MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 5:31 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 member's 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	
	City Manager	Mike R. Perez
	Interim City Secretary	Norma A. Cantu
	City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Andrew Munoz, Assistant City Manager/Aviation Director, Vidal Roman, Finance Director, Martin Vela, Information Technology Director; Rebekah De La Fuente, Planning Director; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning Code Enforcement Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Olga Garza, Asst. Public Works Director and Molly Vallejo, Secretary.

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, May 3, 2020.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Steven Parker, First Baptist Church led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

D. Mayoral Recognition.

None

E. Roll Call.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Jean Garza, Chamber CEO stated the Chamber is seeking support of their Business Impact Survey. They continue supporting and encouraging local businesses during this COVID-19 pandemic.

IIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

IV. 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discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 1.) Regular Meeting on March 03, 2020;

2.) Regular Meeting of March 17, 2020; Record of Special Emergency Meeting of March 17, 2020;

3.) Record of Special COVID-19 Meeting of April 09, 2020; and Regular Meeting of April 21, 2020. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval to renew contract for Unleaded and Diesel Fuel with Meritum Energy Holdings LP, DBA Pico Propane & Fuels for an additional year and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

C. Approval to renew contract for Hot Mix, Cold Mix, Caliche, and Oil with Terra Firma Materials, CAPA Materials, Frontera Materials, and Asphalt Oil Express for one year and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

D. Approval to accept the Regional Solid Waste Grant Program Contract through Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council in the amount of $23,810.00 to purchase a truck for the City of Weslaco Recycling Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Olga Garza, Asst. Public Works Director, stated the City applied for a grant through LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Program to purchase a regular V-8 Truck to specifically pick up cardboard from three (3) WISD Schools (Cuellar, Central Middle School, CTE Early College Highschool).

The cardboard picked up from schools will be taken to Master Fibers and in turn the City will be paid for the cardboard.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve consent agenda item D as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Approval on renewal of the Weslaco Mid Valley Airport Lease Agreement with Tenant Gloria Brady for Hangars E-8 and E-9 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport.)

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

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2020-20 appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to approve Resolution 2020-20 appointing David Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2020-09 amending Ordinance 2020-02 to postpone Special Election of May 2, 2020 and hold on August 25, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2020-09. Possible action. (This item was tabled on April 21; staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to remove from table the Ordinance 2020-09 amending Ordinance 2020-02 to postpone the Special Election of May 2, 2020 and hold on August 25, 2020. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to state no election on August 25, 2020 as proposed. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on presentation of the financials for the General, Water/WasteWater and Solid Waste funds as of March 31, 2020 and authorize Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was tabled on April 21; staffed by Finance Department.)

Vidal Roman, Finance Director, reviewed the financials for the General Fund, Water/Wastewater and Solid Waste Funds for the quarter ending March 31, 2020. The City is in good financial standing. We will know in the next few months how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our revenues.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to accept and file the financials for the General, Water/Wastewater and Solid Funds of March 31, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration on amendments and extension of Disaster Declaration (COVID-19) and any reports related to such executive orders and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager; there was no action on this item on April 21, 2020.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, is requesting an extension to the current disaster declaration which ends on May 14, 2020. He also reported on the disaster declaration data and expenses up to date are $715,000. Proper paperwork is also is in place for FEMA requirements.

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning Director stated they worked with local restaurants for opening capacity of 25%. We received good responses from restaurants in compliance with their safety work plans and how they will protect staff and patrons.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to approve to extend the Disaster Declaration (COVID-19) to May 19, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on Amendment No. 2 for Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Mile 10 Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated this amendment is to move engineering work from Phase 2 to Phase 1 and the City's share will be $130,500.00. The overall project estimates have increase due to the number of parcels that need to be acquired and cost of construction.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve to Amendment No. 2 for Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Mile 10 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

B. Discussion and consideration to review status report of FY 2019-2020 Street Improvement Project List and approval of any possible changes and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, reviewed the list of proposed street improvement projects for FY 2019-20.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to approve FY2019-2020 Street Improvement Project List with directive to staff review streets as discussed. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

C. Discussion and approval to negotiate a contract with the lowest and most advantageous vendor to RFB #2019-20-01 Weslaco North Side Sports Complex and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Andrew Muñoz, ACM/Aviation Director, stated staff is requesting approval to negotiate an agreement with the lowest and most advantageous vendor. All responses received were above the project budget of $1.4 million. Staff is requesting to negotiate with GIGNAC Architects and the lowest vendor to review the Scope of Work for cost savings.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to approve with recommendation for staff to negotiate best and final offer with contractor as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

VI. 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 - Discussion with City Attorney on the purchase of real property located at the corner of Witmer Street and South Bridge Avenue as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

C. Pending Litigation - Annual Report by City Attorney regarding all pending litigation as provided to City Auditor as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. Contract Negotiations - Discussion with the City Manager and City Attorney relating to the City's rights, duties, privileges, and obligations in connection to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fire Union (IAFF-WFFA Local 3207) as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. 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.

At 6:36 p.m. Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Lopez, moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor Suarez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

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MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

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Norma A. Cantu, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

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MAYOR PRO-TEM, Letty Lopez

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COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

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COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez

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COMMISSIONER, Adrian Farias

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