MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
APRIL 18, 2023

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 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	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr
	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Juan E. Gonzalez	City Attorney

Also present: Andrew Munoz, Asst. City Manager/Airport Director, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Joel Rivera, Police Chief, David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, Martin Vela, IT Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator, Molly Vallejo, Executive Secretary 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, April 14, 2023.

B. Invocation.

Albert Aldana, City Engineer led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

D. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, called the roll noting perfect attendance and a quorum was present.

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

III. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation and update by the Hidalgo County Drainage District No.1 as it relates to the 2023 Drainage Bond Program.

County Commissioner Precinct 1, David Fuentes, stated the proposed 2023 bond issuance was a \$195million bond that was at a zero increase to the tax rate; majority of funds to be used to provide drainage improvements to the main outfalls as well as local projects. Raul Sesin, General Manager HCCD No. 1 presented a status of the projects from the 2018 drainage bond proceeds; went over background, goals and proposal of the 2023 bond issuance that included countywide projects at a zero increase to the tax rate, presented a list of 26 proposed projects for widening and improvements to the drainage system; early voting is April 24 – May 2 with election day on May 6 and stated the presentation was to inform the public and not intended to advocate for or against the bond issuance.

Mayor Suarez introduced Mayoral Recognition.

E. Mayoral Recognition as follows:

Recognition of Rey A. Banda

Mayor Suarez recognized Rey A. Banda for his contributions to the community as an educator to special needs students and his accomplishments as an author that have won him various literary awards.

Recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Mayor Suarez proclaimed “National Telecommunication Week” that recognized the dedication and professionalism of the Weslaco Police Communications team responsible for dispatching first responders to emergency and non-emergency calls.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Voss voiced her disappointment on an organizations (Best Friends Society) statement on their campaign of the “stop the killing in Weslaco” and opinioned the organization does not relay important information on how to work together in addressing an overpopulation issue; investigated references of the organization’s programs implemented in other communities that were negative comments.

Jesus A. Meave, founder of a local animal rescue organization; voiced his objection should the City consider entering into an agreement with Best Friends Animal Society, aka Rio Grande Valley Humane Society; felt it would be determinantal because the policy programs they would implement focuses on no intakes to the animal shelter and promoting the community to foster stray animals.

Sandra Reyna, 217 S. Pat Cannon, stated she is a passionate animal lover who has taken in strays and at her cost got them spayed/neutered because it was affordable; now is more expensive and grateful for the low-cost clinics available in McAllen; asked the commission to bring low costs clinics to the city.

Linda Briones, San Benito, Texas, voiced she supported anyone that wished to help the animals of Weslaco; commented the community along with the city leaders need to come up with solutions to make things better such as partnering with organizations or individual's and move forward with positive communications and solutions to make a difference.

Mayor Suarez introduced New Business item F and G.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

F. Discussion and consideration on the purchase of four dispatch consoles from Watson Consoles for the amount of $85,720.12 under HGAC Coop Contract #EC07-20, completely reimbursed with funding from the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Joel Rivera, Chief of Police, stated the dispatch consoles allow for dispatchers to stand and sit to help avoid fatigue; the purchase would replace dispatch consoles that are ten years old and would be at no cost to the city as funds would be reimbursed from the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase of four dispatch consoles from Watson Consoles for $85,720.12 under HGAC Coop Contract #EC07-20 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to accept the Wyatt Ranch Grant Foundation Grant for $97,000.00 to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for the amount of $45,900 (Buy Board Contract #601-19) and required police vehicle equipment in the amount of $36,514.39 (Buy Board Contract 603-20) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Chief Rivera, stated a grant application had been submitted for a specialized vehicle that would have a kennel for a dog; presented to the Wyatt Ranch Grant Foundation a packet that also described the Officer Resilience Program (heart variability, debriefing with the Nueva Luz Foundation and use of a therapy dog); requested grant funds for the vehicle and equipment, purchase of a canine and cost for the first year of the canine (vet and food) for a total grant request awarded of $97,200; described the therapy dog to be purchased and why further stated it will serve the community, schools, nursing homes and crime victims. Staff recommended approval to accept the grant award.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve and accept the Wyatt Ranch Foundation Grant for $97,000.00 to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for $45,900

(Buy Board Contract #601-19) and required police vehicle equipment in the amount of $36,514.39 (Buy Board Contract 603-20) as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Suarez went back to the order of the day and introduced Reports followed by New Business A.

