



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

On Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 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	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias

ABSENT:	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
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STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	Interim City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Juan E. Gonzalez	City Attorney

Also present: Andrew Munoz, Asst. City Manager/Airport Director, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Interim Finance Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Joel Rivera, Police Chief, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, Martin Vela, IT Director, Cristina Garcia, PIO, Luz Galindo, HR Director and other staff members.

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, September 16, 2022.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Timothy Aguiar, Open Door Baptist Church led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the "Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag."

D. Mayoral Recognition.

Proclamation for Martin J. Mata - Retirement after 37 years of Service.

Mayor Suarez recognized Martin J. Mata on his retirement and 37 years of service with the City.

E. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, called the roll noting the absence of Commissioner Rodriguez and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to open the public hearings at 5:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

A. To solicit input on behalf of Javier Hinojosa to rezone 2625 Mile 6 ½ West Road. Also being 23.05-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 648 and 649, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to R-2 Duplex and Apartment District.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Aaron Garcia to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a On Premise Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit, and Late Hours Permit to Host Live Music at 509 S. Texas Blvd., also being Lot 39 & 40, Weslaco Original Townsite Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to close the public hearings at 5:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and the Governing Body has been furnished with background and support material on each item and will be acted by one motion. Any Commissioner may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and voting on the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 6, 2022. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Approval of Ordinance 2022-33, adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading held September 6, 2022; staffed by Finance Department.)

2) Approval of Ordinance 2022-34, adopting and levying the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading held September 6, 2022; staffed by Finance Department.)

C. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for South Point Subdivision—being a resubdivision of 12.889 acres being all of lot 2 VBMH Subdivision, and out of Farm Tract 133, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on between N Westgate Dr. and Border Ave. East Expressway 83, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

D. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Milanos Estates 1 Subdivision— being a 26.43 acres being out of and forming a portion of Farm Tract 720 and 721, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on the Northeast corner of Mile 5 ½ West and Mile 6 ½ Road and Border Ave. East Expressway 83, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval of Resolution 2022-47 to submit an application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation relating to firefighter equipment for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Grant Writer)

F. Approval of Resolution 2022-48 FY23 for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to purchase and equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields with NO MATCH required and NO RECURRING FEES and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

G. Approval of Resolution 2022-49 for the FY2023 ALERRT Travel Assistance Grant for peace officer overtime, travel expenditure and training stipends associated with ALERRT training for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and NO RECURRING COSTS and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval of Resolution 2022-50 to submit an application to Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation Responsive Grant Program up to \$50,000 for Architectural Consulting Services for the New Municipal Swimming Pool Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Following for the record are captions for ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-33

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WESLACO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; APPROPRIATING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-34

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF BONDS AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, AND FIXING A LIEN ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 6th day of September 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a meeting of the City Commission this this 20th day of September 2022.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

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

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

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2022-51 appointing members to the Weslaco Recycling Committee Task Force and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to discuss.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, introduced the nominee from Commissioner Rodriguez to appoint Colton Reed Gammill. Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to appoint Colton Reed Gammill as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Norma A. Cantu introduced the nominee from Commissioner Kerr to reappoint Gail Weigel Ortiz. Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Lopez moved to appoint Gail Weigel Ortiz as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Norma A. Cantu introduced the nominee from Commissioner Farias to appoint Michelle Adams. Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to appoint Michelle Adams as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Norma A. Cantu introduced the nominee from Mayor Suarez to appoint Veronica Gonzalez. Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to appoint Veronica Gonzalez as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Norma A. Cantu introduced Ignacio H. Cavazos and Jerry Don Wilson for consideration. Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to appoint Ignacio H. Cavazos as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Suarez changed the order of the day and introduced item O. There was no objection.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

O. Discussion and consideration to approve a Letter of Commitment to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization in support of the Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for the Business 83 Corridor Study and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by RGVMPO and Grant Writer).

