

Michael Leo

City Manager, City of Palmview



Michael Leo serves as City Manager for the City of Palmview, Texas, where he has led a comprehensive transformation of the organization's financial, operational, and economic development functions. Since his appointment in 2019, he has guided the City to achieve its first-ever A+ bond rating, significantly increased fund balance and overall assets, delivered more than \$15 million in infrastructure and capital improvement projects, and led the establishment of several first-time services and community assets, including the City's first public library, first municipal sanitation program, and the re-establishment of its youth center.

Mr. Leo has extensive experience in economic development, having also served as Executive Director of the Palmview Municipal Development District and previously as Director of Economic Development for Hidalgo County. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with developers, business owners, and regional partners to attract investment, structure incentives, and advance strategic growth initiatives.

He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Texas–Pan American. Mr. Leo is a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) and a Certified Public Manager (CPM), and is an active member of the Texas City Managers Association.