MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
JUNE 7, 2022

On Tuesday, June 7, 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	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
ABSENT:	Commissioner	J.P. Rodriguez
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, Sonia Flores, Asst. Finance Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Joel Rivera, Police Chief, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Rosa Badillo, Municipal Court, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, Pete Garcia, Public Works Director, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Martin Vela, IT Director, George Quilantan, Inframark, Cristina Garcia, PIO 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, June 3, 2022.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Elias Garza Jr., Calvary Christian Center Church led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

D. Mayoral Recognition.

Mayor Suarez recognized the month of June as "Elder Abuse Prevention Month".

E. Roll Call.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nyssa M. Cruz, commented the city needed to implement Wi-Fi to be more available throughout the city and meet and discuss with Weslaco-ISD of doing a partnership of a beautification project with volunteers of students that could have a positive impression to the community.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are routine or administrative nature. The City Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it had been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote. Possible action.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 03, 2022, and May 17, 2022. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2022-16 to rezone 842 N. International also being a 6.17-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 1030, 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 held May 17, 2022; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

2) Ordinance 2022-17 for the Voluntary Annexation of Mid Valley Estates – being a 40.00-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 715, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, located on the southwest corner of Mile 6 North and Mile 6 ½ West and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading May 17, 2022; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to terminate a Mid Valley Airport Ground Lease Agreement with Tenant Roger Whitaker for Hangar W-19 and approval of a Mid Valley Airport Ground Lease Agreement with Tenant Scott Fuller for Hangar W-19 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

D. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Greener Pastures Mobile Home Subdivision PH II– being A 3.94-acre tract of land out of Lot 82,133,134,135 and 136, Greener Pastures Mobile Home Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately on Main Gate Drive and Corral Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval to apply for the FY22 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants - Community Policing Development Solicitation Grant in an amount not to exceed $250,000 with NO MATCH Required and NO RECURRING COST and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

F. Approval to apply for the FY22 School Violence Prevention Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with 25% local match and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

G. Approval to apply for the FY22 Preventing School Violence: BJA's Stop School Violence Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and NO RECURRING FEES and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval to apply for the FY22 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams - Community Policing Development Solicitation grant in the amount not to exceed $350,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and NO RECURRING FEES and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

I. Approval to apply for the FY22 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation - Community Policing Development Grant for an amount not to exceed $250,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and NO RECURRING FEES and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve consent agenda A, B, C, D, E, H and I as presented withholding items F and G to be discussed in New Business. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and review of a proposed Ordinance consolidating all general provisions regarding standards of appointed boards, committees and ad hoc committees and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (There was no action on March 15, 2022; staffed by Interim City Manager.)

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to discuss.

Martin Garza, Interim City Manager, stated the proposed ordinance would apply to all advisory boards; sets procedures into place for appointments, membership and how business is conducted; Staff requested review and asked for any comments and changes the commission would like to include.

Commissioner Farias stated previous review and discussions was advisory boards would be a 7-member roster and the Mayor and each Commissioner would appoint a member. Mayor Suarez agreed stating upon adoption of ordinance each Commissioner would be permitted to make an appointment and include a term limit.

Martin Garza stated the ordinance would be revised to include Mayor and each Commissioner would make an appointment to the advisory boards and include a member will not serve more than six years on the board but noted there are advisory board members that have exceeded six years and would not be affected upon adoption of the ordinance; all will begin new.

Commissioner Muñoz questioned if appointments would then coincide with theirs. Mayor Suarez commented for existing board vacancy(s) it would need to be determined which of them would be first to make their choice of an appointee to that vacancy; once the appointee no longer continues to serve for lack of resignation or other circumstance, the commissioner that appointed him would reappoint to that vacancy; if a member of the governing body is no longer a sitting member his/her predecessor would inherit the board appointee.

Martin Garza stated staff would re-submit the proposed ordinance to include their comments and bring back for approval at a later meeting.

No action.

B. Discussion and consideration to award the most advantages RFP No.: 2021-22-09 to a Collection Services for the municipal court delinquent accounts and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was tabled March 15, 2022; staffed by Municipal Court.)

Juan E. Gonzalez, City Attorney, recommended consultation in executive session.

No action until completion of executive session.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve solicitation of proposals from qualified insurance carriers for Group Health Insurance and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (There was no action on May 17, 2022; staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated the group health insurance was awarded as a 1-year contract with an option to renew for one additional year; renewal of the one additional year was approved July 20, 2021, and will expire September 30, 2022; current carrier offered on May 31, 2022, a renewal with a rate pass (no increase). Staff and Agent of Record reviewed the proposal and verified there was no rate increase, and the health plan remains the same.