Javier Dominguez, Transportation Planner RGVMPO, addressed the commission and went over the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program; the letter of commitment would support a planning grant application to do a corridor study on Business 83 from Harlingen to Mission to ensure the safety of all roadway users (pedestrians, cyclists and transit stops); would require a 20% local match from all entities amounting to 2% per entity and would not exceed \$4,000 noting the local match could be less as more entities join in the pilot program. Mr. Dominguez requested favorable consideration and if awarded notification to all entities would be done to include final match due from each entity.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Letter of Commitment to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization in support of the Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for the Business 83 Corridor Study as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Suarez introduced item A New Business with no objection.

A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Javier Hinojosa on Ordinance 2022-36 to rezone 2625 Mile 6 ½ West Road. Also being 23.05-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 648 and 649, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to R-2 Duplex and Apartment District and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2022-36. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, stated nineteen property owners were notified with no objection received; proposed development is apartments, duplex and single-family and property was recently annexed into city limits. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the surrounding area and the use follows the 2040 Land Use Map.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2022-36 to rezone 2625 Mile 6 ½ West Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Aaron Garcia to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a On Premise Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit, and Late Hours Permit to Host Live Music at 509 S. Texas Blvd., also being Lot 39 & 40, Weslaco Original Townsite 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 stated eighteen property owners were notified with no objection received; applicant is proposing On Premise Mixed Beverage and Late Hours Permit. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit with the condition that two licensed security guards be present from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a On Premise Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit, and Late Hours Permit to Host Live Music at 509 S. Texas Blvd contingent that two licensed security guards be present from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-37 for the Voluntary Annexation of Gilberto Estates Subdivision– being a 4.56-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 101, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas located northwest corner of mile 10 N Rd & Mile 4 ½ West Rd and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2022-37. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed six lot subdivision; previous commission action requested a portion of roadway on Mile 10 be abandoned by the County and was annexed into the city. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval as the city recently annexed portion of the roadway adjacent to the proposed development is contiguous to the existing city limits.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2022-37 for the Voluntary Annexation of Gilberto Estates Subdivision– being a 4.56-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 101, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Mi Linda Phase I being a 23.05-acre out of farm tracts 648 & 649, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas Located approximately 340 ft south of mile 6 ½ north along the west side of Milano Road and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed fifty-four (54) lot subdivision; inside city limits and being serviced with water by North Alamo Water Supply Company and sewer by the City; applicant requested a variance for off-site drainage and received letter of supports from the Irrigation District and Drainage District. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with variance and staff recommended approval with compliance of the ordinance.

Commissioner Muñoz voiced the development had a lot of lots and concerned with traffic and questioned why a deceleration lane was not noted since roadway is narrow. Rebekah de la Fuente stated a trip test did not meet the requirement (100 vehicles during a peak hour). Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) that evaluates impact of vehicular traffic was not triggered to require additional conditions to the development. Commissioner Muñoz also voiced concern on the right-of-way noting this is a major thoroughfare and asked if additional right away would be needed in the future for widening. Rebekah stated the necessary right-of-way has been acquired in accordance with the MPO map.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Final Plat for Mi Linda Phase I being a 23.05-acre out of farm tracts 648 & 649, West Tract Subdivision with variance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Mi Linda Phase II being a 14.19-acre out of farm tracts 648 & 649, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas Located approximately 340 ft south of mile 6 ½ north along the west side of Milano Road and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed sixty-eight (68) lot subdivision; inside city limits and being serviced with water by North Alamo Water Supply Company and sewer by the City; applicant requested a variance for off-site drainage and received letter of supports from the Irrigation District and Drainage District. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with variance and staff recommended approval with compliance of the ordinance.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Final Plat for Mi Linda Phase II being a 14.19-acre out of farm tracts 648 & 649, West Tract Subdivision with variance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for The Coves – being 18.48 acres out of Farm Tract 1030, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on the Southside of mile 8 N. Rd. approximately 710' east of International Blvd and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed sixty-four (64) lot subdivision inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city; developer requested a variance to allow for off-site drainage and received letters of support from the Irrigation District and Drainage District. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with variance; staff recommended approval and compliance with the ordinance on the variance.

