**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**
**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION**
**August 6, 2024**

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 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:

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| **PRESENT:** | Mayor | Adrian Gonzalez |
| | Mayor Pro Tem | Adrian Farias |
| | Commissioner | JP Rodriguez |
| | Commissioner | Letty Lopez |
| | Commissioner | Israel Gonzalez Jr. |
| | Commissioner | Josh Pedraza |
| **ABSENT:** | Commissioner | Greg Kerr |
| **STAFF PRESENT:** | Martin Garza | City Manager |
| | Norma A. Cantu | City Secretary |
| | Juan E. Gonzalez | City Attorney |

Also present: Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, MariCarmen Garcia, Asst. Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Armando Espinoza, Asst. Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator, George Quilantan, Inframark and other staff members.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, August 2, 2024.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Christian Center Church led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

D. Roll Call.

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

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - Las Brisas Boxing Club - Noe Mendoza

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized Noe Mendoza on his commitment to the community in having the "Las Brisas Boxing Club" that promotes academic and athletic excellence.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Gonzalez, 609 E, Plaza Street, addressed the commission and voiced he received a letter regarding the appraised value of his lot that went from $12,000 to $37,000; happy that it was appraised at that value because he would make more money; would offer his lot for sale to those individuals that appraised the value for the asking price of $37,000 and enjoy the proceeds.

## III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, President/CEO, presented the destination marketing report expenditures for July 2024 that totaled $117,547.04; visitors totaled 350; thanked the commission and public for attending Lemonade Day event on Saturday August 3rd was a success; went over upcoming ribbon events; applications for Leadership Class 19 being taken through Aug 9 and encouraged the community and business leaders to apply; reminder Back2School Teachers Fair on Aug 13; Sabor in Weslaco event scheduled for September 26; reported ongoing tourism projects are 1) to integrate 5 large scale murals with the first one on the side wall of the Weslaco Museum facing 5th Street, 2) identify an area for a "Welcome to Weslaco" monument with fundraiser to be in October to include funds from the tourism expenditures, 3) Banderas de Weslaco improvement updates being done and 4) the Weslaco Statues in Town is a project being discussed and more information will follow.

B. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Jorge Lozano, Account WEDC, reported the Stars and Strips was a great success with about 8,000 in attendance; stated Alfresco begins Aug 15 and ends in February with an average attendance of 7,000; a back pack give away will be done in August; reported the Mid-Valley International Industrial Park was 100% complete that included improvements, widening of Mile 9 and the new Lift Station; project completed under budget with a savings of $400,000; WSS Shoes will open in September at the Shops at North Bridge, Jersey Mike to open at the end of the month; Chick Fil-A reopening and celebrating their 10-year anniversary; Murphy Gas Station on Westgate almost complete; at 18th Street the Walmart Fuel station being constructed and McDonalds #4 coming at a pad site of the Neighborhood Walmart; recruitment efforts continue with travel to Monterrey for industrial leads and travel to Austin for retail leads.

C. Presentation of check from Petco Love Foundation.

Rene Moreno, Chief of Staff, PETCO LOVE introduced Director of Life Saving, Chelsea Staley, and the General Managers for the Weslaco and Edinburg PETCO stores as being present; stated PETCO Love was celebrating 25 years and through the generosity of its store partners raising funds and from the communities, they have been able to invest close to $400-million to animal welfare organizations across the country; excited and happy to present a life savings grant award to the Weslaco Animal Care Services in the amount of $100,000 from Petco Love to continue with the life savings actions such as adoption and fostering being done by Weslaco Animal Care Services.

D. Cruz-Hogan Consultants - report on Lift Station No. 12

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated Cruz-Hogan Consultants in attendance to report on Lift Station No. 12.

