

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWNSVILLE
NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HELD AUGUST 23, 2017
AT 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, held a public hearing and special meeting on **Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** The following individuals were present and absent:

PRESENT: John Reed, Vice Chairman
Ralph Cowen
Carlos R. Masso

ABSENT: John Wood, Chairman
Sergio Tito Lopez

ALSO PRESENT: Eduardo A. Campirano, Port Director and CEO
Daniel L. Rentfro, Jr., District Counsel
William J. Irwin, Associate District Counsel

STAFF MEMBERS: Donna Eymard
Bea Rosenbaum
Steve Fitzgibbons
Chief Carlos Garcia
Lieutenant Mario Esquivel
Tony Rodriguez
Patty Gonzales
Memo Rico
Steve Tyndal
Debby Duke
Margie Recio
Memo Rico

OTHERS PRESENT: Don de Leon

PUBLIC HEARING

The Vice Chairman called the public hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Public Hearing

This was the second public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed tax rate of \$0.035920 per hundred dollars valuation, consisting of \$0.024885 per hundred dollars valuation for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.011035 per hundred dollars valuation for the purpose of debt service for the Brownsville Navigation District for the Tax Year beginning

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October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. This rate will exceed the lower of the effective tax rate or the rollback tax rate. The public hearing was called to provide time for citizens to present their views, opinions, suggestions, etc., regarding the proposed 2017 Tax Rate.

No members of the public addressed the Board. Commissioner Masso moved to adjourn the public hearing, Commissioner Cowen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. Meeting Called To Order

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Public Comment

No person registered to address the Board.

3. Consideration and Action on the following lease

1. International Shipbreaking Limited, LLC (Subordination and Consent)

Mrs. Rosenbaum addressed the Board. International Shipbreaking Limited, LLC, under BND Contract 3969, requested the Board's consent to subordinate its lien in favor of PNC Bank, N.A. so that additional financing can be provided for ISL's operations. Commissioner Masso moved to approve the Landlord's Subordination and Consent agreement as presented to the Board, Commissioner Cowen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjourn into Executive Session, as authorized by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss with attorneys pending or contemplated litigation and matters in which the duty of the attorneys under the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflict with Chapter 551; to conduct deliberations regarding real property (§551.072); to deliberate the deployment of security personnel or devices (§551.076); to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (§551.074); and to conduct deliberations regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087).

Commissioner Masso moved to adjourn into Executive Session, Commissioner Cowen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Reed announced the time was 5:43 p.m., and that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session.

The Vice Chairman then announced that the time was 6:07 p.m., and that the Board had reconvened in open session.

5. Possible action on matters or items discussed in Executive Session.

There was none.

6. Adjournment.

Commissioner Masso moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Cowen seconded, and the

meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST



Secretary



John Reed
Vice Chairman of the Board