In response to Mayor Suarez, Rebekah stated the entire development has common access easements and proposed parking would be pre-built, fire lanes would be striped and access drive aisle of 26-feet for the development. In response to Interim City Manager, Martin Garza, Albert Aldana stated drainage is sufficient as proposed and landscaping complies with the ordinance and is not a gated development.

Carlos Garza, AEC Engineering, stated the development complies with ordinances for storm water detention and landscaping; a gated community is not proposed. Interim City Manager stated the development would be a high-density area based on the number of units and his concern was other traffic and recommended the commission request it be a gated community.

Discussion ensued on concerns raised on the proposed development with pre-built parking, having access drives, emergency vehicles able to maneuver safely, parking for visitors, authority the city could have on the design of a private parking lot, installation of speed bumps, traffic impact, maintenance and would the developer consider making it a gated community.

The City Attorney stated the city could only impose compliance with the ordinances. Chief Lopez stated their fire trucks can maneuver inside the development and questioned visitors parking. Rebekah de la Fuente stated a note was added to the final plat that a Homeowners Association is in place for maintenance of the private development. Carlos Garza stated there would be thirty-two additional parking spaces for visitors.

Miguel Brito, developer/owner, stated he would consider at the end of construction making it a gated community. Martin Garza thanked Mr. Brito for the consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza questioned where the water would go. Albert Aldana stated it would go to Lift Station #2 by South Texas ISD and sewer would flow east of La Estancia Apartments. Mayor Pro Tem stated a gated community could curtail criminal activity.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Final Plat for The Coves – being 18.48 acres out of Farm Tract 1030, West and Adams Tract Subdivision with variance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to purchase a Police personnel locker system (85 men's / 18 women) for the new Weslaco Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$208,884.79 from authorized dealer Southwest Solutions Group through Sourcewell Contract 010920-SPC awarded to SpaceSaver Corporation and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Muñoz abstained from discussion and vote.

Joel Rivera, Chief of Police, recommended approval stating the lockers would allow officers and other staff members to have an area for storage as operations of the department is 24/7 and during critical incidents extended shifts of personnel are onsite for a long period of time away from their homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Muñoz abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 3 for the New Downtown Fire Station No. 2 decreasing the Owner's Contingency Fund by \$1,595.98, leaving a balance of \$9,036.14 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation.)

Commissioner Muñoz abstained from discussion and vote.

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the request included four cost proposals; two were credits; 1) the location of waterlines that were moved to the north side of the street shortened the distance for a credit of \$644 for materials and labor; 2) credit for materials requested by contractor that would allow for space for the generator in the amount of \$373.60. Chief Lopez requested to move the cascade machine for work efficiency and upgrade a single-phase circuit to a three-phase circuit for the rescue washer for a total amount of \$763.59 and requested a transformer be relocated to avoid risk of damage by vehicles or personnel in the amount of \$1,850. Staff recommended approval decreasing the owners contingency fund in the amount of \$1,595.98.

In response to Mayor Suarez, Omar Rodriguez stated a change order will be needed for the generator; the shortage of funds for the generator as well as other project shortage will be presented at a workshop for consideration for funding source.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 3 for the New Downtown Fire Station No. 2 decreasing the Owner's Contingency Fund by \$1,595.98 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Muñoz abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to ratify the expenditure of the installation of an 8" sewer line at the North Wastewater Plant with Southern Trenchless Solutions in the amount of \$22,250 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Marcelo Cosme, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated previous commission approved the rehabilitation of a wet well; work began and as they were connecting the 8" line coming in from Lift Station 12 the line was damaged in several places and needed replacement. Staff recommended approval as this was the most advantageous option versus replacement of the entire section at a cost of \$110 per linear feet and would have delayed work.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and ratify the expenditure of the installation of an 8" sewer line at the North Wastewater Plant with Southern Trenchless Solutions in the amount of \$22,250 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Interlocal Agreement with the County of Hidalgo under the Urban County Program setting the amount for the city at \$286,199 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Interim Finance Director recommended approval stating the city allotment for FY 2022 CDBG funds is \$286,199.00 that has allotted funds for general program administration \$3,000, water/sewer improvements \$278,199 and senior services \$5,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Interlocal Agreement with the County of Hidalgo under the Urban County Program setting the amount for the city at \$286,199 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-38 adopting a final budget amendment to the General, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste, Airport, and other funds presented and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading and final reading of Ordinance 2022-38. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated the city is closing the fiscal year 2022; previous commission action approved budget amendments for various funds; budget amendments to the major funds of positive impact was the General Fund \$87,604, Water/Wastewater \$101,005 and Solid Waste \$85,965. Staff recommended approval stating the reconciliation of the budget amendments will have a balanced budget for FYE 2022.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve first and final reading of Ordinance 2022-38 adopting a final budget amendment to the General, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste, Airport, and other funds as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Following for the record is the caption of said ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2022-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-33, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2022-15, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, FINDING NEED TO AMEND THE 2021-2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; TO WIT; GENERAL FUND, WATER FUND; WASTEWATER FUND; SOLID WASTE FUND; AIRPORT FUND; AND FIRE DEPT REPLACEMENT FUND AS PER ATTACHMENTS "A" "B" AND "C" PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

L. Discussion and consideration to extend the professional services contract with Carr, Riggs and Ingram LLC for the municipal audit of fiscal years ending 2022 and 2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos recommended approval to extend the contact with Carr, Riggs and Ingram for FYE 2022 at a cost of \$61,000 and \$64,000 for FYE 2023.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and extend the professional services contract with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram LLC for the municipal audit of fiscal years ending 2022 and 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco annual budget and work plan for fiscal year 2022-2023 and authorize the Mayor to

execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.)

Steve Valdez, Director recommended approval stating the annual budget was presented at a workshop in August and no changes to note.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco annual budget and work plan for fiscal year 2022-2023. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration on request by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco on Resolution 2022-52 authorizing the sale of wine and beer by a TABC licensed vendor and allowing public consumption of alcohol on Texas Blvd. from U.S. Business Highway 83 and Sixth Street during Alfresco Weslaco Music & Art on the Street; in addition, waiving fees and ordinances associated with the event; provision of support by City of Weslaco, Weslaco Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS Department and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.)

Mitchell Garcia, WEDC, recommended approval of the resolution that would allow a licensed vendor from the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission to sell wine and beer and the public consumption of alcohol during Alfresco events also waiving fees and ordinances associated with the event; allows support by City of Weslaco, Weslaco Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS Department

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2022-52 authorizing the sale of wine and beer by a TABC licensed vendor and allowing public consumption of alcohol on Texas Blvd. from U.S. Business Highway 83 and Sixth Street during Alfresco Weslaco Music & Art on the Street; in addition, waiving fees and ordinances associated with the event; provision of support by City of Weslaco, Weslaco Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS Department as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration on the Election Services Contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department to conduct the General Election of November 8, 2022 pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 271 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu stated the contract would authorize the Hidalgo County Elections Department to administer election services for the General Election on November 8, 2022 and recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Suarez and Commissioner Farias; an estimated cost is \$57,092.39 last election in 2020 estimated cost was \$55,000 and actual invoiced amount was \$47,000 monies are not budgeted; cost is high due to legislation for paper ballots printed; additional equipment and supplies.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Election Services Contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department to conduct the General Election of November 8, 2022. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to reschedule or cancel the October 4, 2022 regular meeting. Possible action, (Staffed by Interim City Manager.)

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

Martin Garza recommended to reschedule the regular meeting of October 4 to Monday, October 3, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Suarez seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve and reschedule the meeting to October 3, 2022 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 8:13 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 Interim City Manager for the City of Weslaco as authorized by section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza second by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Interim City Manager as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Contract Negotiations – Discussion with the Interim 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.

No action.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to adjourn the meeting of September 20, 2022, at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting

CITY OF WESLACO

David Suarez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**