Marcus Cruz, Project Engineer Cruz Hogan Consultants, reported plans were 100% complete; plans under review with irrigation district No. 9 and addressing any concerns; summary to TCEQ submitted regarding project description and compliance met with Chapter 217 (design criteria); working with Airport staff to ensure no conflicts with their infrastructure project being done at Airport to include KSA consultant to assist in the notification to FFA regarding construction; timeline would be request to solicit bids to come before the commission in two-weeks, go out for bids August 28, receive bids October 9 and request to award on October 15.

## 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 and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda by the Mayor, a Commission member or the City Manager and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 2 and 16, 2024. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2024-21 to rezone 412 E 18th St., also being Lot 1, Uptown 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 held July 16, 2024; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

2) Ordinance 2024-22 to rezone 2515 E Sugarcane Dr., also being Lot 2, J.O.W. Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to I-Industrial District and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (First reading held July 16, 2024; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval of the renewal of the Host Agency Agreement with AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program at no cost to the City and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

D. Approval of the Federal and State Community Service Work-Study agreement with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Library Department.)

E. Approval of an agreement between South Texas Vo-Tech and the City of Weslaco Public Library to allow for employment of Federal work-study students and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

F. Approval of an agreement with Texas Workforce Solutions and the Mayor Sanchez Public Library for placement of program participants at the Library, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

G. Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Weslaco-ISD for a joint election for the sharing of polling places for the November 5, 2024, General Election and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Secretary.)

H. Approval on renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Weslaco to provide and receive pickup and disposal service of commercial waste for the Sheriff's East Substation and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

I. Approval of Resolution 2024-61 to renew the agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Weslaco for the maintenance, control, supervision, and regulation of certain state highways and/or portion of state highways in the City of Weslaco and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

J. Approval to ratify purchase orders 24-1437, 24-1438, 24-3634, 24-3635 in the amount of $81,889.29 to vendor Routeware, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve consent agenda withholding items C and J as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Approval of the renewal of the Host Agency Agreement with AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program at no cost to the City and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, introduced Jose Luis Gonzalez, AARP, who gave a brief presentation of the AARP program; stated the city has been a participant since 2008; is at no cost to the city; is a program that helps the senior community age 55+ continue in the workforce. He thanked the commission for the partnership and requested favorable consideration on renewal of the Host AARP Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Host Agency Agreement with AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Approval to ratify purchase orders 24-1437, 24-1438, 24-3634, 24-3635 in the amount of $81,889.29 to vendor Routeware, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated this was the cost for the software system used for mapping out the routes for the operations of garbage collection; expenditure for software was approved in 2021; stated this is the final invoicing and brought to the commission because of the combined invoices of 4 totaling $81,889.29. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and ratify purchase orders 24-1437, 24-1438, 24-3634, 24-3635 in the amount of $81,889.29 to vendor Routeware, Inc. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

For the record, following are the ordinance(s).

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 412 E 18TH ST., ALSO BEING LOT 1, UPTOWN SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 2515 E SUGARCANE DR., ALSO BEING LOT 2, J.O.W. SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-2 DUPLEX AND APARTMENT DISTRICT TO I- INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 16th day of July, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 6th day of August 2024.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

## V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on approval of the contract for Public Affairs Consultant Prisylla Jasso and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Mayor Gonzalez.)

Mayor Gonzalez stated the item was at his request to evaluate the continuation of the consulting agreement; voiced agreement was for 3-months and has worked with her in coordinating meetings and presentations for the betterment of the city; stated the city is experiencing a lot of growth as reported by EDC and the Chamber of Commerce and wants to see Weslaco received its fair share of money; she has assisted several departments with events, coordinating meetings with State Representatives and federal and state agencies and recommended to continue with the consulting services.

