



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**

On Tuesday, March 05, 2019, at 5:33 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 presence.

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Lopez
Commissioner	Pedraza
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
Deputy City Secretary	Aida Vega
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Myra Ayala, City Secretary, Andrew Munoz, Airport Director/Interim Asst. City Manager, Vidal Roman, Finance Director, Sonia Flores, Asst. Finance Director; Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, Leo Gonzalez, Information Technology Director; Joe Pedraza, Ben Worsham City Engineer/Planning and Code Enforcement Director; Robert Lopez, Asst. Police Chief; Veronica Ramirez, HR Director Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; Arnold Becho, Library Director; other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, March 1, 2019.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Tom Murry, First Episcopal Church, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

D. Mayoral Recognition.

Mayor Suarez proclaimed March 21, 2018 as "WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY"

E. Roll Call.

Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Muñoz and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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

- 1) Record of Workshop Meeting on January 5, 2019;
- 2) Record of Special Meeting on January 22, 2019; and
- 3) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 5, 2019 (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.)

B. Approval on second and final reading of the following:

- 1) Approve Ordinance 2019-03 a budget amendment for the Animal Care Services Building for metal repairs to the roof and purling not exceeding \$19,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading held February 5, 2019; Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus/bottles under BuyBoard Contract No. 524-17 at a cost of \$30,795.00 which was budgeted under fire equipment for fiscal year 2018-2019 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Fire Dept.)

D. Approval to renew a Service Agreement with SmartCom Telephone for a three-year term for Telecommunications Data and Internet Services for City owned facilities and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

E. Approval on the submission of a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers under the Flood Plain Management Service Program, Section 206 of the Flood Control Act of 1960 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

F. Approval on the submission of a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers under the Planning Assistance to State Program, Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

G. Approval on request from the Weslaco Independent School District to place promotional banners publicizing registration at Westgate and Frontage Road 83 and Texas and Pike Blvd and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents that may be required from the Texas Department of Transportation. (Staffed by the City Manager's Office.)

H. Approval on Resolution 2019-21 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement (FY2020 Criminal Justice Program, JAG) to fund salary for a non-civil service Evidence Technician in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

I. Approval on Resolution 2019-22 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division Funding Announcement (FY2020 Local Border Security Program) to fund overtime for peace officers and support staff in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

J. Approval on Resolution 2019-23 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement (FY2020 Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program) to fund the First Offender Case Manager's salary, purchase a laptop and obtain an operation budget in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with NO MATCH REQUIREMENT and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

K. Approval on Resolution 2019-24 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement (General Victim Assistance Program) to fund the Crime Victim Liaison salary and purchase a laptop and vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 with a 20% MATCH REQUIRED and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

L. Approval on Resolution 2019-25 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement (Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program) to fund training for law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, other police support personnel and prosecutors on violence against women in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 with a 29% MATCH REQUIREMENT and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

M. Approval on Resolution 2019-26 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division Funding Announcement (2019 State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects) to fund to outfit vehicle(s) for multi-purpose use in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

N. Approval of Resolution 2019-27 to apply to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division Funding Announcement (2019 State Homeland Security Program – REGULAR Projects) to fund overtime pay for the Crime Fusion Intelligence Analyst in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 with NO MATCH REQUIREMENT and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

O. Approval of a one year renewal Advanced Education Consultant Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Armando A. Martinez to advance the EMS Training and Continuing Education of the Weslaco Fire Department EMS Division and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

P. Approval of the renewal of the Professional Services Contract with Dr. Andrew Levine for Emergency Medical Services Director in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 per year for a two-year term February 2019-February 2021 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Q. Approval of Resolution 2019-28 authorizing members of staff as signatories on certain legal financial documents for the City of Weslaco with Army Navy Community Credit Union and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

R. Approval of the renewal of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for participation within the Hidalgo County Library System and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

S. Approval to accept 2018-2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program (Grant #3526101) Award in the amount of \$72,640.00 for the purchase an evidence collection van with NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

T. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Weslaco Police Department and the Mercedes Police Department regarding participation in Weslaco's Regional Communication Center and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

U. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the FBI, Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS), State Administrator of the National Data Exchange (N-DEX) and the Weslaco Police Department for the application and use of N-Dex information and/or equipment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

V. Acceptance of the 2018 Racial Profiling Report compiled by the Weslaco Police Department as required by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.132 (Staffed by Police Department.)

