



**MINUTES
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

On this 22nd day of June 2020 at 5:31 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special Meeting via Zoom.

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order. The following city officials were present, a quorum was established, and the following proceedings were held.
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Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Leo Munoz
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	J.P. Rodriguez
Commissioner	Adrian Farias
Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Norma A. Cantu
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Andrew Muñoz, ACM/Aviation Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning & Code Enforcement Director, and Cristina Garcia, PIO.

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, June 19, 2020.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance and a quorum present.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Edward Mejia stated he is in support of the City conducting the 4th of July Fireworks event at Harlon Park.

Alex Livas voiced his concern of having a 4th of July Fireworks event due to the increase of COVID-19 cases.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action on Rescission of City Commission approval of motion to conduct 4th of July Fireworks at Harlon Block Park and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was approved June 16, 2020; staffed by City Manager.)

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to rescind the 4th of July Fireworks event at Harlon Block Sports Complex Park.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, the City Attorney stated under Robert Rules of Order an item approved by the commission, maybe rescinded with a motion introduced by any Commission member (present or absent). The City Manager stated no contract had been executed, a 10-day mobilization period needed, and the vendor had not been notified nor had they contacted the City.

In response to Commissioner Kerr, the City Attorney stated his interpretation is if a vendor has not been informed and accepted a contract the commission action may be rescinded; public action in his opinion is not considered as being informed; reviewed for case law and or ruling that public action is considered as being informed and found none. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, the Mayor would have the authority under the declaration of the emergency order of COVID-19 to cancel the event and Mayor Suarez favored action by the commission since it had been acted on.

Mayor Suarez voiced concern of resources (personnel) available to ensure public safety as related to COVID-19 activity; Commissioner Pedraza was concerned with the gatherings of individuals at the event. Commissioner Kerr favored the event be held; Commissioner Rodriguez was concerned with enforcement of non-compliance individuals and traffic safety.

Chief Rivera and Chief Lopez addressed the commission concerning those obstacles that could be faced in control of attendees, traffic safety with public parking on the streets and ensuring personnel available in lieu of experiencing shortage of staff resulting in COVID-19. With the event still a couple of weeks away it may be difficult to determine schedules for the event as well as daily operations.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, called the question on the original motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 3 nays; Commissioners Farias, Kerr and Muñoz against; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Norma A. Cantu

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez

COMMISSIONER, Josh Pedraza

COMMISSIONER, Adrian Farias