimenez			

Mayor, we have a quorum.

- Z. **Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance was led by: **Manny Hernandez**
- AA. **Invocation** Invocation was led by **Orlando Jimenez**
- BB. **Public Comments** No Public Comments

CC. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of Jan 7, 2021

Manny: Mayor it should have been in your emails. **Hugo:** I just wanted to ask Mr. Hernandez if we have the part where it was discussed in the city managers report. I just wanted to make sure if we had the response of the attorney in reference to people slandering the City of Edcouch or the employees of Edcouch. **Manny:** For the record Mr. De La Cruz it is in the minutes. **Hugo:** And does it specify what the city can do for people that are slandering. **Manny:** Yes sir, it does specify. **Hugo:** Ok, thank you.

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Jan 07, 2021, was made by Alderman Flores _____, 2nd by Alderman Gutierrez . All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

DD. Open Public Hearing Hidalgo County Urban County Program, workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021)

Hugo: Mayor we established a public hearing online to accommodate this item. **Mayor:** It is 6:08 p.m. and I open this public hearing for the Hidalgo County Urban County Program. Workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021) **Hugo:** This is a workplan for Urban County for some of the

plans that we have for Urban County funds. We have discussed some drainage work for our city. The reason for

that is that our city needs better drainage and also there is changes coming from Drainage Dist and Pct. 1. To enhance drainage in our area. **Mayor:** Any more questions or comments? Ok it is 6:10 p.m. and this public hearing, has closed.

EE. Open Public Hearing to discuss the City of Edcouch Storm Water Program

Mayor: It is 6:10 p.m. and I open this Public Hearing for comments. **Hugo:** This is a public hearing that is mandated by storm water. Mr. Hernandez and some of the staff have been working very hard to get the storm water program in place. I m happy to say that everything is in place, we have sent all required documentation to TCEQ. In this hearing we are hearing to accommodate important aspects of storm water. **Mayor:** Ok has anyone signed up for this? **Manny:** No Mayor, no one signed up. **Mayor:** If there is no further comments I will go ahead and closed up this public hearing. It is 6:11 p.m. and this hearing has been adjourned.

FF. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2021-02- Approving the Hidalgo County Urban County Workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021)- \$270,886.00

Hugo: Mayor again this is a workplan in progress in preparation for Urban County Funding for the year specified. And we are seeking approval for this item.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021-02-Approving the Hidalgo County Urban County Workplan for Fiscal Year 34 (2021)-\$270,886.00 was made by Alderman _____ Flores _____, 2nd by Alderman _Gutierrez_____. All voted Aye/Motion Carried.

GG. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance 2021-02 Approving the City of Edcouch Storm Water Program

Hugo: Mayor this item is to approve everything that Mr. Hernandez and our staff had been working on and this is to meet all the criteria that is required by TCEQ. **Mayor:** Alright

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02 Approving the City of Edcouch Storm Water Program was made by Alderman Gutierrez, 2nd by Alderman _Chapa_____. All voted Aye/Motion carried.

HH. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Polar Bear Plunge Event to benefit Capable Kids

Hugo: Mayor this is an item that we are seeking approval for, we have already started working on a flyer for this will be February 20. This event is an event to benefit capable kids this came after an idea that was brought to me by our Mayor and we made it a reality and we created the flyers. The idea behind the polar bear plunge at the municipal water park be coming in in hopefully very cold weather Feb 20th, and pretty much plunge into the pool in 3 different ways. 1 is either walking from one end of the pool to the other end. 2 The other is to stand right below the bucket. 3. For an additional five dollars is to go down the slide. We are inviting political figures from this area. The idea is for them to raise money for this cause. **Mayor:** Also, it's for us to showcase our pool.

For students with physical needs. And then its to raise some funds for capable kids. If there is no further questions, I will ask for a motion for approval.

A motion to approve Polar Bear Plunge Event was made by Alderman_Gutierrez_____, 2nd by Alderman Chapa _____. All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried

II. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Contract for consulting services with Aron Pena of Rubicon Strategies USA

Hugo: At this time, I will go ahead and recommend a motion to table. Mr. Pena will go ahead and meet with counsel to discuss this.

A motion to table Contract for consulting Services with Aron Pena of Rubicon Strategies USA was made by Alderman_Flores_____2nd by Alderman __Chapa_____. All Voted Aye/Motion Carried.

JJ. Discussion and Possible Action to order 3 for the Community Center project with Tri-Gen Construction

Hugo: Mayor we recommend for approval on this item. If anyone has any questions?

