



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5:33 p.m. 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 member's present:

PRESENT:	Mayor	David Suarez
	Mayor Pro-Tem	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	J.P. Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
ABSENT:	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	City Manager	Mike Perez
	City Secretary	Myra L. Ayala Garza

Also, present: Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Vidal Roman, Finance Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, Juan Salas Information Technology; Ben Worsham, City Engineer/Planning and Code Enforcement Director; Joel Rivera, Police Chief; Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief; Arnold Becho, Library Director, Rosa Huerta, Court Coordinator, and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor David Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, September 20, 2019.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Roll Call.

Myra L. Ayala Garza, City Secretary, called roll noting the absence of Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pedraza and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval to accept a grant award from the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women in the amount of \$14,377.50 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2019-39 adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriation for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED. Possible action. (First Reading held September 17, 2019; staffed by Finance Department.)

Vidal Roman, Finance Director, stated this was second reading of the ordinance adopting the FY 2019-2020 recommending approval and roll call vote required.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Ordinance 2019-39 adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriation for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and authorized the Mayor to execute any related documents. By roll call vote the motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record, following is the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-39

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WESLACO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the budget appended here as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020, was duly presented to the City Commission by the City Manager, that due and timely public notice that a Public Hearing on such budget would be held on September 03, 2019, was given and made in accordance with state law and within the time limits set forth by law; that such Public Hearing was held in accordance with the law on September 03, 2019; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020, for the support of the general government of the City of Weslaco, Texas be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit A;

SECTION 2. That the Budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated the amount shown in said budget necessary to provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest and the retirement of the bonded debt requirements of Fiscal 2019-2020 of the City of Weslaco.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 17th day of September 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a special meeting of the City Commission this 25th day of September 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Myra L. Ayala Garza, CITY SECRETARY

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

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2019-40 adopting and levying ad valorem tax rate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED Possible action. (First reading was held September 17, 2019; staffed by Finance Department.)

Vidal Roman, Finance Director, stated this was second reading of the ordinance adopting the FY 2019-2020 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6967 on each \$100 valuation of property recommending approval and roll call vote required.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve Ordinance 2019-40 adopting the ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2019 -2020 as presented and authorized the Mayor to execute any related documents. By roll call vote the motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record, following is the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF BONDS AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, AND FIXING A LIEN ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

THAT, there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Weslaco for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.6967 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- a. Maintenance and operation of the General Government (General Fund) for fiscal year 2019-2020, \$0.5109 on each \$100 valuation of property.
- b. Interest and sinking fund for debt service payments for fiscal year 2019-2020, \$0.1858 on each \$100 valuation of property for the purpose of paying interest on and providing a sinking fund for the redemption of outstanding indebtedness of the City of Weslaco.

II.

THAT there is hereby fixed on each and every item of taxable property a lien for the purpose of securing the payment of the taxes assessed thereon, and said lien shall continue to exist against any item of property against which a tax is assessed here under until such tax, together with all interest shall be paid.

III.

IF, any person shall neglect or refuse to pay the taxes herein imposed on him or his property, on or before January 31, 2020 the tax collector shall apply the following schedule of penalty and interest rates for use in calculating the total amount due on delinquent tax bills:

February 2019	7.0%
March 2019	9.0%
April 2019	11.0%
May 2019	13.0%
June 2019	15.0%
July 2019	18.0%

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to contract Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC., BuyBoard vendor contract No. 577-18, for a Generac Diesel Generator for the North Side Fire Station, in an amount not to exceed \$47,437.11 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related items. Possible Action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from vote and discussion and filed a conflict disclosure statement.

Andrew Muñoz, Asst. City Manager/Airport Director, stated the generator was for the North Side Fire Station; meets all design specifications; generator will power HVAC, refrigeration, kitchen areas, control access operating doors and life safety lighting; vendor will provide final connections and testing of equipment with city staff and/or contractor (Tri-Gen) doing the installation of the genset and transfer switch.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC., BuyBoard vendor contract No. 577-18, for a Generac Diesel Generator for the

North Side Fire Station, in an amount not to exceed \$47,437.11 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Interviews of shortlist for the selection of the Engineering design firm for the Pleasantview & 11th Street Drainage Project (Project #6 of Weslaco's Master Drainage Plan, RFQ #2018-19-16. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Rodriguez moved to discuss.

The City Manager stated six firms would be interviewed, staff prepared a ranking matrix based on operation, experience and solution/impact for the project; advised 15 minutes allocated for presentation with 5 minutes for questions and answers; firms were given the questions. The City Manager instructed the Commission to rank each of the firms for consideration at the next regular meeting. Those firms not presenting left the Legislative Chambers until called as a professional courtesy.

Guzman Munoz, Cruz Hogan, B2Z, SWG, R Gutierrez and ICE each in turn presented their firms profile and qualifications, past and present project experience, team expertise, commitment to quality of service and cost control of the project.

In response to questions; each presenter stated alternative solutions would be recommended for cost savings; positive in remaining within project budget; labor force strong will allow competitive construction costs and firms time line completion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

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ATTEST:

Myra L. Ayala Garza, CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

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COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P” Rodriguez

ABSENT

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