



**EDINBURG CITY COUNCIL AND HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
CITY OF EDINBURG, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**Location:** City of Edinburg  
City Hall-Council Chambers  
415 West University Dr.  
Edinburg, Texas 78541  
**DECEMBER 12, 2016**

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**12:00 NOON**

- I. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM**
- II. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE**
- III. CONTRACTUAL**

**A.** Discussion and Action on Memorandum of Understanding Between County of Hidalgo, City of Edinburg and Edinburg EDC Regarding the Development of and Funding for a New Hidalgo County Courthouse. [Richard M. Hinojosa, City Manager]

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*I hereby certify this Notice of a City Council Special Meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, at the City Offices of the City of Edinburg, located at the 415 West University entrance outside bulletin board, visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours. This notice was posted on December 13, 2016 at 03:00 PM*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Myra L. Ayala Garza, City Secretary  
City of Edinburg, Texas

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**AGENDA ITEM AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
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**STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to memorialize the commitments made by the County of Hidalgo and the City of Edinburg for the construction of a new Hidalgo County Courthouse to be located in the county seat of Edinburg, Texas. The new Courthouse will serve the increasing judicial needs of the County as well as revitalize the downtown Edinburg area; compliment the growth of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and spur economic development in the community.

The County is committed to constructing and operating the new Hidalgo County Courthouse and expects that the Courthouse will 1) be built on the existing courthouse square in downtown Edinburg; 2) serve the existing courts in Hidalgo County, and allow for consideration for future courts; 3) serve the County Clerk & District Clerk and other offices to support court operations; 4) improve safety & health conditions for all visitors, employees, and those who conduct business at the Courthouse; 5) accommodate parking for employees & others with business at the Courthouse; 6) increase opportunities for economic development; 7) benefit the citizens of the City and the County.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Edinburg for the Development of and Funding for a New Hidalgo County Courthouse to be Located in Edinburg, Texas.

**REVIEWED BY:**

**PREPARED BY:**

/s/ Ricardo Palacios by CP  
Ricardo Palacios  
City Attorney

/s/Richard M. Hinojosa  
Richard M. Hinojosa  
City Manager

/s/Sonia Marroquin  
Sonia Marroquin  
Assistant City Manager

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**RECORD OF VOTE:**

**APPROVED**  
**DISAPPROVED**  
**TABLED**  
**NO ACTION**

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Richard Molina  
Councilmember

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J. R.  
Betancourt  
Mayor Pro-  
Tem

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Richard H. Garcia  
Mayor

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Homer Jasso, Jr.  
Councilmember

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David Torres  
Councilmember