



**A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017**

On Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 5:38 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:

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| Mayor          | David Suarez             |
| Mayor Pro-Tem  | Gerarado “Jerry” Tafolla |
| Commissioner   | Leo Muñoz                |
| Commissioner   | Greg Kerr                |
| Commissioner   | Olga Noriega             |
| Commissioner   | Letty Lopez              |
| Commissioner   | Josh Pedraza             |
| City Manager   | Mike R. Perez            |
| City Secretary | Elizabeth Walker         |

Also present: Mary Barrera, Finance Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Jose Pena, Information Technology Director; Chris Sanchez, Fire Marshal; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director/City Engineer; David Arce, Parks and Recreation Director; Andrew Munoz, Airport Director; Ted Walensky, Assistant Police Chief; and other staff members 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, July 21, 2017.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Mayoral recognition.

Mayor Suarez recognized Omar Figueroa Jr. and Brandon Figueroa proclaiming “Fighting Figuerosas Day” and recessed the meeting for a small reception. At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Suarez reconvened the special meeting as open to the public.

D. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance and a quorum present.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None received.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and consideration to select a firm for the Architectural Engineering Design Services for a new Fire Station and Combined Police/Central Fire Station. Possible action. (Staffed by the City Manager's Office.)

Commissioner Muñoz abstained from discussion and vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla moved to discuss.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to select EGV Architects.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Noriega, moved to select Alvarado Architectural Engineering Designs.

The Commissioners stated all finalists are highly qualified and it was a competitive decision. The City Manager assured staff could work with any firm selected.

The motion to select EGV Architects failed as follows: Commissioners Kerr and Lopez in favor; Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla and Commissioner Noriega opposed; Mayor Suarez, Commissioner Munoz and Pedraza abstaining (2-2).

The motion to select Alvarado Architects for the Architectural Engineering Design Services for a new Fire Station and Combined Police/Central Fire Station carried with Mayor Suarez, Commissioners Munoz and Pedraza abstaining (4-0).

B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for The Jungle Subdivision being a 10.0 acre tract out of Farm Tract 658 West & Adams Tract Subdivision located on the north side of Mile 6 N. Road, approximately 600' west of Westgate Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer/Director of Planning, stated the developer requested the item be tabled for the next regular meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Noriega, moved to table the Final Plat for The Jungle Subdivision until the next regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to amend the Final Plat for The Villages at Westgate Subdivision, being 31.997-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 145, Block 179, West Tract  
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Subdivision located at the West intersection of Mile 6 West and approximately 1445 feet North of U.S. Expressway 83 North and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.) Attachment

Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated the subdivision was approved by City Commission on January 17, 2017 and an amendment approved in March 2017 to reconfigure the lots. The owner now requests a variance to reduce rear setback to 10-feet and the front setback to 20-feet to install carports to satisfy parking. The development will be 86 lots each with a four-plex. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval with variance of the 20 feet front setback for lots 27-74 only; staff recommends approval to the reconfiguration of the final plat with denial of the variance in accordance with the ordinance.

In response to Commissioners Muñoz and Pedraza, staff stated there are no utilities in the rear of the property and clarified the development would incorporate 15-feet of landscaping and 36-feet for parking, which equates to 51-feet of setback. The City Manager stated that the ordinance when written believed all subdivisions would have a rear alley, however this configuration as presented by the developer still allows for fire and other emergency access.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to amend the Final Plat for The Villages at Westgate Subdivision with the variance for a 20-foot front setback and 10-foot rear setback as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved the special meeting to convene in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 8:34 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

#### **V. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Personnel — Evaluation, interview and possible selection of Associate Municipal Judge(s) for the City of Weslaco as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to appoint Juan Alvarez as Associate Municipal Judge as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to adjourn at 8:34 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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CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

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MAYOR PRO-TEM, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

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