



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Mayor	David Suarez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	J.P. Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
ABSENT:	None.	
STAFF:	City Manager	Mike Perez
	Interim City Secretary	Norma A. Cantu
	City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Andrew Muñoz, Asst. City Manager/Airport Director, Vidal Roman, Finance Director, Jose Martin Vela, Information Technology Director; Joel Rivera, Police Chief, Tony Lopez, Fire Chief, Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; Arnold Becho, Library Director; Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning Department, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Veronica Ramirez, HR Director, Rosa Huerta, Court Coordinator, George Quilantan, Inframark, Molly Vallejo and other staff members and citizens.

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, February 28, 2020.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Bacilio Castillo, Pave the Way Church, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

D. Mayoral Recognition.

Mayor recognized Frost Bank who donated a painting that was made by Dan Dunn for the bank's 150th Celebration in 2018.

Mayor also recognized Arnold Becho for being selected this year's winner in the Public Librarian Category of the Literacy Excellence Award for Librarians.

E. ROLL CALL.

Norma A. Cantu, Interim City Secretary, called the roll noting a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheila Shidler and Mark McCaleb presented items that will be placed in the Time Capsule which will be opened in 2044. The Time Capsule will be on display at the Weslaco Museum.

Edward Mejia voiced his concerns on item 4A Parks board appointment.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it had been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote. Possible action.

Approval on second and final reading of the following:

A. Authorization to purchase a license plate reader, speed radar reader and message board trailer from Millennium Products Inc. through a GSA Contract Q2020-157 in the amount of \$49,120 using OPSG Grant (#3173404) with **NO MATCH REQUIRED** funding and approve a budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department).

B. Authorization for application to COPS Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program Grant in the amount of \$120,000 with **NO MATCH REQUIREMENT** to fund scenario-based training that prepares first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threat situations and purchase necessary equipment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

C. Authorization to accept Office of Justice Programs Grant Award 2020-RZ-BX-0018 in the amount of \$149,890 with **NO MATCH REQUIRED** to purchase one (1) ALPR Radar Trailer and seven (7) ALPR Mobile Systems and approve a budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco and City of Progreso for Regional Communications Center and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco and City of Progreso for New World Tyler Technologies Software Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

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

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration to accept the resignation of Joe Vidales from the Parks and Recreation Board and approve Resolution 2020-18 appointing a member to an unexpired term through August 01, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Kerr asked a question on clarification of current board member Johnny Cavazos and an applicant with similar name of Juan Cavazos. The Mayor proposed to accept the resignation of Joe Vidales and table the appointment until the next meeting.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to accept the resignation of Joe Vidales and table appointment of board member.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to adopt Ordinance 2020-03 renaming Tanglewood South Drive recorded as part of Westgate Wood Subdivision Unit 2 to Meadow Wood South Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2020-03. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning Director reported that 911 has been working in the city verifying home addresses are properly addressed. Therefore, when Westgate Wood subdivision was recorded in 1993, the street was named Tanglewood South. However, the residents that front that street are referred to as Meadow Wood South Drive. Staff recommendation is to change the name to Meadow Wood South Drive to comply with 911 address requirements.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve Ordinance 2020-03 renaming Tanglewood South Drive recorded as part of Westgate Wood Subdivision Unit 2 to Meadow Wood South Drive as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

B. Discussion and consideration to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 renaming Paseo del Norte Avenue to Dolores Huerta Avenue and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2020-04. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning Director reported on another address discrepancy on Dolores Huerta which was not adopted properly. Staff recommendation is to officially name the street

Paseo del Norte with parenthesis the name of Dolores Huerta. This will meet 911 address requirements.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2020-04 renaming Paseo del Norte Avenue to Dolores Huerta Avenue as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

C. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2020-05 amending the Master Fee Schedule Ordinance 2019-41 Sect. Planning & Zoning Residential Construction Fees and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2020-05. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director reported on amending the master fee schedule to reflect the new statutory requirement for construction building fees and to be in line with other cities. Comparison of fees was done with other cities such as Harlingen, Brownsville and Edinburg.

Commissioner Muñoz disagreed with fees; Mayor suggested that fees not be higher than other surrounding cities. Joe Pedraza reiterated that the proposed fees will be lower than the current fees.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2020-05 amending the Master Fee Schedule Ordinance 2019-41, Sect. Planning & Zoning Residential Construction Fees as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

D. Discussion and consideration to declare city soil inventory from Regional Detention Facilities as surplus and authorize disposal of such items and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Pete Garcia, Public Works Director reported on disposal of excess dirt/soil at the two RDF's on FM 88 and south of Cemetery as surplus.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve city soil inventory from Regional Detention Facilities as surplus as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

E. Discussion and consideration to select consultants for Construction Materials Testing Rotation List and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer stated he received seven (7) RFQ responses for Material Testing. He selected the top three (3) firms (MEG, B2Z & PSI) for materials testing. Albert will be working with the selected firms to discuss their scope and expectation; standardize and be consistent on the pricing fees.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve consultants for Construction Materials Testing Rotation List as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

F. Accept resignation letter from City Secretary Myra L. Ayala. Possible Action. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to accept resignation letter from City Secretary Myra L. Ayala as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

G. Discussion and consideration and approval of Allowance Expenditure No. 4 regarding the North Side Fire Station Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Mr. Perez requested this item be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza motioned to table the Allowance Expenditure No. 4 regarding the North Side Fire Station Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

H. Discussion and consideration to purchase three (3) pick-up trucks for water & wastewater operations in care of Inframark, utilizing Buyboard vendor Caldwell Country Chevrolet Contract No.: 601-19 in the amount of \$63,010.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Vidal Roman stated that three (3) pick-up trucks will be purchased for Inframark as specified in the contract to replace old worn out vehicles.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase of three (3) pick-up trucks for water and wastewater operations in care of Inframark, utilizing Buyboard vendor Caldwell Country Chevrolet Contract No.: 601-19 in the amount of \$63,010.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

VI. REPORTS

No reports until next the meeting.

A. Report by Parks & Recreation

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:16 p.m. Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Suarez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Manager for the City of Weslaco as authorized by section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No Action.

B. Real Property– Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition of real property legally described as Lot 16, Block 2, La Paloma De La Sombras Subdivision for the Pleasantview drainage improvements project as authorized by section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to authorize City Manager to purchase easement as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Legal Consultation - Seek City Attorney opinion relating to the lawsuit with CDM as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. Legal Consultation – Seek City Attorney opinion on arbitration proceedings by the Weslaco Firefighters Association (IAFF-WFFA Local 3207) as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale, exchange, lease or value of real property located at Bridge Avenue and Highway Business 83 as authorized by section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to authorize land swap as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Personnel - Discussion regarding duties & responsibilities, and possible action on appointment of interim City Secretary as authorized by section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to appoint Norma A. Cantu as Interim City Secretary as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding contract negotiations for the Police and Fire Department Project as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to begin designing the Police and Fire Department Project simultaneously as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Personnel - Discussion regarding evaluation of Fire Chief as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to respond to complaints as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Lopez moved to adjourn the March 3, 2020 meeting at 7:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez

COMMISSIONER, Adrian Farias

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Josh Pedraza