Mayor: What is the amount for? **Hugo:** The amount is 12,507, and that is for a payment performance bond. **Mayor:** What were the changes done? **Hugo:** What happen here Mayor, the payment performance bond and after consulting with the engineer, he recommended, by this time everything is already in motion. Those funds were used for other purposes and that is why we are asking for that. **Mayor:** No further questions I will ask for a motion.

A motion to approve Order 3 for the Community Center project with Trigen Construction was made by Alderman_Flores_____2nd by Alderman __Gutierrez_____. All voted Aye/Motion Carried.

KK. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve City of Edcouch Drainage Policy

Manny: Mr. De La Cruz if I may? **Hugo:** Yes. **Manny:** Good Evening, Mayor and members of the council, this item is apart of the storm water ordinance that you guys approved earlier. It is a Drainage policy that the city of Edcouch never had. Edcouch got lucky over the last years that they had not gotten audited or investigated but it is the correct thing to do to have a Drainage policy in effect. So, I have been working closely with Mr. Eddie Saenz and we came up with a drainage policy over the weekend, we worked diligently. The policy speaks about drainage in flood prone areas. We are trying to lead the city in the right path. Part of the reason why, part of the reason is that we have had floods and hurricanes in the past where areas flood, well guess what guys, part of this is that we never had a drainage policy in place. So, we are looking forward in working closely with you guys and presenting further progress in the next meeting. We are going to put this to work, we have already put the pencil, and this is the beginning of good things that will be happening here in the future when it comes to storm water drainage policies. Part of the workplan you guys approved for fiscal year 34 was drainage. So now that we have this drainage policy in effect its like a floorplan to move forward and get things done right. Any questions?

A motion to approve City of Edcouch Drainage Policy was made by Alderman _____Gutierrez_____2nd by Alderman_Chapa _____. All voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

LL. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-03 on Submission of the Stone Garden Grant Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division Grant #4176302

Hugo: Mayor this part of a yearly grant we get every year I am asking for approval on this item.

Mayor: Is this to Submit or renew? **Hugo:** To submit

A motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 on Submission of the State Garden Grant Application to the Governor's Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division was made by Alderman Flores_____2nd by Alderman _Chapa_____. All voted/Aye Motion Carried.

MM.

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Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-04 on Submission of the Interdiction Officer Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants

Hugo: Mayor this is part of the yearly grant we work on, seeking approval.

A motion to approve Submission of the Interdiction Grant was made by Alderman_Chap_____2nd by Alderman_Flores_____. All voted/Aye Motion Carried.

NN. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-05 on Submission of the Crime Victim Liaison Application to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security

Hugo: Mayor this is a yearly grant part of process seeking approval.

A motion to approve Crime Victim Liaison Grant was made by Alderman _____Flores_____2nd by Alderman _Gutierrez _____. All voted/Aye Motion Carried.

OO. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2021-06 on Submission of Homeland Security Equipment Application to the Governor's Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division

Hugo: Mayor seeking approval of this item.

A motion to approve Security Equipment Grant was made by Alderman Flores_____2nd by Alderman _Gutierrez_____. All voted/Aye Motion Carried.

PP. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2021-07 on Submission of Juvenile Officer Grant to the Governors Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division

Hugo: Mayor seeking approval on this item

**A Motion to approve Juvenile Officer Grant was made by Alderman
_Flores_____2nd by Alderman _Chapa_____. All voted/ Aye Motion
Carried.**

**QQ. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2021-08 on Submission of BG-Rifle
Resistant Body Armor Grant to the Governor's Office of the Homeland Security of
Grants Division**

Hugo: Mayor seeking approval on this item.

**A Motion to approve Body Armor Grant was made by Alderman __Flores
__Gutierrez_____2nd by Alderman _____. All voted/ Aye Motion
Carried.**

**RR. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2021-09 on Submission of CV-
Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funding Program**

Hugo: Mayor seeking approval on this item

**A motion to approve the Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funding Program grant
was made by Alderman _Gutierrez _____2nd by Alderman _Chapa_____. All
voted/ Aye Motion Carried.**

SS. Consent Agenda

**A motion to approve consent agenda items A, B, C, D was made by Alderman
_Flores_____2nd by Alderman __Gutierrez_____. All voted/ Aye
Motion Carried.**

TT. Adjournment

**At 6:28_ pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman:Flores_____, 2nd by
Alderman: Chap_____. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Take Notice that this are the true and correct minutes taken of the Regular Meeting of the
City of Edcouch held on Thursday, January 21, 2020.**

Passed and Approved by the Board of Aldermen on this 21th day of January 2020.

ATTEST

Manuel Hernandez
City of Edcouch