In response to Commissioner Kerr, staff stated the current contract stipulated only one renewal and has been exhausted and would be obligated to go out for proposals. Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza questioned with no rate increase can the city renew.

Martin Garza stated the recommendation is to solicit proposals since the contract does not allow an additional extension, even with no rate increase.

Araceli Garza, Jeff Everitt & Associates, stated the current carrier United Health Care, granted a rate pass for the same plan in place and could not speak to the legal standpoint if it can be renewed but as the insurance consultant stated a rate pass is an advantage to the city.

In response to Mayor Suarez, Ms. Aracely stated the network is the same and they continue to work with adding Knapp Medical Center into the network. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza a rate increase could happen by the current carrier if proposals are solicited.

Martin Garza stated the recommendation was to solicit proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve solicitation of proposals from qualified insurance carriers for Group Health Insurance as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

<u>D. Discussion and consideration to approve solicitation of proposals from qualified insurance carriers for group Dental Insurance and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (There was no action on May 17, 2022; staffed by Human Resources Department.)</u>

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

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

Luz Galindo stated dental insurance was awarded for one year with a renewal option of an additional one-year that was approved July 20, 2021 and set to expire September 30, 2022; current carrier BCBS has submitted a renewal offer with no rate increase for the period October 01, 2022 through September 20, 2023. Staff recommended solicitation of proposals for competitive bids.

Martin Garza stated the dental renewal was different than that of the health insurance; currently there is no contract with carrier because this a supplemental benefit offered to the employees solely at their cost. The City's role is billing and submit through payroll deduction for the employee to the carrier. Mr. Garza has conferred with legal it can be renewed and/or solicit proposals however the commission wishes to proceed.

Javier Villarreal, Analytical Medical Network Developer for Valley Risk Consultants, stated this is a voluntary program for the employees and can be renewed or test the markets and solicit proposals but noted the current carrier offered a rate pass so no increase to the employees. He recommended if renewed an additional year the following year solicit proposals, and this will align with the other supplemental insurance products.

Martin Garza was concerned with an "evergreen clause" contract. The City Attorney stated he would need to review and make a recommendation.

Discussion on timeline ensued and the consultant commented if solicitation for proposals is the direction that it be as soon as possible for enrollment purposes to be ready for October 1, 2022.

Martin Garza recommended no action for further review by legal and back to the commission to either solicit proposals and/or renew at the next meeting.

No action.

The order of the day was changed, and Consent Items F and G were introduced. There was no objection.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda:

F. Approval to apply for the FY22 School Violence Prevention Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with 25% local match and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Joel Rivera, Police Chief, stated the city applied two years ago for this grant and awarded $330,000; the grant is now available for school districts to apply as well; meeting with the school district to discuss how to improve security at schools, on school grounds and implement safety programs and technology and would also be reaching out to IDEA to pursue a grant as well. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, Chief Rivera stated the funds would be used for training and equipment and if awarded an interlocal would come forth outlining terms of equipment and liability if the city did installation of any equipment and stated the action was to apply for the grant in the event the school district does not.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve staff apply for the FY22 Preventing School Violence: BJA's Stop School Violence Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Approval to apply for the FY22 Preventing School Violence: BJA's Stop School Violence Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 with NO MATCH REQUIRED and NO RECURRING FEES and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Chief Rivera stated the grant application is due June 21; funds will be used for training school resource officers, patrol, intelligence officers and school staff regarding school violence. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve staff apply for the FY22 Preventing School Violence: BJA's Stop School Violence Program Grant for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 with no match required and no reoccurring fees as presented.

A. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Shops at N Bridge– being a 10.657-acre tract of Farm Tract 39, The West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately on the southwest corner of U.S. Expy 83 & Bridge Ave and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated this was a proposed eight lot subdivision for commercial use; inside city limits and serviced with water and sewer by the city; a Traffic Impact Analysis has been submitted and accepted by the City Engineer and on-site sewage facility will be provided. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Final Plat for Shops at N Bridge as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-18 for the Voluntary Annexation of South Bridge Ranchettes – being a 25.45-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 575, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, located on the northeast corner of Mile 5 North and South Bridge Ave and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2022-18. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed eighteen lot subdivision; use will be for Ranchette style single family homes; outside city limits and serviced with water and sewer by the city; the portion of South Bridge Ave adjacent to this development has been obtained from the County and annexation will be contiguous to the current city limits. Staff recommended approval of the voluntary annexation.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2022-18 for the Voluntary Annexation of South Bridge Ranchettes. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a request to Hidalgo County Precinct #1 to annex a portion of Mile 10 North Road between N. Texas Blvd & Mile 4 1/2 West Road pursuant to SB 374 for the future annexation of Gilberto Subdivision 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 subdivision six lot subdivision for single family homes; located outside city limits, a petition for annexation was received; in accordance with Senate Bill 374 the city must first obtain right-of-way belonging to the County on the portion of Mile 10 North Road from current city limits line. Staff recommended approval as the request for annexation of the right-of-way will make the proposed development contiguous to the current city limits.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a request to Hidalgo County Precinct #1 to annex a portion of Mile 10 North Road between N. Texas Blvd & Mile 4 1/2 West Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to solicit proposals for Disaster Recovery Services; Debris Clearance, Removal, and Other Miscellaneous related services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Emergency Operations Center.)

Joe Pedraza, EOC Operations Section Chief, requested solicitation for disaster recovery services; no contractor in place to assist if needed should a disaster occur; Hidalgo County has in place already and an option to the city was to join them through an MOU but if a declaration was issued the city would be ineligible for any federal funds. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to authorize staff to solicit proposals for Disaster Recovery Services, Debris Clearance, Removal, and Other Miscellaneous related services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration of Weslaco North Side Sports Complex Project Change Order No. 4 decreasing the contract amount by $10,315.14 for a new contract sum of $1,714,684.86 and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the change order closes out the project and reconciles contract allowances to decrease the project amount by $10,315.14; original contract amount was $1,725,000 and final contract amount after decrease is $1,714,684.14. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, credit amounts were received for unused contingency allowance for steel and carpentry materials and a credit for the water meter fee paid by City.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 4 decreasing the contract amount by $10,315.14 for a new contract sum of $1,714,684.86. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration on Final Payment No. 15 for work completed in the amount of $4,468 and the release of retainage in the amount of $85,734.24 for the Weslaco North Side Sports Complex Project as submitted by Celso Gonzalez Construction, Inc. and certified by Gignac Architecture in the amount of $89,978.84 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the project was complete and recommended approval of final payment and release of retainage to Celso Gonzalez Construction.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Final Payment No. 15 for work completed in the amount of $4,468 and the release of retainage in the amount of $85,734.24 for the Weslaco North Side Sports Complex Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to authorize a potential facility expansion to the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco to include any request for in-kind contributions and off-site engineering services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the Boys and Girls was invited by Congressman Vicente Gonzalez to apply for funding for possible expansion of their current facility; facility is a city owned building and city approached for permission to expand; proposed expansion included doubling the size, a gymnasium and other additional space for an expansion of about 12,000 square feet.

Commissioner Farias asked if a rendering of the expansion would be submitted for review as a concern was expanding to the west would hinder practice area.

Martin Garza stated any plans for the proposed expansion would be brought forth for approval. Mayor Suarez stated the action was to allow permission only to apply for funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza questioned if there would be conflict with a city project whereby grants are being pursued such as for the swimming pool. Omar Rodriguez stated Knapp Community Foundation stated the city would need to prioritize those projects when applying for funding.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, Mr. Garza stated the expansion would be separate facility on the opposite end of the property but could change depending on terms of the grant and further stated initially the request was for a resolution of support, but staff recommended to allow permission of the expansion and the funding solely the responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved authorize a potential facility expansion to the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco to include any request for in-kind contributions and off-site engineering services. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to authorize an emergency purchase through TRANE'S Buy Board Contract #631-20 to replace and install one 30-ton air-cooled condensing unit at City Hall for an amount not to exceed $42,240 from the building depreciation fund and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Omar Rodriguez stated the roof top unit #1 has reached its useful life; was installed in the 2005 during building renovation and a budget amendment will be needed. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize an emergency purchase through TRANE'S Buy Board Contract #631-20 to replace and install one 30-ton air-cooled condensing unit at City Hall for an amount not to exceed $42,240. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to purchase a Chlorine Dioxide Control Cabinet from a sole source vendor at a price not to exceed $42,922 budgeted through ARPA funds and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Inframark.)

