



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting in the Legislative Chamber of City Hall, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue, on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the following items:

NOTE: If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the Weslaco City Commission will convene in such executive or closed session whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, the Weslaco City Commission may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by telephonic conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Certification of Public Notice.
- B. Invocation.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call.
- E. Mayoral Recognition.
 - 1) Recognition for Janelle Medellín, Miss Galaxy 2024 International.
 - 2) Recognition of the 2023 Weslaco Royal Court.
 - 3) Recognition of Griselda Martinez, Civil Service Commission.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Comments portion of the meeting promotes a fair and open process for the governance of the City. This portion of the meeting is not intended to be an extended discussion or a debate and is limited to three minutes for each presenter. Due to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Mayor and City Commissioners do not reply; they listen. Matters under litigation are not to be addressed and comments regarding specific City employees and elected officials may be prohibited.

The Public may comment on anything on the agenda, however if you comment on something not included on the agenda, the Commission cannot take any formal action until it is placed on an agenda and notice of the meeting is properly posted. Registration for Public Comments must be submitted to the City Secretary before the City Commission meeting is called to order. As the Mayor calls upon those who submitted a registration form with the City Secretary, please step to the podium and state your name and address before beginning your presentation.

III. REPORTS

- A. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.
- B. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 5 and December 19, 2023. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.) Attachment.
- B. Approval for staff to solicit proposals for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.) Attachment
- C. Approval to purchase (and issue to) Honorably Retired Peace Officer Captain Gerardo "Jerry" Oliva's service weapon, a Glock Model 22 Gen 4 engraved "WESLACO PD", a used handgun with serial number WXN018 for the amount of \$255.00, as allowed under Texas Government Code Section 614.051 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- D. Approval to purchase (and issue to) Honorably Retired Peace Officer Sgt. Arnulfo Sandoval's service weapon, a Glock Model 22 Gen 4 engraved "WESLACO PD", a used handgun with serial number WXN019 for the amount of \$255.00, as allowed under Texas Government Code Section 614.051 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- E. Approval to withdraw the City of Weslaco Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Stage 2 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

V. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2024-01 appointing a Civil Service Commission Member to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending July 19, 2025 as a result of a resignation and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager.) Attachment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve the application for the waiver of an existing encroachment within an alley at 401 S. Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.) Attachment.

- B. Discussion and consideration to purchase two (2) John Deere Z960M 72" ZTrak deck mowers from vendor Deere & Company/Tellus Equipment Solutions under TX BuyBoard Grounds Maintenance Contract 706-23 in the amount not to exceed \$31,940.68 as budgeted and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- C. Discussion and consideration to modify/amend the Purchasing Policy to reflect Standard Federal contract requirements for the procurement process and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Grant Writer.) Attachment.
- D. Discussion and consideration to approve a Grant Application Agreement with Halff Associates for the Harlon Block and surrounding area Regional Detention Facility project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.) Attachment.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Texas Government Code, Section 551 Open Meetings:

§551.145. Closed Meeting Without Certified Agenda or Tape Recording; Offense; Penalty

(a) A member of a government body commits an offense if the member participates in a closed meeting of the governmental body knowing that a certified agenda of the closed meeting is not being kept or that a tape recording of the closed meeting is not being made.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

§551.146. Disclosure of Certified Agenda or Tape Recording of Closed Meeting; Offense; Penalty; Civil Liability

(a) An individual, corporation, or partnership that without lawful authority knowingly discloses to a member of the public the certified agenda or tape recording of a meeting that was lawfully closed to the public under this chapter:

(1) commits an offense; and

(2) is liable to a person injured or damaged by the disclosure for:

(A) actual damages, including damages for personal injury or damage, lost wages, defamation, or mental or other emotional distress;

(B) reasonable attorney fees and court costs; and

(C) at the discretion of the trier of fact, exemplary damages.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(1) and an affirmative defense to a civil action under Subsection (a)(2) that:

(1) the defendant had good reason to believe the disclosure was lawful; or

(2) the disclosure was the result of a mistake of fact concerning the nature or content of the certified agenda or tape recording. (Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch 268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.)

NOTE: Any documentation related to the following items will be maintained as part of the certified agenda.

- 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.
- 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.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify this **Notice of a Regular Meeting of the Weslaco City Commission** was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act on the outside bulletin board at City Hall of the City of Weslaco, located at the 255 South Kansas Avenue entrance, visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours. This notice was posted on this 29th day of December 2023 on or before 5:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72-hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/s/ Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary

NOTE: If any accommodation for a disability is required, please notify the City Secretary Department at (956) 968-3181, Ext. 1001 prior to the meeting date.

Regular Meetings of the Weslaco City Commission stream live online at <http://www.weslacotx.gov/open-government/open-meetings>. Archived video of some meetings are also available.

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Date:

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