



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 5:35 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Mary Barrera, Finance Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Jose Pena, Information Technology Director; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; Tony Lopez, Fire Chief; Stephen Mayer, Police Chief; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director and City Engineer; David Arce, Parks and Recreation Director; Arnold Becho, Library Director; Joe Pedraza, Health Official; and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order as the canvassing authority and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, November 10, 2017.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioners Muñoz and Noriega and a quorum present.

By invitation of the Mayor, Father Carlos Zuniga of St. Pius X Catholic Church led an invocation.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to convene as the local canvassing authority to canvass the election returns and approve Resolution 2017-79 certifying the results of the November 7, 2017 City of Weslaco General Election in accordance with Texas Election Code 67.004(a). Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment

The City Secretary reported a combined 1361 ballots were cast in the City races, with five precincts participating: Greg Kerr received 385 for Single Member District 2, and JP Rodriguez received 439 for Single Member District 3. The canvass is ready for acceptance and resolution for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve Resolution 2017-79 certifying the results of the November 7, 2017 City of Weslaco General Election. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-79

STATE OF TEXAS	§	AN ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY
COUNTY OF HIDALGO		OF WESLACO GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7,
CITY OF WESLACO	§	2017 TO FILL TWO VACANCIES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Weslaco resolved and ordered that a General Election be held on November 7, 2017 in the City of Weslaco, Texas for the purpose of electing two members to the Weslaco City Commission for the following positions:

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 2

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 3

WHEREAS, there came on to be considered the returns of the election held on the 7th day of November, 2017 for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the City Commission.

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

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 2

MIGUEL WISE	Votes	205
GREG KERR	Votes	385

CITY COMMISSIONER SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 3

JOSE P. "JP" RODRIGUEZ	Votes	439
OLGA NORIEGA	Votes	332

IT IS, THEREFORE FOUND, DECLARED AND ORDERED by the City Commission of the City of Weslaco that the above election was duly called. The notice of said election was duly posted and that said election was held in accordance with the laws of the Texas Election Code. That at said General Election that Greg Kerr was elected to the position of Commission Single Member District 2 and that Jose P. "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.

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 14th day of November, 2017.

CITY OF WESLACO

/s/David Suarez, MAYOR and
PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LOCAL
CANVASSING AUTHORITY

ATTEST:

/s/Elizabeth Walker, 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 and tendered their Statements of Elected Officers for public file. Both addressed the audience, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve, thanking God and their families and friends, and encouraging constituents to remain engaged. The Mayor noted a reception would follow.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez

COMMISSIONER, Letty Lopez

COMMISSIONER, Josh Pedraza