



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

On Tuesday, November 17, 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 member's present:

PRESENT:	Mayor	David Suarez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
	Commissioner	J.P. Rodriguez

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT:	Asst. City Manager/Aviation Director	Andrew Munoz
	City Secretary	Norma A. Cantu
	City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Eduardo Gil, Information Technology Dept; Rebekah De La Fuente, Planning Director; Joel Rivera, Police Chief, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, Rosa Huerta, Municipal Court and Aida Vega, Deputy City 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, November 13, 2020.

B. Invocation.

Commissioner Muñoz 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, City Secretary, called the roll noting at the time of roll call perfect attendance and a quorum present.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to convene as the local canvassing authority to canvass the election returns and approve Resolution 2020-34 certifying the results of the November 3, 2020 City of Weslaco General and Special Election in accordance with Texas Election Code 67.004(a). Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, reported in the City general election and Special Election on November 3, 2020; Greg Kerr received 1,472 votes for Single Member District 2 and Jose “JP” Rodriguez received 1,767 votes for Single Member District 3; Proposition A in favor 8,258 votes against 2,340; Proposition B in favor 8,491 against 2,480 and Proposition C in favor 9,129 against 1,749. Staff recommended approval of the canvass and resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to accept the canvass and approve Resolution 2020-34 certifying the results of the November 3, 2020 City of Weslaco General Election and Special Election. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record following is the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34

STATE OF TEXAS	§	AN ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY
		OF WESLACO GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3,
COUNTY OF HIDALGO		2020 TO FILL TWO VACANCIES AND THE SPECIAL
	§	ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 TO VOTE ON
CITY OF WESLACO		THREE PROPOSITIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Weslaco resolved and ordered that a General Election and Special Election be held on November 3, 2020 in the City of Weslaco, Texas for the purpose of electing two members to the Weslaco City Commission for the following positions and for the purpose of submitting three propositions relevant to amendments to the City of Weslaco City Charter:

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 2
CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 3

PROPOSITION A
PROPOSITION B
PROPOSITION C

WHEREAS, there came on to be considered the returns of the election held on the 3rd day of November, 2020 for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the City Commission and for three Propositions.

WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been duly canvassed by the City Commission, and each of the candidates and the propositions in said election having received the following votes to wit:

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 2

GREGORY P. KERR

Votes

1,472

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 3

JOSE “JP” RODRIGUEZ Votes

1,762

PROPOSITION A

That Article V, Section 5 of the City Charter of the City of Weslaco, Texas be submitted for charter amendment, and if approved by a majority vote, be changed to read as follows:

The elective officers of the city shall consist of six (6) City Commissioners and a Mayor. The elections after November, 2020 shall be four (4) Single-Member Districts and two (2) At-Large Members. The City of Weslaco shall be divided into four (4) Single-Member Districts for the purpose of electing one (1) City Commissioner from each Single-Member District. Candidates for City Commission shall have resided in the district from which he or she seeks election for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election. The position of Mayor and two (2) City Commissioners shall be elected At-Large by the voters of the City of Weslaco and shall have resided in the City of Weslaco six (6) months prior to date of election. Should no candidate receive a majority of the votes at the election from which he or she is a candidate, the City Commission shall immediately order a run-off election to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days after the results of the election has been declared, at which at said run-off election the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for said office at the election shall be printed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the district in which they were candidates or in the case of the position of Mayor and two (2) At-Large City Commissioners, to the qualified voters of the City, at large. The candidate receiving the majority of votes at such election shall be declared duly elected. The first election held pursuant to this provision shall be held in November 2022, where District 1 and District 4 shall stand for election; and in the election held November, 2023, the Mayor and District 5 and District 6 shall stand for election. The four (4) Single-Member Districts shall be drawn according to the state and federal laws, and the City Commission will determine which two Districts will be converted to At-Large. After an election and canvass of the returns and declaration of results, the Mayor and each City Commissioner shall serve one (1) term.

FOR:	Votes	8,258
AGAINST:	Votes	2,340

PROPOSITION B

That Article V, Section 2 of the City Charter of the City of Weslaco, Texas be submitted for charter amendment, and if approved by a majority vote, be changed to read as follows:

The Mayor and City Commissioners shall hold office for a period of four (4) years until their successors are elected and qualified.