W. Approval to authorize staff to submit a grant to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve consent agenda items withholding item G as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Approval on request from the Weslaco Independent School District to place promotional banners publicizing registration at Westgate and Frontage Road 83 and Texas and Pike Blvd and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents that may be required from the Texas Department of Transportation. (Staffed by the City Manager's Office.)

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr abstained from vote and discussion.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Weslaco Independent School District to place promotional banners publicizing registration at Westgate and Frontage Road 83 and Texas and Pike Blvd. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record following is the ordinance and resolutions.

ORDINANCE 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-27, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, FINDING NEED TO AMEND THE 2018-2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Weslaco utilized diligent thought and attention to the preparation of the 2018-2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, unusual and unforeseen conditions have arisen during the fiscal year which have, or will require, the expenditure of additional funds constituting an emergency expenditure; and

WHEREAS, Section 102.009 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City to amend its budget in such a manner as to provide for emergency expenditures as an amendment to the original budget in a case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the amendments in the line items identified in the attached Exhibit are reasonable, necessary, and for municipal purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The City Commission finds the statements made in the preamble above are true.

SECTION 2. BUDGET LINE ITEMS. The City Commission approves the budget amendments in the attached Exhibit as such change is necessary to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition as the result of an emergency.

SECTION 3. BUDGET TOTAL. The City Commission further finds the amended budget line items identified in such Exhibit will not cause the total expenditures in the budget to exceed the total amount of estimated revenue.

SECTION 4. APPROVAL. The 2018-2019 Official Budget, adopted by Ordinance 2018-27, is hereby reallocated, revised, amended and approved as set forth in the attached Exhibit.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZATION. The City Manager is authorized to undertake action to execute such transfers in accordance with state law, and file, or cause to be filed, a true and correct copy of this Ordinance, with the attached budget amendment, with the City Secretary.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. It is the intent of the City Commission that each sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be deemed severable and, should any such sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such

declaration of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity of those provisions of the Ordinance left standing.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 5th day of February 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 5th day of March 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Evidence Technician Grant be operated for the fiscal year 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide required matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Evidence Technician Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814401

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO.2019-22

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas that the 2020 Local Border Security Program be operated for the fiscal year 2019 through 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division 2020 Local Border Security Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the 2018 Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3407203

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the Criminal Justice Division – First Offender Program Grant be operated for the fiscal year 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide required matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program, FY2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Division – First Offender Program Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814501

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the Criminal Justice Division – Crime Victim Coordinator Grant be operated for the fiscal year 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide required matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division General Victim Assistance Program, FY2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Division – Crime Victim Coordinator Program Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814601

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the Criminal Justice Division – Violence Against Women Training be operated for the fiscal year 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide required matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Division – Violence Against Women Training Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814701

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the 2019 State Homeland Security Program LETPA Project Crime Analyst Grant be operated for the 2019 to 2020 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) LETPA Projects grant application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the 2019 State Homeland Security Program LETPA Project Crime Analyst Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814201

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, that the 2019 State Homeland Security Program Regular Projects Drone Grant be operated for the 2019 to 2020 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees to provide matching funds for the said project as required by the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Regular Projects grant application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The City of Weslaco assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco designates Mayor David Suarez as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Weslaco approves submission of the grant application for the 2019 State Homeland Security Program Regular Projects Drone Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Grant Number: 3814301

Passed and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28

STATE OF TEXAS	§	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF STAFF AS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO	§	SIGNATORIES ON CERTAIN LEGAL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
CITY OF WESLACO	§	FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO

- 1. I, Adelaida Vega, certify that I am the Interim City Secretary of The City of Weslaco, organized under the laws of Texas, Federal Employer ID Number 74-6002544, engaged in Municipal business under the name of the City of Weslaco, and that the following is a correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the City Commission duly and properly called and held on March 5, 2019. This resolution appears in the minutes of this meeting and has not been rescinded or modified.
- 2. Be it Resolved that,
 - (a) Navy Army Community Credit Union is designated as a depository for the funds of the City of Weslaco.
 - (b) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by this Financial Institution.
 - (c) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the City of Weslaco with this financial institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
 - (d) Any of the persons named below, so long as they act in a representative capacity as agents of the City of Weslaco, are authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated below, from time to time with this financial institution, concerning funds deposited in this financial institution, moneys borrowed from this financial institution or any other business transacted by and between the City of Weslaco and this financial institution subject to any restrictions stated below.
 - (e) Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the City Commission of the City of Weslaco and certified to this Financial Institution as governing the operations of the City of Weslaco’s account(s), are in full force and effect, unless supplemented or modified by this authorization.
 - (f) The City of Weslaco agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any authorized representative(s) of the City of Weslaco, and authorizes the financial institution named above, at anytime, to charge the City of Weslaco for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are properly drawn on this financial institution, and contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
- 3. The officials designated below are authorized to conduct business as indicated:

	Name and Title	Signature
(A)	Mike R. Perez, City Manager	_____
(B)	Sonia Flores, Interim Finance Director	_____

Indicate A, and/or B,

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| <u>A –B</u> | (1) | Exercise all of the powers listed (2) through (9) |
| <u>A –B</u> | (2) | Open any deposit or checking account(s) in the name of the City of Weslaco |
| <u>A –B</u> | (3) | Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money and withdraw funds on deposit |

- with this financial institution.
Number of authorized signatures required for this purpose 2.
Number of authorized signatures required for payroll purpose 1.
- A – B (4) Open any certificate of deposit account and withdraw or transfer funds from the certificate of deposit on deposit with this financial institution.
Number of authorized signatures required for this purpose 2.
- A – B (5) Transfer funds from operations account to the payroll account, investment account or paying agent approved by City Commission by telefax or other electronic means.
Number of authorized signatures required for this purpose 1.
- A – B (6) Borrow money on behalf and in the name of the City of Weslaco executes and delivers promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness.
Number of authorized signatures required for this purpose 2.
- A – B (7) Endorse, assign, transfer, mortgage or pledge bills receivable, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, stocks, bonds, real estate or other property now owned or hereafter owned or acquired by the City of Weslaco as security for sums borrowed and to discount the same, unconditionally guarantee payment of all bills received, negotiated or discounted and to waive demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest and notice of non-payment.
Number of authorized signatures required for this purpose 1.
- A – B (8) Enter into written lease for the purpose of renting and maintaining a Safe Deposit Box in this financial institution. Number of authorized signatures required to gain access and to terminate the lease 1.
- A – B (9) Authorized to make inquiries as to status, account balance pertaining to the City of Weslaco.
4. I further certify that the City Commission of the City of Weslaco has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing resolutions and to confer the power granted to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of this Corporation on March 5, 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2019-35 appointing a member to an unexpired term to the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco Board of Directors and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.)

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve Resolution 2019-35 appointing Juan Serrano to an unexpired term to the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WESLACO

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Economic Development Corporation pursuant to the Development Corporation Act of 1979 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the term of one member on this board of this corporation is for three years; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco's board members shall serve staggered terms without compensation and limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Juan Serrano is appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation that will expire on the 2nd day of December 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolutions 2019-29 and 2019-37 appointing a board member to an expired term on the Ambulance Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Fire Department.)