George Quilantan, Inframark, stated PLC generators for the control cabinet needed to be replaced; the current generators are obsolete and unrepairable if they fail; purchase is a sole source vendor and monies would be from the American Recovery Program Plan. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to purchase a Chlorine Dioxide Control Cabinet from a sole source vendor at a price not to exceed $42,922. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve an increase to PO# 21-4459 from $194,640 to $201,540 for the purchase of 2023 Freightliner with Peterson Grapple Truck and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, stated commission action on June 1, 2021, approved the purchase and a purchase order was issued; received notice from vendor that there was an increase that totaled $18,300 due to cost of steel and shipping fee; staff reached out to vendor Texas Pack and Load and agreed to an increase of $6,900. Staff recommended approval to increase the purchase order for a total cost of $201,540.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve an increase to PO# 21-4459 from $194,640 to $201,540 for the purchase of 2023 Freightliner with Peterson Grapple Truck. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to solicit proposals for the capital financing of a 2023 Freightliner with Peterson Grapple Truck in the amount of $201,540 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce recommended approval to solicit proposals for the capital financing of a 2023 Freightliner with Peterson Grapple Truck in the amount of $201,540.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve to solicit proposals for the capital financing of a 2023 Freightliner with Peterson Grapple Truck. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve a one-year extension to existing contract agreements for three on-rotation construction material testing and geotechnical services companies and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated contracts were approved May 11, 2020, with B2Z Engineering, MEG Engineers, and PSI to perform construction materials testing on a rotation basis for a two-year period with an option to extend by one (1) additional year with no increase in prices; consultants performing well, completing work orders on a timely basis, and prompt response time. Staff recommended approval of a one-year extension to each contract agreement.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve a one-year extension with B2Z Engineering, MEG Engineers, and PSI to perform construction materials testing on a rotation basis as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration on Change Order No. 1 for the off-site construction by Castle Construction to install conduit and ground boxes for AEP underground electrical service to service both police and fire department projects. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated AEP requested two items before they can provide underground services for the new fire and police department project, and it was an easement along the entire boundary of the project and provide installation of 4" PVC conduit that would accommodate all their electrical services. Staff recommended approval of the change order would authorize Castle Construction to install the conduit and boxes as well as authorize adjustments to three existing waterlines that conflict with a storm line and sanitary sewer line. Staff recommended approval and funds are available.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $24,925.58 for the off-site construction by Castle Construction to install conduit and ground boxes. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to authorize solicitation of bids for street lighting improvements for the new fire and police stations project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated existing streetlights along Whitmer, Railroad and Bridge Streets will be removed for the proposed underground electrical service by AEP; a need for new street lighting will be provided and proposing ten 40-foot-tall poles and LED lighting; project cost is estimated at $200,000 and monies available. Staff recommended approval to solicit bids.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to approve solicitation of bids for street lighting improvements for the new fire and police stations project. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. REPORTS

A. Barbara Jean Garza, President/CEO, Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Barbara Jean Garza reported advertising for the month was just over $5,597; visitors for the month were 300; facility reservations were 15; reported on upcoming ribbon cuttings and groundbreaking ceremony for Shops at N. Bridge; working on Weslaco Area Map for the fall, summer internship program for June-August; a UTRGV summer partnership program; pending finalizing a Murillo project, working on a historical bus tour and possible Weslaco Magazine.

B. Steve Valdez, Executive Director Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Steve Valdez stated two events he wished to highlight was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Shops at N. Bridge considered one of the largest events within the last ten years for the city and a Meet and Greet for Johnson Controls was being scheduled and invite would follow.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:51 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Muñoz 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.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

B. Discussion and consideration to award the most advantages RFP No.: 2021-22-09 to a Collection Services for the municipal court delinquent accounts and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was tabled March 15, 2022; staffed by Municipal Court.)

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to reject all proposals as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

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.

No action.

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 §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve negotiations begin and set June 15, 2022 as initial meeting to accept ground rules appointing Mayor Suarez, Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza and Commissioner Farias as the bargaining team for the City. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

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

No action.

D. Economic Development - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Zoom Lotus as authorized by section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the financial offer or other incentives within the parameters for Project Zoom Lotus as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney relating to 380 Agreement between City of Weslaco and SDI Weslaco Holdings, LLC. as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr abstained from discussion and vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a settlement offer with the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation regarding the 380 Agreement and SDI Weslaco Holding LLC as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Commissioner Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding the Lease Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Weslaco Economic Development Corporation regarding rental space as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

G. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding lawsuit styled C-1678-22-A Christopher De Leon DBA De Leon Aircraft Maintenance Professional vs City of Weslaco and Andrew Munoz, Individually as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pedraza moved to adjourn the meeting of June 7, 2022, at 8:30 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**