FOR:	Votes	8,491
AGAINST:	Votes	2,480

PROPOSITION C

That Article V, Section 2 of the City Charter of the City of Weslaco Texas, be submitted for charter amendment and if approved by a majority vote, be changed to read as follows:

No person shall serve as a Mayor or City Commissioner for more than twelve consecutive years unless the twelfth year occurs in the middle of a term, in which case that person will be allowed to complete that term. A person who is ineligible to run for Mayor or City Commissioner because of having served twelve consecutive years is eligible to run for Mayor or City Commissioner after the expiration of one full term following the expiration of the last elected term of office.

FOR:	Votes	9,129
AGAINST:	Votes	1,749

IT IS, THEREFORE FOUND, DECLARED AND ORDERED by the City Commission of the City of Weslaco that the above elections were duly called. The notices of said elections were duly posted and that said

elections were held in accordance with the laws of the Texas Election Code. That at said General Election Gregory Kerr was elected to the position of City Commission Single Member District 2 and that Jose “JP” Rodriguez was elected to the position of City Commission Single Member District 3 of the City of Weslaco subject to taking their oath of office and that at said Special Election the Propositions were approved as follows by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Weslaco: Propositions A, B, and C. The following propositions failed: none.

SECTION 1: That it is further found and determined that the results of the election as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof reflect the expressed desires of those persons voting at said election.

IT IS FURTHER FOUND AND DETERMINED that in accordance with the laws of the Texas Election Code the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, place convenient and readily accessible to the general public and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting. A copy of the returns shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made as part hereof for all intents and purposes.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 17th day of November 2020.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Norma A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY

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

B. Conduct Oaths of Office and file Statements of Elected Officers.

Commissioner Kerr and Commissioner Rodriguez took their Oaths of Office. Both addressed the audience, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve, thanking God, their families, friends, Mayor and Commission and constituents for the support.

C. Appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with Resolution 2017-85 and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the City Secretary Department.)

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to appoint Commissioner Muñoz as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz moved to open the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

A. To solicit input on behalf of Roberto Acevedo to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Beer Retailer’s Permit at 521 E. Business 83, also being Lot 1 & 2, Block 2, Gray Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas.

None.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Rashad Javed Rana to rezone 403 E Pike Blvd. Also being Lot 1, Rana Minor Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-2 Secondary and Highway business district.

Eduardo Margo and Jose Margo voiced concerns of the proposed development of apartments citing flooding and where the runoff would go further stated a petition had been submitted from the residents against the rezone.

Mrs. Rana, on behalf of her husband the applicant, stated the development is being reviewed by contractor, engineer and city for building and code compliance; concerns from the residents for traffic and drainage would be addressed and stated the surrounding area is apartments.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are 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 November 3, 2020. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Authorization to purchase a 6" Gorman-Rupp Pump from Precision Pump Systems, Buyboard Vendor No. 589-19, in the amount not to exceed \$36,500.00 as stated on quote no. JS-201000; and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

C. Authorization for application to The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators and Office for Victims of Crime Community Awareness Grant in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 to promote public awareness of victim's rights and services in our community during the 2021 National Crime Victim's Rights Week and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents (Staffed by Police Department).

D. Authorization to declare the following as surplus vehicles: a gray 2008 Dodge Charger 4 door vehicle CID Unit and a white 2012 Chevy Tahoe SUV Patrol Unit to sell through propertyrooms.com and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents (Staffed by Police Department).

E. Authorization to allow city staff to solicit proposals for industrial employee uniforms and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz moved to approve as presented.

Commissioner Farias requested to withhold item B on consent agenda.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz moved to amend the motion to approve consent agenda A, C, D, E, F, withholding item B as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Authorization to purchase a 6" Gorman-Rupp Pump from Precision Pump Systems, Buyboard Vendor No. 589-19, in the amount not to exceed \$36,500.00 as stated on quote no. JS-201000; and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from vote and discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the purchase of a 6" Gorman-Rupp Pump from Precision Pump Systems, Buyboard Vendor No. 589-19, in the amount not to exceed \$36,500.00. The motion carried with Commissioner Farias abstaining; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2020-35 appointing three members to the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.)

Mike R. Perez, City Manager, recommended to table and subsequent items B and C until the next regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to table item A, B and C under appointments. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2020-36 appointing a member to the Ambulance Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Tabled by commission action under Appointments item A.

C. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2020-37 appointing five members to the Planning and Zoning Commission and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Tabled by commission action under Appointments item A.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on contract extension with American Financial Bureau or solicit proposals for delinquent Municipal Court Fines and Fees Collection Services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Municipal Court.)

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve.

Rosa Huerta, Municipal Court Coordinator stated previous commission approved an extension of contract and is set to expire. The City Manager stated staff requested direction for a contract extension or solicit proposals and Ms. Benita Valadez was present.