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve Resolutions 2019-29 and 2019-37 reappointing Patrick Kennedy and George Guerra to expired terms on the Ambulance Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE
AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Ambulance Advisory Board pursuant to Section 14-1(A) of Ordinance No. 78-39; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Patrick Kennedy is appointed to serve on the Ambulance Advisory Board and the term will begin on April 18 2019 and will expire on April 17, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE
AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Ambulance Advisory Board pursuant to Section 14-1(A) of Ordinance No. 78-39; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT George Guerra is appointed to serve on the Ambulance Advisory Board and the term will begin on April 18 2019 and will expire on April 17, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

C. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolutions 2019-30, 2019-31, 2019-32, 2019-33 and 2019-34 appointing members to expired terms on the Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kerr moved to approve Resolutions 2019-30, 2019-31, 2019-32, 2019-33 reappointing Gail Weigel Ortiz, Ignacio Cavazos, Maria L. Gonzalez and Jim Chapman to expired terms on the Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WESLACO RECYCLING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, this Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizen's committee to solicit suggestions and recommendations and encourage participation toward the planning and facilitating of programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, after public meetings, all recommendations are required to be submitted to the Weslaco City Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall concurrently consider challenges and opportunities to promote awareness to reduce, reuse, recycle and encourage participation toward the common goal of a positive public image for the Weslaco Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, as it is intended to serve ad hoc, the work of this Committee shall be limited to one year from establishment; and

WHEREAS, there shall be ten (10) members in the Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force who shall be appointed by the Weslaco City Commission and shall be comprised of three Commissioners, one representative of the Public Works Department, one representative of Republic Services, and five citizens; and

WHEREAS, members shall serve without compensation and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT a Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force is hereby created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Gail Weigel Ortiz is appointed to serve on the Committee and the term will begin on March 22, 2019 and expire on March 21, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WESLACO RECYCLING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, this Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizen's committee to solicit suggestions and recommendations and encourage participation toward the planning and facilitating of programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, after public meetings, all recommendations are required to be submitted to the Weslaco City Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall concurrently consider challenges and opportunities to promote awareness to reduce, reuse, recycle and encourage participation toward the common goal of a positive public image for the Weslaco Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, as it is intended to serve ad hoc, the work of this Committee shall be limited to one year from establishment; and

WHEREAS, there shall be ten (10) members in the Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force who shall be appointed by the Weslaco City Commission and shall be comprised of three Commissioners, one representative of the Public Works Department, one representative of Republic Services, and five citizens; and

WHEREAS, members shall serve without compensation and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT a Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force is hereby created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Ignacio H. Cavazos is appointed to serve on the Committee and the term will begin on March 22, 2019 and expire on March 21, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WESLACO RECYCLING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, this Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizen's committee to solicit suggestions and recommendations and encourage participation toward the planning and facilitating of programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, after public meetings, all recommendations are required to be submitted to the Weslaco City Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall concurrently consider challenges and opportunities to promote awareness to reduce, reuse, recycle and encourage participation toward the common goal of a positive public image for the Weslaco Recycling Center; and

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WHEREAS, members shall serve without compensation and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT a Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force is hereby created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Maria L. Gonzalez is appointed to serve on the Committee and the term will begin on March 22, 2019 and expire on March 21, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WESLACO RECYCLING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, this Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizen's committee to solicit suggestions and recommendations and encourage participation toward the planning and facilitating of programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, after public meetings, all recommendations are required to be submitted to the Weslaco City Commission for approval; and

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WHEREAS, members shall serve without compensation and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT a Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force is hereby created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Jim Chapman is appointed to serve on the Committee and the term will begin on March 22, 2019 and expire on March 21, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of March 2019.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

D. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2019-08, 2019-09 and 2019-10 appointing members to the Complete Count Census Committee and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, moved to table Resolutions 2019-08, 2019-09 and 2019-10. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to award the Request for Bid received for the construction of the new fire station and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

Andrew Munoz, Aviation Director/Interim Asst. City Manager stated the item was presented at a previous commission meeting and no action taken as proposals were over budget. Seven respondents were evaluated with Tri-Gen Construction the lowest proposal bid of \$1,539,000 with a bid alternate of \$160,000 for total bid price of \$1,699,000.00. Staff was directed to review bids, meet with architect for bid justification and negotiate bid pricing. Staff identified areas of cost reductions and Tri-Gen Construction has provided a letter they will honor bid of \$1,539,000 without alternate bid. Staff recommends approval to award Tri-Gen Construction negotiating a best and final offer.

