

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 20th day of OCTOBER, 1993, there was conducted a SPECIAL PUBLIC Session of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, held jointly with the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, at the Garden Room of the Brownsville Golf and Recreation Center thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.
THE COURT MET AT: PRESENT:

10:00 A. M.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

INELDA T. GARCIA, Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE:

PRESENT:

PATRICIO "PAT" M. AHUMADA, JR.
MAYOR

JACKIE LOCKETT
COMMISSIONER

HENRY GONZALEZ
COMMISSIONER

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER

ERNIE HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER

ANDRES "ANDY" VEGA, JR.
CITY MANAGER

MELISSA DENNANY MORALES
CITY SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Carlos H. Cascos and by Mayor Pat Ahumada for the County Commissioners' Court and the City of Brownsville, respectively.

The Court considered the following matter as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on October 15, 1993, at 2:35 P. M.

(1) **CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES AND FUNCTION OF CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION**

At this time, Judge Garza noted that the initiatives by the Community to petition for the creation of a Drainage District were established between Cameron County and the City of Harlingen in the recent creation of Drainage District No. 5, and added that the ideas but were in the "spirit of resolving the drainage problems".

At this time, Mr. Jim Holdar, Holdar Engineering, outlined the boundaries and functions of a Drainage District within the City background information prepared by the Firm of Holdar Engineering:

Mr. Holdar stated that the boundaries would be much the same as the Drainage District No. 2 which was abandoned in the late would be limited by the Drainage District No. 1, the South boundary would be the Rio Grande River and the East boundary would be in guidance as to the boundaries on the West area of the City and suggested two (2) alternate boundaries, that being the a) Overall Br Jurisdiction (ETJ), or b) Southeast Brownsville and the Southeast ETJ, noting the advantages and disadvantages of each.

City Commissioners Benavides and Hernandez joined the Meeting, at this time.

At this time, Mr. Holdar solicited public comments and the following individuals expressed their concerns and or support for the creation of a Drainage District:

- Mr. Juan Montoya, Supervisor Precinct No. 1,
- Mayor Pat Ahumada, City of Brownsville,
- Mr. Henry Gonzalez, City Commissioner,
- Mr. Larry Brown, City of Brownsville Planning,
- Mr. Andy Vega, City of Brownsville Manager,
- Mr. Lamberto Balli, City Public Works Director,
- Ms. Rose Farmer, National Audubon Society,
- Judge Antonio O. Garza, County Judge,
- Mr. Carlos H. Cascos, County Commissioner,
- Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer,
- Ms. Jackie Lockett, City Commissioner,
- Mr. James R. Matz, County Commissioner,
- Mr. Ernie Hernandez, City Commissioner, and
- Mr. Pete Benavides, City Commissioner.

There was some discussion concerning the functions and responsibilities of a new Drainage District and Mr. Holdar suggested that the District be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Drainage District and that the City maintain the jurisdiction of the Storm Sewer System.

Judge Garza remarked that the questions raised were similar to the questions raised during the planning of Drainage District No. 5, and added that it was a "healthy" part of the process. He added that the creation of a taxing entity did not mean a tax dollar foregone by the City of Brownsville, but rather it would be a cost or expense that the City would not otherwise incur through flooding. He stated that the creation of a Drainage District was not just a County effort or a City effort and added that the drainage problems in Brownsville were the concern of all the residents and

should be addressed by both entities.

Mayor Ahumada suggested that the County take the lead and that a Task Force be appointed to formulate the Plans for a Drainage District.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos supported the appointment of a Task Force and suggested that it be limited to two (2) members from each entity and that it include members of the Community. He stated that everyone was concerned with the economic impact to the taxpayers with the creation of a Drainage District and added that the City and the County needed to formulate a consensus in order for the Engineer to proceed.

Judge Garza suggested that the written concerns be forwarded to the Engineer by November 1, 1993, in order to determine the costs and to proceed with Phase II, possibly in sixty (60) days.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Lockett, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and carried unanimously, the City Meeting was adjourned.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED this **9th** day of **NOVEMBER**, 1993.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JOE G. RIVERA,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