Ms. Valadez addressed the commission and stated COVID-19 has been detrimental to all that include the collection services by them; will begin working with those citations that are non-compliance before warrants are issued and allow the individuals an opportunity to pay.

In response to Commissioner Lopez, Rosa Huerta stated software issues have been resolved; court proceedings have resumed. Ms. Valadez stated they have access to information and will work with individuals noting the citations they will be addressing are old and will compile a report.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve a contract extension with American Financial Bureau for one year for delinquent Municipal Court Fines and Fees Collection Services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to authorize a one-time supplement to all full-time and permanent part-time non-civil service employees and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Mike R. Perez, City Manager recommended approval for a one-time supplement for all non-civil service employees; \$500 for all full-time, \$250 for permanent part-time and \$1,000 for department heads.

In response to Commissioner Kerr and Mayor Suarez, the City Manager stated a one-time salary adjustment is permissible as it not considered a bonus and not cumulative to the salary.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve a one-time supplement to all full-time and permanent part-time non-civil service employees as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Roberto Acevedo to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit at 521 E. Business 83, also being Lot 1 & 2, Block 2, Gray Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated seventeen property owners were notified and no objection received; is an existing commercial property with proposed use as a drive thru establishment; use is similar to previously approved locations on Southwest corner of Gray Lane and East Bus Hwy 83. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit at 521 E. Business 83, being Lot

1 & 2, Block 2, Gray Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Rashad Javed Rana to approve Ordinance 2020-34 a rezone request for 403 E Pike Blvd. Also being Lot 1, Rana Minor Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-2 Secondary and Highway business district and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading on Ordinance 2020-34. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated twenty-seven property owners notified; a petition received today verified there is 20% objection and stated the item requires a supermajority vote; proposed development is commercial and apartment use. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the 2040 Land Use Map and use is compatible to surrounding area.

In response to Commissioner Kerr; concerns of drainage will be reviewed during the development phase and will need to meet the 50-year storm retention; in response to Mayor Suarez proposed use is a commercial plaza to the front and preliminary plans are 6 to 8 apartments.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve Ordinance 2020-34 a rezone request for 403 E. Pike Blvd being Lot 1, Rana Minor Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2020-35 for a budget amendment and authorize the purchase of one 2021 F-150 Super Crew unit with emergency lighting in the amount of \$48,584.00 from Caldwell County Buy Board Contract #601-19 and one 2021 F-150 Regular Cab in the amount of \$21,764.00 from Boggus Motor Co. Harlingen and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2020-35. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment

Commissioner Farias abstained from voting and discussion.

Rebekah de la Fuente, stated the purchase of vehicles will replace a 2005 vehicle and one to be assigned to the Health Official for emergency management to check pump sites and flooded areas; reassignment of 2013 super crew will go to Code Enforcement that will replace a 2000 F-150 truck in vector control. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz and Commissioner Rodriguez; the super crew-cab with emergency lighting allows flashing lights to be utilized to warn motorist and is an add on equipment; staff utilized the cooperative bidding sites and selects the most advantageous to the City.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez approve Ordinance 2020-35 for a budget amendment and authorize the purchase of one 2021 F-150 super Crew unit with emergency lighting in the amount of \$48,584.00 from Caldwell County Buyboard Contract #601-19 and one 2021 F-150 Regular Cab in the amount of \$21,764.00 from Boggus Motor Company Harlingen as

presented. The motion carried with Commissioner Farias abstaining; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration for the Final Plat for Paseo del Rio– being a 2.00 acre tract of land comprised a called .64 acres out of Farm Tract 41, Block 143, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately 688’ east Paseo del Norte North of Pike Blvd and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this is a two lot subdivision proposed for commercial use; inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city; developer did not request any variance and has complied with departmental comments. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Final Plat for Paseo del Rio being a 2.00-acre tract of land comprised of .64 acres out of Farm Tract 41, Block 143, West and Adams Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to accept, open, award or reject the sole proposal received for Grease Trap Waste Collection for the city from Liquid Environmental Solutions and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente recommended authorizing staff open the sole proposal received from Liquid Environmental. The City Manager recommended to authorize staff to open sole bid received; designate a commissioner and staff consisting of Joe Pedraza, Albert Aldana and Marcelo Cosme to evaluate and bring back a recommendation to award or reject. The contract extension ends April 1, 2021.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to authorize staff open the sole proposal to be evaluated by staff and a commissioner as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Presentation and discussion of Summary Report by Interns on projects worked on and completed during their tenure with the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated the city participates in a coalition known as the Lower Rio Grande Valley TPEDES Stormwater Task Force whose goal is to provide internship to engineering undergraduate students. Blanca Hernandez and Carlos Cua introduced themselves and thanked the commission for the opportunity presented to them for internships with the City. They reported the internship began August 3, 2020 and tasks included use of CAD and GIS software to draft, design and map roads, water/sewer lines, drainage lines and manholes; hands on site work included surveying, site inspections, site testing; use of drone technology and worked on a watershed study.

