



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

On Wednesday, November 16, 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	Leo Muñoz
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Fidel Peña

Also present were Maria Barrera, Finance Director; Jose Pena, IT Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director; Fire Chief Tony Lopez; and Police Chief Stephen Mayer.

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, November 11, 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 perfect attendance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to convene as the local canvassing authority to canvass the election returns and approve Resolution 2016-68 certifying the results of the November 8, 2016 City of Weslaco General Election in accordance with Texas Election Code§67.004(a). Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary’s Office).**

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, reviewed the results for the general held November 8, 2016, identifying from the canvass the total and individual votes received.

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68

STATE OF TEXAS	§	AN ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF
COUNTY OF HIDALGO		
CITY OF WESLACO	§	WESLACO GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016
		TO FILL THREE VACANCIES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Weslaco resolved and ordered that a General Election be held on November 8, 2016 in the City of Weslaco, Texas for the purpose of electing three members to the Weslaco City Commission for the following positions:

MAYOR
CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 5
CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 6

WHEREAS, there came on to be considered the returns of the election held on the 8th day of November, 2016 for the purpose of electing three (3) members to the City Commission.

WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been duly canvassed by the City Commission, and each of the candidates in said election having received the following votes to wit:

MAYOR

DAVID SUAREZ	Votes	7,064
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CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 5

LUPE RIVERA JR	Votes	596
LETICIA "LETTY" LOPEZ	Votes	715

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 6

JOSH PEDRAZA	Votes	639
FIDEL PENA	Votes	536

IT IS, THEREFORE FOUND, DECLARED AND ORDERED by the City Commission of the City of Weslaco that the above election was duly called. The notice of said election was duly posted and that said election was held in accordance with the laws of the Texas Election Code. That at said General Election David Suarez was elected to the position of Mayor, that Letty Lopez was elected to the position of Commission Single Member District 5 and that Josh Pedraza was elected to the position of City Commission Single Member District 6 of the City of Weslaco subject to taking their oath of office.

SECTION 1: That it is further found and determined that the results of the election as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof reflect the expressed desires of those persons voting at said election.

IT IS FURTHER FOUND AND DETERMINED that in accordance with the laws of the Texas Election Code the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, place convenient and readily accessible to the general public and said notice having been so posted and

remaining posted continuously for at least 72-hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting. A copy of the returns shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made as part hereof for all intents and purposes.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2016.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR and
PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LOCAL
CANVASSING AUTHORITY

ATTEST:
/s/Elizabeth Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Peña addressed the audience, thanking the Mayor, Commissioners, family members and constituents for the support during his term and pledging his own to Commissioner-elect Pedraza.

B. Conduct Oaths of Office and file Statements of Elected Officers.

Commissioner Pedraza, Commissioner Lopez and Mayor Suarez took their Oaths of Office and tendered their Statements of Elected Officers for public file. Each addressed the audience, expressing appreciation of the opportunity to serve and thanked their families and constituents for their support.

C. Discussion and consideration to select a Mayor Pro Tem. Possible action.

Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to nominate Commissioner Tafolla as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the commission, at 6:05 p.m. on November 16, 2016, Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to adjourn the special called meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Olga M. Noriega

COMMISSIONER, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Joshua “Josh” Pedraza