IV. REPORTS

A. Animal Care Services.

Milva Orellana, Animal Control Officer, went over the monthly live release rate that increased for March by 50%, went over the intake from the different entities; new partners formed with Teddy's Barbecue, RGV Rescue Rangers, CrossFit Fly City, Petco and Morenos Feed Store for adoption events (dogs and cats); new foster program began with Peaches being the first one being fostered; doing pet of the week twice a week with four news stations; show cased pet of weeks; highlighted on upcoming events noting educational readings at Airport Elementary and free vaccine clinic being scheduled; Petco adoption held and 3 cats adopted and shared praise and appreciation comments received.

B. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark, presented the water flows for March 2023 for the Water Treatment Plant and were higher than previous year; North Wastewater Treatment Plant consistent with last year and South Wastewater Treatment Plant were higher compared to last year; work orders for preventive maintenance was 388 and corrective maintenance was 25; clarifier at Water Treatment Plant repaired; floats cleanings done for Lift Stations 2, 3, 37, 46 and 52; continue with pump cleanings for Lift Stations 2, 11, 18, 19, 20, 23,26 and 28 and well cleaning for lift stations 6, 26 and 28 were done.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the City of Weslaco's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 as presented by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, was completed, and introduced Jonathan Hall, CPA and Partner with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LL to present the report.

Jonathan Hall stated the contents of the report included transmittal letter that provides a profile of the city, management discussion and analysis, financial statements, statistical information and compliance section; noted the Finance Department awarded the certificate of excellence for financial reporting ending FY2021; presented two components of the audit; Financial Statement Audit is the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and business activities and the audit of the Federal Awards (grants) is to ensure compliance with the Office of Management and Budget as related to federal programs and stated one major program audited was use of ARPA funds; noted the Economic Development Corporation audit is done separately; three reports issued 1) Independent Auditors provides an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of financial statements, 2) control over financial reporting does not offer an opinion but required for compliance and stated there were no deficiencies and findings to report; 3) an opinion required on the report of federal award stating a major program audited was the ARPA funds and in compliance; went over assets, liabilities and net position for the city; reviewed statements of revenues and expenditures for governmental activities and business activities; stated sales tax and property taxes increased from last year and stated all reporting similar to last year with no major concerns; went over the general fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances stating overall was a healthy unassigned fund balance that increased from last year; summarized the required communications to staff with no disagreements with management as well as no significant deficiencies from the audit results.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to accept and file to accept and file the City of Weslaco's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Suarez introduced Consent Agenda.

V. 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 April 4, 2023 (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Approval on Ordinance 2023-19 amending Ordinance No. 417 renaming Weslaco Public Library Board to Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading held April 4, 2023; staffed by Library Department.)

2) Approval on Ordinance 2023-20 amending Ordinance 2012-02 renaming the Animal Shelter ordinance to Animal Care Services and establishing adoption event fees and a provision to accept donations to the shelter and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading held April 4, 2023; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to ratify the application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of $22,500 with in-kind contribution not to exceed $2,000 and NO RECURRING cost required to purchase Blue Card Train the Trainer Course for five firefighters and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Fire Department/Grant Writer.)

D. Approval of Resolution 2023-30 to accept FY22 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant #3173408 for the amount of $282,000 with no match and no recurring costs to pay for officer overtime and police equipment to fulfill goals and objectives for Operation Stonegarden and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval of Resolution 2023-31 finding that AEP Texas Central Company's application for a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve consent agenda withholding item E as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Approval of Resolution 2023-31 finding that AEP Texas Central Company's application for a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Commissioner Kerr abstained from discussion and vote.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2023-31 finding that AEP Texas Central Company's application for a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Kerr abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record following are the caption of the ordinance(s):

ORDINANCE 2023-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 417 THE CITY OF WESLACO LIBRARY ORDINANCE; CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 78 SECTION 21 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, RENAMING THE WESLACO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD TO THE MAYOR JOE V. SANCHEZ PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

ORDINANCE 2023-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-02, THE CITY OF WESLACO ANIMAL SHELTER ORDINANCE; CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 22 DIVISION 8 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING NEW REGULATIONS; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2023-32 appointing members to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, introduced for consideration reappointments the nomination of Rey A. Banda by Commissioner Pedraza and the nomination of Paula Villanueva by Commissioner Lopez to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Advisory Board.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve Resolution 2023-32 re-appointing Rey A. Banda and Paula Villanueva to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2023-33 appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission for an unexpired term ending July 5, 2025 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Norma A. Cantu stated an appointment to fill an unexpired term was needed for a vacancy that resulted from a resignation; introduced the nomination from Commissioner Kerr to appoint Michael De La Rosa to the unexpired term.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2023-33 appointing Michael De La Rosa to the Civil Service Commission for an unexpired term ending July 5, 2025 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve a lease agreement with the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center for building lease space located at 275 South Kansas Avenue and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (There was no action on January 17, 2023; staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Andrew Munoz, Asst. City Manager/Aviation Director, stated the lease agreement was negotiated with the Chamber and received their Board approval; term was for five years for an annual lease payment of $10,000 to the City. The City Attorney reviewed and approved, and staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Farias, Andrew Munoz stated concerns from the Chamber were on maintenance costs associated with daily versus the overall major maintenance that is addressed in the EDC lease agreement (such as the air conditioning); daily maintenance would be paid according to the respective square footage being leased. Barbara Jean Garza, CEO Chamber, stated the concerns raised are being addressed but wished them to be noted for clarification of the lease on who the responsible party would be. The City Attorney stated the lease does allow a 30-day clause for termination in the event the chamber relocates. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, a new lease would be done, and staff could explore what surrounding entities are doing regarding lease terms.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve a lease agreement with the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center for building lease space located at 255 South Kansas Avenue as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2023-21 adopting a mid-year budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-21. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated it was necessary to amend the budget adopted because of mid-year budget amendments; additional funding has been received as well as unexpected expenditures done; major funds impacted was the General fund with a positive impact of $590,067, Water & Sewer positive impact for a combined balance of $661,808, Solid Waste had a deficit of revenues over expenditures in the amount of $10,946, Airport fund positive impact of $78,462 because of increase in fuel sales, ARPA budget amended to include projects discussed and impacted the revenues by $5,167,734 and $5,177,321 in expenditures; other adjustments were to the small governmental funds with immaterial impacts. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2023-21 adopting a mid-year budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to accept or reject bid RFB No.2022-23-13 for the sale of real property located on the Northwest Corner of the Intersection of Airport Drive and Interstate 2 to the most advantageous respondent and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Andrew Munoz stated previous commission action approved to solicit bids for the sale of city owned property; two bids received, and both met the minimum requirement; a bid from LASCO Development Corp. was in amount of $1,800,000 and a bid from Circle K was in the amount of $1,625,000; appraised value of the property was $1.2million. Staff recommended approval to negotiate the sale of property with LASCO Development the highest respondent.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve and negotiate the sale of property with LASCO Development the highest respondent as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2023-22 to relocate an existing 15-foot utility easement located between Lots 17 through 20, Mid Valley Industrial Park #4 to a 10-foot utility easement located along the south property line of Lot 20, Mid Valley Industrial Park #4 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-22. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, stated Clever Foods & Supplements proposed an expansion to their operations to the south and east of the existing building; an existing sanitary sewer line that runs between lots 17 through 20 services; owner requested to relocate the sanitary sewer line and submitted plans that have been approved and accepted by Public Works and Engineering for relocation and construction of the sanitary sewer line going East on Lot 20 that will allow the owners to continue their expansions and the city will still maintain a public easement to access the new sanitary sewer line. Staff recommended approval. Martin Garza stated there would be no cost to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve Ordinance 2023-22 to relocate an existing 15-foot utility easement located between Lots 17 through 20, Mid Valley Industrial Park #4 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2023-34 supporting the Artificial Drainage System Legislation filed and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager/Engineering Department.)