In response to Mayo Pro Tem Kerr and Mayor Suarez, the City Manager stated do not need to re-bid if negotiating with the lowest bidder and represents a 13% decrease to proposal. City Attorney will offer opinion to confirm action.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kerr moved to approve and award the Request for Bid received for the construction of the new fire station to Tri-Gen Construction. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 from Tri-Gen Construction for a decrease in the amount of \$200,254.65 for the New North Side Fire Station Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

Andrew Munoz stated staff recommended approval for Change Order No.1 a deduction in the amount of \$200,254.65 from the original approved proposal amount of \$1,539,000.00. The revised contract price would not exceed, \$1,338,745.35 and if approved, will be \$88,745.35 over the proposed project budget of \$1,250,000.00, however, final negotiated offer includes Bid Alternate No.1 as part of the base. The project is identified in the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 1 from Tri-Gen Construction for a decrease in the amount of \$200,254.65 for the New North Side Fire Station Project. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve an Incentive Agreement between Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco and City of Weslaco for drainage

improvements in the City's central business district (alley) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

The City Manager stated to provide more downtown parking, several years ago the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation approached Wells and proposed to improve their private parking area in exchange for public use; paving improvements to the parking area was not done properly and causes flooding to the business. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation proposes to contribute \$25,000 for the city to pave the alley and install valley gutter. The City Manager stated policy in place does not allow to pave alleys and recommends to solicit bids outsourcing the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Incentive Agreement between Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco and City of Weslaco for drainage improvements in the City's central business district (alley) and solicit bids as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to unseal the sole bid received for Request For Bids No. 2018-19-07, and possibly award bid to the sole bidder, for replacement of Automated Weather Observation System III and authorize the Mayor to execute and related documents. Possible Action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Andrew Munoz stated this was for the installation of a new automated observation weather station at the airport; estimated project cost is \$185,000 with TxDOT share \$138,750 and local share of \$46,250 that will be paid by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation. Staff recommends Mayor Suarez unseal sole bid received from DBT Transportation and award if less than \$185,000 if it exceeds the amount, the local match would need to increase or take back to TxDOT for additional grant funding.

Mayor Suarez unsealed sole bid from DBT Transportation announcing a bid of \$182,615.00.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve sole bid to DBT Transportation in the amount of \$182,615.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present

D. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Midway Country Estates– being 28.55 acres out of Farm Tracts 216, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located, approximately 1700 ft West of Mile 6 1/2 West Road and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Senior Planner, stated this was a forty - four (44) lot subdivision; outside city limits; serviced with water by North Alamo Water Supply Company through an 8” waterline and sewer by on-site sewage facility. The owner requested a variance on drainage to be detained off-site and a variance to allow for sanitary sewer through on-site sewage facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with variances; staff recommending approval of the final plat with compliance to the Ordinance.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve, Final Plat for Midway Country Estates being 28.55 acres out of Farm Tracts 216, West and Adams Tract Subdivision with variances as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Midway Villas Subdivision– being 4.613 acres out of Re- Subdivision of Farm Tract 154, Blk 179, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately 500 ft. North of West Expressway 83 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a two (2) lot subdivision; inside city limits; serviced with water by North Alamo Water Supply and sewer b the City; proposed development is apartments and developer dedicating Lot 2 for a lift station. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Final Plat for Midway Villas Subdivision– being 4.613 acres out of Re- Subdivision of Farm Tract 154, Blk 179, West Tract Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to convert King Estates Subdivision – being the 10.00 acres out of Farm Tract 17, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, located on Pleasantview Drive just south of Interstate 2 from a public subdivision to a private subdivision and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve.

Rebekah de la Fuente stated final plat approval was acted on by the commission on November 7, 2017 as a public subdivision and filed for record in Hidalgo County August 14, 2018. The Engineer representing the owner presented the development as a public subdivision and was not the intention of the developer. Developer is requesting the subdivision convert to private. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Pedraza voiced concern with an entrance on the South side that would generate traffic onto Sharon Street; requesting an alternative to alleviate congestion to adjacent subdivision.

The developer stated the intent from the beginning was a private development and agreed to remove that egress by platting into another lot.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez amended moved to approve King Estates Subdivision convert from a public subdivision to a private subdivision contingent to developer re-plat right-of-way dedicated as Sharon Street into another lot. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to reduce the Clean Sweep events from twice a year to once a year and to increase the neighborhood sweeps to once a month. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza, Building Official, recommended Clean Sweep Operation event occur from twice a year to once a year and increase the neighborhood sweeps to once a month. Containers will be placed in neighborhoods for residents continuing with cleanup efforts. Staff recommends approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Kerr and Commissioner Pedraza; participation of volunteers from organizations has decreased (schools and non-profits) as a result of other community activities that are going on and a schedule for the neighborhood containers will be produced with staff notifying the targeted areas with flyers.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve and reduce the Clean Sweep events from twice a year to once a year and to increase the neighborhood sweeps to once a month as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution No. 2019-36 adopting the 2019 Work Plan and Budget for Year 32 of the Urban County Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Benjamin Worsham, City Engineer, stated the CDBG allocation of funds would be upgrading water and wastewater lines in neighborhoods meeting eligibility criteria in the City; funds for general administration and funds to Amigos Del Valle; total funds allocated for Weslaco was \$295,584.00. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-36 adopting the 2019 Work Plan and Budget for Year 32 of the Urban County Program. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Following for the record is the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2019 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR A YEAR THIRTY-TWO (32) URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco is participating in the Urban County Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco conducted a Public Hearing on October 16, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Weslaco City Hall to solicit public input on community needs in compliance with CDBG requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TEXAS THAT:

The Urban County work plan and budget for Year Thirty-Two (32) 2019 is hereby adopted as follows:

Year 32

<u>PROGRAM ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
General Administration	\$ 3,000.00
Water/Sewer Improvements	\$287,584.00
Senior Services – Amigos del Valle	\$ 5,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$295,584.00

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2019

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Aida Vega, Interim CITY SECRETARY

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

I. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to solicit bids for drainage improvements for Merida and Austin Streets and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

The City Manager recommended approval to authorize staff to negotiate with Hidalgo County Drainage District to do the work for cost of material and if an agreement cannot be reached the City would solicit for bids for improvements to be done before hurricane season. The City Manager stated the drainage district has verbally indicated could do but no official action is in place.

Mayor Suarez recommended to table to allow staff the time to contact Hidalgo County Drainage District for an official written response and their participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to table to solicit bids for drainage improvements for Merida and Austin Streets. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration on Memorandum of Understanding between City of Weslaco and Weslaco Independent School District for design, management and construction standards for traffic improvements at Memorial Elementary and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr abstained from vote and discussion.

The City Manager stated a proposed development near Memorial Elementary would have egress of residential traffic going into 18th Street; Planning and Zoning Commission had concerns of congestion; developer is willing to assist with cost for driveway improvements at the school to help alleviate traffic.

Benjamin Worsham, City Engineer, stated two design layouts were proposed and the school approved the option to expand their parking lot and they will pay for any additional materials. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Weslaco and Weslaco Independent School District for design, management and construction standards for traffic improvements at Memorial Elementary as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of South Padre Island and City of Weslaco for Weslaco Fire Department AmBus operations during Spring Break 2019 at a cost of \$10,500 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible Action. (Staffed by Weslaco Fire-EMS Dept.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated the City assisted last year with AmBus and assistance was requested for this Spring break; all costs identified and would be for three days Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 16-18, 2019. Staff recommended approval. The City Attorney recommended legal review the indemnification clause incorporating changes as necessary.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of South Padre Island and City of Weslaco for Weslaco Fire Department AmBus operations during Spring Break 2019 at a cost of \$10,500 contingent to City Attorney review of indemnification clause. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration on updated 2017-2018 Street Improvement projects and prioritization list and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Mike Perez, City Manager, stated the list was informational as well as for comments to add or delete.

Pete Garcia, Public Works, went over the list and timeline of street improvements.

In response to Commissioner Tafolla, most of the improvements is reconstruction; stripping would be done. In response to Commissioner Pedraza, Sugarcane does not have adequate right-of-way to widen and the commission could add to expand improvements South of Mile 5 ½.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kerr moved to approve the updated 2017-2018 Street Improvement list and include expanding improvements south of Mile 5 ½ as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mercedes to provide ambulance billing and associated support services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)
Attachment

The City Manager introduced Vidal Roman, newly hired Finance Director; stated the interlocal outlined assistance for EMS billing for the City of Mercedes who would reimburse Weslaco a monthly rate of \$3,100; no part-time staff would be necessary as upgrade in software would generate the billing. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mercedes to provide ambulance billing and associated support services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Report by Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce.

Laura Espinoza, Marketing Director, reported on hotel/motel activity; continued advertising with billboard on I-2/Expressway 83 (both directions) with 360 visitors in attendance for February.

B. Report by Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco.

Marie McDermott, Executive Director, reported Alfresco well attended with over 70 vendors; ribbon cutting for Jason Deli held; reported on commercial activity of Frost Bank, Hampton Inn, Kapil Airport Hanger and CIL Cold Shipping facility and Valley Baptist Medical Center Micro Hospital and a 12,000 sq. ft. shopping center; two (2) façade grants awarded and 58 summary leads.

C. Report by Planning and Code Enforcement.

Joe Pedraza, Head Building Official, reported on construction inspections for 2017-2018; overviewed commercial and apartments activity and reported dilapidated structures repaired by owners were 12 and city demolished 8.

D. Report by Inframark.

George Quintana, Inframark, reported for the water treatment plant 4.98 million gallons of water treated; no violations; sponsored tours to STC students; North wastewater plant 2.07-million-gallon water treated; repaired rotor gearbox and no violations; South Wastewater Plant treated 1.54 million gallons of water; replaced UV System bulb and no violations; Lift Station 5 pump repaired and Lift Station 3 base repair done.

E. Report by Public Works.

Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, reported staff continues with drainage ditch maintenance at Las Brisas and detention pond; assisted Hidalgo County Precinct 1 cleaning head wall at South 18th Street; ongoing with street improvements and storm drain maintenance.

F. Report by Weslaco Museum.

The report was in the packet.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 8:28 p.m. Mayor Suarez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

X. 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 §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

B. Personnel - Evaluation and interview of Municipal Judges and possible selection of Municipal Judges for the City of Weslaco as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code

No action

C. Legal Consultation - Seek City Attorney opinion relating to the mediation with CDM as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding City of Weslaco v. Briones Consulting and Engineering as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

G.

No action

E. Economic Development – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Economic Development incentive program related to Project Motorcycle as authorized by §551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

No action

F. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase of real property legally described as Farm Tract 743, West Adams Addition located on South Texas Blvd South of 18th Street as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize staff to negotiate on the purchase of real property described as Farm Tract 743, West Adams Addition located on South Texas Blvd South of 18th Street as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. 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 Police Union (Weslaco Municipal Police Association) as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

H. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 901 N. Airport Drive as authorized by §551.72 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tafolla, second by Commissioner Lopez, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

Myra L. Ayala Garza, CITY SECRETARY