



A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

On Tuesday, March 8, at 12:00 p.m. 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        | Josh Pedraza          |
| Commissioner         | Leo Muñoz             |
| Commissioner         | Greg Kerr             |
| Commissioner         | Jose "J.P." Rodriguez |
| Commissioner         | Letty Lopez           |
| Commissioner         | Adrian Farias         |
| Interim City Manager | Andrew Munoz          |
| City Secretary       | Norma A. Cantu        |
| City Attorney        | Juan E. Gonzalez      |

Also present: Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Martin J Vela, Information Technology Director; Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, Pete Garcia, Public Works Director and Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, March 4, 2022.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and consideration to award the emergency rehabilitation manhole repair at Milano and Mile 5 (Near Lift Station 37) to Reya Construction, in the amount not to exceed \$187,000 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was tabled March 1, 2022; staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to remove the item from the table. The motion carried; Commissioner Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

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

David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, stated staff recommended to award to Reya Construction at the regular meeting on March 1; a bid bond was not requested as part of the bidding documents and the commission had concerns on this. Reya Construction will proceed with getting a performance bond in the amount of \$7,359.50 for a total project cost of \$186,859.50 noting bid is still the lowest to the other bids of \$227,720 and \$233,000. Staff recommended to award Reya Construction in an amount not to exceed \$187,000 that includes the performance bond in place.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, Juan E. Gonzalez, City Attorney, recommended to award as presented and discuss in executive session his opinion on the city's recourse of legal action against Castle Construction, contractor who originally installed the manhole.

Commissioner Muñoz rescinded his original motion.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to award the emergency rehabilitation manhole repair at Milano and Mile 5 (Near Lift Station 37) to Reya Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$187,000 with performance bond as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and consideration on request from Weslaco Economic Development Corporation for a Utility Reimbursement Agreement for the Mid Valley International Industrial Park located on FM 1015 and Mile 9 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Interim City Manager.)

Commissioner Kerr abstained from discussion and vote.

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated the request was from the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation who is developing the Mid-Valley International Industrial Park Subdivision; EDC extended improvements (sanitary sewer utilities) and to help off-set cost of the improvements requested a Utility Reimbursement Agreement. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Utility Reimbursement Agreement for the Mid Valley International Industrial Park located on FM 1015 and Mile 9 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

#### **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved the special meeting to convene in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 1:10 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

**VI. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Personnel - Discussion, interviews and possible selection of an applicant for the City Manager position as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

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David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Norma A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY