



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
MAY 16, 2023**

On Tuesday, May 16, 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 Jr.	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, Public Works Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, Martin Vela, IT Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator, Aida Vega, Deputy City 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, May 12, 2023.

B. Invocation.

Father Francisco J. Solis, Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church 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.

E. Mayoral Recognition.

1) National Public Works Week Proclamation

2) Recognition of the South Texas College Intern American Sign Language Students for their outstanding community contribution to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library.

3) Recognition of Andy Veliz for his years of Service to City of Weslaco.

Mayor Suarez recognized the South Texas College Intern American Sign Language students, proclaimed National Public Works Week May 21-27, 2023 and recognized Andy Veliz for his forty years of service as a member on the Board of Adjustments & Appeals to the Building Code.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Krink thanked the commission for the positive movements happening such as the events being done in the schools by informing and educating students on animal welfare; happy to see no further intake of cats being done from surrounding cities because it cannot be just Weslaco's problem and hoped they will take responsibility for their community; was here to support the animal care services and looking into volunteering at the shelter and had picked up an application.

Debra Atlas, resident, stated she was committed and passionate to animal rescue, thanked and acknowledged the work being done by the animal care services stating was outstanding; voiced stray dogs are a problem and a concern to her; supported partnering with Best Friend Society that will work with the community in offering resources.

III. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark, presented the water flows to date for the Water Treatment Plant was 5.53mgd treated compared to last year this time was 5.36mgd; North Wastewater Treatment Plant treated to date was 2.32mgd compared to last year was 2.36mgd; South Wastewater Treatment Plant to date averaged 1.74mgd treated compared to 1.72mgd last year; work orders for preventive maintenance opened 410 and 258 closed; corrective maintenance was 20; North Wastewater Plant had valves and ware plates and impellers received and will be installed; the portable diesel pum also received and will be utilized at the lift stations; repairs of pump, motor, heaters and discharge lines done for Lift Stations 10,18, 29 and 33; continued with float, pump and well cleanings for various lift stations.

B. Animal Care Service

Milva Orellana, Animal Control Officer, went over the monthly live release rates for April that increased from last month; new partners formed with Tropical Texas Behavioral Health, Good AXE Time and Old School Power Gym for adoption events; went over pet(s) of week and their adoption status; PAWS Program, (Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools) began that educates

students on animal welfare; reported no longer intaking cats from other cities; launching a spay or neuter sponsor program and launching the Puppy Program that promotes hope for puppies to find a new home; reported on upcoming adoption clinics and rabies clinic and highlighted PETCO Corporation approved 800 vaccines to the City and will be hosting a free vaccine clinic for the community; two pets in the foster program were now being adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to open the public hearing at 6:15p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

A. To solicit input on behalf of Araceli R Castillo to rezone 622 N Tio. Also being Lot 23, Block 8, El Texano Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-1 neighborhood business district.

No comments received.

B. To solicit input on behalf of John L. Castillo to rezone 1813 W Bus 83. Also being 0.34-acre tract being E100'-W450.81'- N150' out of Farm Tract 633, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-1 neighborhood business district.

No comments received.

C. To solicit input on behalf of David Treviño to rezone 502 N International Blvd. Also being 6.78 acres tract being S441'-W710' out of farm tract 1030, Adams Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to I Industrial district.

No comments received.

D. To solicit input on behalf of Willie Arratia to rezone 715 E Mile 10 North. Also being 4.56 acre out of the of Farm Tract 101, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to R-2 Duplex and Apartment District.

No comments received.

E. To solicit input on behalf of Kristina Lopez to approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate an event center at 512 S Westgate Dr Suite E, also being Westgate Medical Condominiums, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments received.

F. To solicit input on behalf of Eric Peña to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Beverage Cartage Permit at 260 S. Texas Blvd. Suite 105, also being a 98'x90' Tract, Block 18, Original Townsite of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments received.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to close the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

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 May 2, 2023. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Bridge Crossing Phase II– being a re-subdivision of 16.273 acres being part or portion out of farm tract 744, The West Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately 1370 ft east of the intersection of 18th St. & mile 5 ½ and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. 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.)

D. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for The District North Weslaco Ph. II Subdivision– being 39.988 acres out of Farm Tract 179, BLK 160, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately on the southeast corner of Mile 5 ½ W & Mile 11 N. Rd. and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval to apply for FY 2023 Texas State Library Inter-library Loan Lending Reimbursement Program, acceptance of funding upon award, and authorize for the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

F. Approval on the renewal of the Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and City for continued participation in the FY2024-2026 Urban County Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

G. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the use of Isaac Rodriguez Park Multi-purpose Field, Minor Field, T-Ball Field and Concession Stand for youth programs by the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco from June 12, through July 21, 2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

H. Approval to solicit Request for Qualifications for Airport Master Planning Services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

I. Approval on the request from First Baptist Church for street closure from 8:00am to 1:00pm beginning June 5 through June 8, 2023 from 6th Street to 7th Street for vacation bible school and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager.)

J. Approval to amend the interlocal agreement between the constituent agencies of the Texas Anti-gang (TAG) Center Rio Grande Valley for the transfer of equipment as described in the appended to this agreement, and allowing the Chief of Police, Joel Rivera, to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2023-37 appointing a member to the Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to discuss.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated a reappointment was needed and the nominee from Mayor Suarez was to reappoint Raul Cabaza.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2023-37 re-appointing Raul Cabaza to the Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and discussion of the proposal from Boultinghouse Simpson Gates, and consideration of approval to move to the design development stage within the New Library/Library Renovation Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director, stated the library board had reviewed the design development drafted by Boultinghouse, Simpsons Gates and approved what was presented.

Bob Boultinghouse stated the re-design included an additional building, canopy and a colonnade and focused on keeping within budget as directed; cost analysis revisited to bring into budget; went over the site plan showing the colonnade and a covered connection between the library and theater and plan presented would allow for expansion to the east; presented the floor plan; gave a bird's eye view showing the library connected to the existing theater, proposed right-of-way improvements on Kansas that include parking and landscaping, showed the proposed connection of the existing colonnade to be all along the west front of the building, stated an important element was the proposed use of clerestory roof that would maximize natural light and offer energy savings.

Mr. Becho stated if approved the square footage of the library would go from 16,000 sq.ft. to 24,000 sq.ft. by utilizing the existing building; focused on servicing the customers by having space to read and study and programing space.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the design development as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Araceli R Castillo on Ordinance 2023-23 to rezone 622 N Tio. Also being Lot 23, Block 8, El Texano Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-1 neighborhood business district and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-23. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated twenty-two property owners were notified with no objection received; intended use was not made known by applicant. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval noting there is existing commercial property along the north and east side of the property.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2023-23 to rezone 622 N Tio as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of John L Castillo on Ordinance 2023-24 to rezone 1813 W Bus 83. Also being 0.34-acre tract being E100'-W450.81'-N150' out of Farm Tract 633, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to B-1 neighborhood business district and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-24. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated seven property owners were notified with no objection received; property was annexed as an existing legal non-conforming commercial use; property has changed ownership and applicant requested the rezone to conform to the city zoning regulations. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the surrounding land use of commercial and apartment use.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to approve Ordinance 2023-24 to rezone 1813 W Bus 83 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of David Treviño on Ordinance 2023-25 to rezone 502 N International Blvd. Also being 6.78 acres tract being S441'-W710' out of farm tract 1030, Adams Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling district to I Industrial district and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-25. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated seven property owners were notified with no objection received; noted this was the old Pioneer Processing property that has several buildings dormant; applicant proposed use is to have cold storage. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on surrounding land use of commercial and industrial.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve Ordinance 2023-25 to rezone 502 N International Blvd as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Willie Arratia on Ordinance 2023-26 to rezone 715 E Mile 10 North. Also being 4.56 acre out of the of Farm Tract 101, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, 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 2023-26. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated no surrounding property owners were notified as the surrounding area is outside city limits, proposed use is apartments and duplex by the applicant. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the surrounding land use of commercial along the South area of the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2023-26 to rezone 715 E Mile 10 North as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Eric Peña to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Beverage Cartage Permit at 260 S. Texas Blvd. Suite 105, Also being a 98'x90' Tract, Block 18, Original Townsite of Weslaco, Weslaco, 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 twenty-two property owners were notified with no objection received; this was a change of ownership for the existing Suerte Bar & Grill. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the condition that two security guards are on duty during the hours of 10pm-2am. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Beverage Cartage Permit at 260 S. Texas Blvd. Suite 105 with the condition that two security guards are on duty during the hours of 10pm-2am. presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Kristina Lopez to approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate an event center at 512 S Westgate Dr Suite E, also being Westgate Medical Condominiums, Weslaco, 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 proposed to have an event center to host small events such as baby showers, bridal

showers, and small celebrations. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve to approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate an event center at 512 S Westgate Dr Suite E as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and re-consideration to approve the Final Plat for Heron's Landing Subdivision being 29.29-acre out of farm tracts 1036, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and located on the southwest corner of Pike Blvd. and Mile 2 ½ West and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated previous commission action approved the final plat in November of 2022; development is a seventy-one-lot subdivision and developer wished to go to a private subdivision instead of public as originally approved. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved with the condition that the access onto Mile 2 ½ West be for exit only.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Final Plat for Heron's Landing Subdivision with the condition that the access onto Mile 2 ½ West be for exit only as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for T&O Ranch NO. 5 being 20.00-acres out of Farm Tract 268, Block 131, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, located east of Mile 4 approximately ¼ mile north of Mile 11 North 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 seven (7) lot subdivision located outside city limits; serviced with water by North Alamo Water Supply and sewer by On-site sewage facility (OSSF); applicant is requested a variance for OSSF as the nearest sanitary sewer line is two miles and requested a variance for off-site drainage and provided letters of support from the irrigation and drainage district. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with variances; staff recommended approval with compliance with the ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Final Plat for T&O Ranch NO. 5 with variances as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2023-27 to dedicate Professional Drive as Brandon Figueroa Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-27. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

The City Manager requested no action for items J and K.

K. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2023-28 to dedicate Second Street from Texas Blvd to Airport Drive as Raul Sandoval Florez Street and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2023-28. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

No action.

L. 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. (There was no action on April 18, 2023; staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the expenditure amount had been revised and was lower; additional work was needed to support the network infrastructure (circuits) requested by staff. Staff recommended approval of the revised amount not to exceed \$13,345.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 9 not to exceed \$13,345 from the project's Owner's Contingency Allowance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration of Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 10 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project for an amount not to exceed \$11,767 from the project's Owner's Contingency Allowance fund for additional work requested by staff related to the detention area and authorize the Mayor to execute any related items. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated additional work was needed in the detention area. Staff recommended approval Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 10 for an amount not to exceed \$11,767 from the project's Owner's Contingency Allowance.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 10 for an amount not to exceed \$11,767 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to purchase furniture for the New Police Station, Fire Administration and Judicial Court building from HON Buy Board Contract 667-22 for an amount not to exceed \$249,999.93 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated staff has been negotiating on getting new furnishings for the new police, fire and municipal court building with HON, a company that designs and manufactures office furniture and negotiated a final amount not to exceed \$249,999.93; furniture would be delivered, assembled, and installed in the next 5-7 weeks. Staff recommended approval of HON Buy Board Contract 667-22 for an amount not to exceed \$249,999.93.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve HON Buy Board Contract 667-22 for an amount not to exceed \$249,999.93 to purchase furniture for the New Police Station, Fire Administration and Judicial Court building as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration on applying for a grant with the Texas Blue Cross Statewide Wellness Campaign for an outdoor Fitness Court and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation and Grant Writer.)

Omar Rodriguez stated there is an opportunity to apply through the National Fitness Campaign for a grant for an outdoor fitness court that focuses more on movements (plyometrics exercise); proposed to get a fitness court estimated at \$155,000 and a fitness studio (Zumba and salsa users) estimated at \$35,000; the grant amount was up to \$50,000 and a factor they consider is visibility and location; staff would propose Mayor Pablo Pena Park as the site and hoped to get additional partners for the project; presented a breakdown and stated total project cost was \$247,500 less a grant award would cost of \$197,500. Staff recommended approval to apply and begin discussion with the National Fitness Campaign on the location and submittal of any necessary data as well as begin to fund in the upcoming budget.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve staff apply for a grant with the Texas Blue Cross Statewide Wellness Campaign for an outdoor Fitness Court as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of 70 2" water meters from the sole source vendor, Core & Main in an amount not to exceed \$78,925 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, recommended approval to purchase 70 2-inch water meters from the sole source vendor, Core & Main in an amount not to exceed \$78,925; purchase of the additional meters is needed for an upcoming development and replenish inventory.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase of 70 2" water meters from the sole source vendor, Core & Main in an amount not to exceed \$78,925 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to ratify Purchase Order No. 23-2795 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions LLC for emergency repairs on a collapsed manhole located near 18th and Guerra for the amount of \$97,835.50 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from vote and discussion.

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated a sink hole on 18th and Guerra required immediate attention; the entrance to Margo Elementary parking was blocked off and this was coordinated with the school. Staff obtained a buyboard quote and emergency repairs was done. Staff recommended approval to ratify Purchase Order No. 23-2795 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions LLC for emergency repairs on a collapsed manhole in the amount of \$97,835.50.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve and ratify Purchase Order No. 23-2795 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions LLC for emergency repairs on a collapsed manhole located near 18th and Guerra for \$97,835.50 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

T. Discussion and reconsideration to purchase up to three (3) Pickup Trucks with Goodbuy vendor Silsbee Ford.

1. Water Division, an F350 Crew Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$45,549 to \$61,685

2. Streets Division, an F250 Extended Cab \$32,873 to \$49,924.75

3. Drain Ditch Division, F250 Crew Cab \$34,195 to \$51,239.75

and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the commission had approved the purchase of three vehicles on November 2, 2021; a purchase order was issued then notification was received that Ford would not have availability and the purchase order was cancelled; notice from Silsbee Ford on May 3, 2023 they would be able to fulfill the original order with delivery within 10 days. Staff recommended approval to allow the purchase of the vehicles that are needed, not budgeted, and advised each truck had increased as follows: an F350 Crew Cab 4x4 from \$45,549 to \$61,685 (water division) an F250 Extended Cab from \$32,873 to \$49,924.75 (streets division) and F250 Crew Cab from \$34,195 to \$51,239.75 (drain ditch division).

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve purchase from Goodbuy vendor Silsbee Ford an F350 Crew Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$61,685; an F250 Extended Cab \$49,924.75 and an F250 Crew Cab in the amount of \$51,239.75 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Suarez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

IX. 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.

No action.

C. Legal Consultation - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding real property legally described as Lot 13, Block 9, Original Townsite Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the meeting of May 16, 2023, at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

David Suarez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**