



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016**

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Olga M. Noriega
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Fidel Peña

Also present were Maria Barrera, Finance Director; Jose Pena, IT Director; and Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, August 19, 2016.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioner Muñoz.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments received.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To solicit input from the public regarding the City of Weslaco ad valorem property tax rate, assessed at the same rate as last year, \$0.6767/\$100.00 valuation, pursuant to §26.05(d) of the Texas Tax Code. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, moved to open the public hearing for items A and B concurrently. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

The City Manager noted the proposed tax rate as advertised is \$0.6767; the Commission may act to lower the rate by vote scheduled on September 6. The final budget workshop is this Thursday, August 25.

- B. To solicit input from the public regarding the City of Weslaco proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, pursuant to Local Government Code 102.007. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to close the public hearing for items A and B at 5:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration after Public Hearing to schedule a record vote September 6 and September 20 regarding the City of Weslaco proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Ms. Maria Barrera, Finance Director, stated that Local Government Code 102.007 reads, "shall take action;" accordingly, she recommends the Commission take action to schedule votes by ordinance.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:38 p.m. Mayor David Suarez announced the regular meeting to convene in executive session. At 5:46 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

- A. Pending Litigation - Consultation with Attorney to give a legal briefing regarding Civil Case No. 7:15-CV-334 *Alvino Flores v. City of Weslaco, et al.* in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas – McAllen Division as authorized by §551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code. Attachment.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to accept the settlement agreement as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Peña, moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Olga Noriega

Absent

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Fidel L. Peña, III