Andrew Munoz stated Cameron County Irrigation District requested support for two bills filed on their behalf in the legislation session; the Resolution supports changes to the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund to create a point system be awarded to RGV cities that have artificial drainage systems that is defined as an area that is flat and there is no natural control for drainage and create a regional task force to help with drainage issues as well as funding challenges with current programs. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2023-34.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2023-34 supporting the Artificial Drainage System as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and interviews of the top three ranked firms for consideration of RFQ No.: 2022-23-07 Architectural/Engineering Design Services for a New Pool. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the top three firms selected would be presenting and the order drawn by the firms was GIGNAC, Brandstetter Carroll and Sam Garcia; the firms had 10 minutes for their presentation.

Juan Mojica Jr. Senior Project Manager for GIGNAC, introduced team members, stated in business for over thirty years with offices in Corpus Christi, Harlingen, McAllen and Dallas, experienced in planning, design construction and project management; completed over 600 projects; went over firms projects in pools, aquatics and natatoriums, doing various projects in the Rio Grande Valley that included Weslaco; Staci Pye, representing Counsilman-Hunsaker Aquatic Consultant, stated they have over 50 years of aquatic design, went over projects completed in Texas, focus on providing memorable moments for aquatic users; involve the community; assess the needs to determine the right size of pool that will be a manageable facility. Hector went over the different aquatics' projects both indoor and outdoor designed by them.

Ben Brandstetter, President Brandstetter Carroll, and Charlie Schneider presented the qualifications of the firm; founded in 1979 with 70 employees, specialize in Aquatics and recreation, based out of Lexington KY with offices in Ohio, Texas, and South Carolina, completed 145 aquatic center projects serving as aquatic engineer and architect of record, they will do a feasibility study to determine community needs and went over the management team. Charlie Schneider went over project approach that included evaluation, engagement of community, envision and execution of a project for everyone's satisfaction; went over project objectives for a successful outcome, that include site location, accessibility, a facility that will serve all users, offer strategies for a right size facilities by listening to the community needs, include public art into the project and have an architectural design that fits the community by creating an aquatic center that encourage, invite and engages the community for a long term enjoyment.

Sam Garcia, Principal of Sam Garcia Architect, went over the firm's team, stated they have done numerous projects throughout the Rio Grande Valley; presented project approach to meet the needs and expectations of the project for Weslaco. Staci Pye, representing Counsilman-Hunsaker Aquatic Consultant, stated they would look at age groups to assess a design that every user can enjoy and is safe, would define what the community wants and have a project that is within budget; went over aquatic facilities completed, showing size and cost.

A brief question and answer from the commission regarding budget, design affordability; timeline, availability of the team members, challenges faced with a project and references followed with each firm.

Martin Garza, City Manager, requested the scoring be completed by each member of the commission and submitted to Homer Rhodes, Purchasing Agent, by Friday 5pm for tabulation and back to the commission at the next meeting for selection.

I. Discussion and consideration of the request from Gerlach Builders for Change Order No. 2 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project to extend their contract through July 2, 2023, an additional 77 days due to inclement weather and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated this was a reconciliation of the rain days; is an additional 77 days as a result of the weather and extends the contract to July 2, 2023. Staff recommended approval; dates have been confirmed and there is no additional cost to the contract.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project to extend their contract through July 2, 2023, an additional 77 days due to inclement weather as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration of the request from TRI-GEN Construction for Change Order No. 2 for the New Downtown Fire Station No. 2 project to extend their contract through June 24, 2023, an additional 74 days due to inclement weather and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated this was like the previous item, 74 rain delays have been confirmed and would extend the contract through June 24, 2023. Staff recommended approval of an additional 74 days to the contract due to inclement weather.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve TRI-GEN Construction for Change Order No. 2 for the New Downtown Fire Station No. 2 project to extend their contract through June 24, 2023, an additional 74 days due to inclement weather as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration of Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 9 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project for an amount not to exceed $16,102 from the project's Owner's Contingency Allowance fund for additional work requested by staff for IT infrastructure and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Martin Garza requested no action. Staff received late notification Architect was not ready to proceed.

No action.

L. Discussion and consideration to award Contract for RFP No.: 2022-23-14 Fireworks Display for the Fourth of July for an amount not to exceed $30,000 to sole proposal received from Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc. with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms with a maximum of 10% cost increase per year and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated Pryo Shows has been the vendor for previous years; staff requested larger aerial shells last year and would be the same for this year 8-inch shells; staff requested an option to have multi-years and vendor submitted the option for two additional one-year terms with a maximum of 10% cost increase per year. Staff recommended approval to award Pryo Shows for the Fourth of July display to be at Mayor Pablo Pena City Park.

In response to Commissioner Farias, Omar Rodriguez stated the proposal was based on the site location of Mayor Pablo Pena City Park and should the commission want to change it for next year they would need to advise the vendor.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Lopez moved to approve Contract RFP No.: 2022-23-14 Fireworks Display for the Fourth of July at Mayor Pablo Pena City Park for an amount not to exceed $30,000 to sole proposal received from Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc. with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms with a maximum of 10% cost increase per year as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to declare old fire equipment as surplus (bunker gear, station equipment and tools) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, recommended approval to surplus old bunker gear no longer viable in the United States and it has reached life expectancy to the fire department.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve to declare old fire equipment as surplus (bunker gear, station equipment and tools) as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to donate old fire equipment declared as surplus (bunker gear, station equipment and tools) to Rio Bravo Fire Department and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez recommended approval to donate the old fire equipment declared as surplus to the city's Sister City of Rio Bravo for their fire department.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve and donate old fire equipment declared as surplus (bunker gear, station equipment and tools) to Rio Bravo Fire Department as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration to enter into a 5 year mile after mile lease program for a Vactor 2100i from Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc., in accordance to TIPS contract #200206, in the amount of $97,700 annually to begin March 2024, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Deputy Public Works Director, stated the 2018 Freightliner Chassis w/Vactor 2100i Body lease in place for $70,000 a year ends February 2024. Staff recommended approval renewing a lease on a new truck because the lead time for trucks is over a year; satisfied with the service with Kinloch Equipment because if equipment goes down and unable to repair a demo is brought in and allows operations to continue.

In response to the commission, lease would begin upon receipt of the equipment estimated to receive March 2024; a replacement truck, if necessary, is included in the lease cost and all specifications requested were meant.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Pedraza moved to approve lease program for a Vactor 2100i from Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc., in accordance with TIPS contract # 200206, in the amount of $97,700 annually to begin March 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 9:05 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 section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

B. 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 Fire Union (IAFF-WFFA Local 3207) FY October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025 as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize the City Attorney respond to the Fire Fighters grievance and request for arbitration, to approve the agreement with the Fire Fighters Union on staffing and authorize to appeal the findings of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale, exchange, lease or value of real property being 35 acres of land more or less located at the corner of Joe Stephens Ave and Mile 9N Road as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to authorize the Assistant City Manager to begin negotiations with TxDOT to purchase real property as discussed in executive session contingent on obtaining funding. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the meeting of April 18, 2023, at 9:07 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**