No action.

I. Discussion and consideration on approval of proposed Change Order #2 for the Pleasantview & 11th St Drainage Improvements Project to construct approximately 2,000 LF of berm around the low points of 23-acres detention pond area and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated the change order would approve construction of 2,000 LF of berm around the low points on the southwest corner of the proposed regional detention project; the berm would be an elevation of 70 and would provide a safety measure from potential flooding that may happen should heavy storms occur before completion of the project; city is doing the regional detention pond. Cost is \$30,478 and should be completed in two weeks.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for Pleasantview & 11th Street Drainage Improvements Project to construct approximately 2, 000 LF of berm as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to allow Honorably Retired Police Officer Alberto Ponce to purchase his previously assigned duty firearm, a Glock 22, Gen 4 (.40 caliber) with serial number #WXN022 for the fair market value of \$278.50 as authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 411.020 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Joel Rivera, Chief of Police, stated officer Ponce served the Weslaco Police Department close to 20 years of service and a year with McAllen Police Department. He is eligible to purchase the service weapon at a fair market value. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Honorably Retired Police Officer Alberto Ponce to purchase his previously assigned duty firearm, A Glock 22, Gen 4 (.40 caliber) with serial number #WXN022 for the fair market value of \$278.50 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to accept, reject and/or award to the most advantageous respondent for Waterworks Collection/Distribution Materials RFB NO. 2020-21-02 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Public Works Department.)

Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, stated bids were solicited and received from Agua works Pipe; Ferguson waterworks and Core & Main. Staff reviewed and evaluated and recommend awarding lowest respondent Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$2,407,389.97. The City Manager stated a list is compiled of materials needed for price comparison; throughout the year for operations of the utility department to include water/wastewater and staff will purchase materials as necessary; annual expenditures are about \$300,000 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve to award most advantageous respondent Ferguson Waterworks for Waterworks Collection/Distribution Materials RFB No. 2020-21-02 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2020-38 for a Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund application for a Regional Detention Pond, Project 2, 1B drainage improvements (Cleckler-Heald) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Andrew Munoz, Asst. City Manager/Airport Director, stated previous commission action approved the application process for Cleckler-Heald regional detention pond drainage project. The Resolution authorizes the submittal of the grant application. Staff recommended approval.

The City Manager noted this project was not scheduled for several years; notice from the TWDB to submit the application has put the project to begin the application process; will have discussions with WISD Board and Superintendent concerning the project and keep the commission informed.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2020-38 for a Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund application for a Regional Detention Pond, Project 2, 1B drainage improvements (Cleckler-Heald) as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to amend the Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution for project Category 3 of the Flood Infrastructure Fund through the Texas Water Development Board for Kansas and Los Torritos Drainage Project Improvements to Mayor Pablo Pena Park – Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Andrew Munoz stated a request from the Texas Water Development Board received to increase the funding amount by rounding off the dollar amount. Staff recommended approval to amend for an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000 as requested for the Kansas and Los Torritos Drainage Improvements to Mayor Pablo Pena Park Project Phase I.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve to amend the Application Filing and authorized Representative Resolution for project Category 3 of the Flood Infrastructure Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 8:18 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. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Secretary for the City of Weslaco as authorized by section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

C. 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 section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to authorize the City Manager modify the Collective Bargaining Agreement proposal to the fire fighters union as discussed in executive session.

D. Legal Consultation -- Consultation with City Attorney regarding Christopher De Leon as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding contract deed on Estate of Gilberto Garza and naming the North Side Park on Mile 11th North as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. Economic Development - Consultation with City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for potential industrial and commercial development as authorized by section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

G. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or value of property described as a 50x100 tract of land out of Trails End East Mobile Home Subdivision as authorized by section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

H. Real property - Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 400 South Illinois as authorized by section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to authorize the transfer of real property located at 400 South Illinois to the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation as

discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

I. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the Commercial Real Estate Listing Agreement of real property located at 400 South Illinois as authorized by section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to authorize the Commercial real Estate agreement transfer to the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to adjourn the meeting of November 17, 2020 at 8:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez

COMMISSIONER, Adrian Farias

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