Prisylla Jasso, Public Affairs Consultant, went over work performed that included a meeting with the State Representative. Armando Wally from Houston who is a member of the appropriations committee and chairs a subcommittee that oversees the TWDB an important agency to the future project of the water treatment plant and continue coordinating meetings with community leaders and organizations for the ongoing projects of Weslaco.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Martin Garza stated the role of Public Affairs Consultant is to advocate for the needs of a project of interest to the commission and the city by opening those channels of discussion with the different agencies, organizations and individuals when seeking funding. Ms. Jasso stated a goal and vision for her is to continue working with the Mayor and Commission and have a positive image for the city and help grow those projects by facilitating and coordinating meetings. Martin Garza clarified a scope of her work does not include grant writing, but her role is to work closely with those departments applying for grants and assist and advocate for those needs of the city.

Commissioner Pedraza voiced he has seen positive movement with recent travel; meetings were facilitated with state representatives and federal agencies that allowed them to voice the goals and projects of Weslaco.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the contract for Public Affairs Consultant Prisylla as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Rodriguez against; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on the Election Order Notice for the General Election on November 5, 2024, for City of Weslaco Single Member Commissioner District 3 and Commissioner At Large and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, recommended approval of the Election Order that orders the General Election of November 5, 2024 for City of Weslaco Single Member Commissioner District 3 and Commissioner At Large.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Election Order Notice for the General Election on November 5, 2024, for City of Weslaco Single Member Commissioner District 3 and Commissioner At Large as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of June 30, 2024 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, presented the financial reports ending June 30, 2024 as follows; General Fund revenues collected were $29.7million; expenditures were $25.1million; operating surplus of $4.5million; notable revenues collected was sales tax were $11.2million and interest earned $717K; number of days remain strong at 123, and 95.89% of our ad valorem tax collections have been completed; Water & Wastewater had a negative change in fund balance of $388,021, has 75 days of working capital and bond obligations due that will decrease the working capital days; Sanitation Fund had a positive change in fund balance of $63,559, 91days of working capital days; Airport Fund had a negative net change of $388,819 and continued with a negative number of working capital days.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of June 30, 2024 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2024 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos submitted the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2024; stated total deposits have dropped due to completion of projects; interest continues to outpace projections with interest earned to date at $2,337,572; reported the general fund recognized $593,062.38 in interest on investments and the remaining balance went to the capital projects funds. Staff recommended approval to accept and file.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Eide Bailly, CPAs & Business Advisors for Accounting Consulting services as negotiated and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated the commission interviewed and evaluated firms who responded to Audit Services for Internal Controls request for qualifications; three firms presented, and staff was given approval to negotiate a contract with Eide Bailly. Staff recommended approval of the engagement letter (contract) provided with the fee not to exceed $137,700.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Eide Bailly, CPAs & Business Advisors for Accounting Consulting services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Funds establishing a partnership to create the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $750,000 allocated to the City for the Airport Stormwater Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, stated in 2023 an award letter was received that ARPA Funds were approved from Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act for the Airport Stormwater Improvement Project; staff submitted necessary documents and the interlocal is required for funds to be released and sets out the partnership and terms between City and County for the funds; stated she would be the project manager, design in progress with KSA and originally funds needed to be exhausted by December but received an extension until January. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Funds establishing a partnership to create the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $750,000 allocated to the City for the Airport Stormwater Improvement Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration after presentation and interview with firms for the Weslaco Appraisal Services Regarding Airport Facilities and Associated Airport Owned Properties at the Weslaco Mid Valley Airport / RFQ No.: 2023-24-20 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Lily Alvarez stated previous commission action approved a 120-days extension to the request for qualifications regarding appraisal services; three responses were received that was ABS Business Solutions, AMCG Appraisal Services and CBRE; stated ABS withdrew, CBRE did not respond and AMCG was present.

Matthew Fish, AMCG, presented via zoom, stated they were based in Colorado. went over his experience, firms experience of 170-years aviation management, staff members included Airport Directors, familiar with FTO and FAA regulations; overviewed their work plan that included rent analysis, review of existing airport documents, research comparable and competitive airports, analyze market rental rates and create a market-based opinion; concluded the presentation and noted the key team members.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked him for his presentation and in response to Commissioner Pedraza, the initial work would have them do an on-site visit of the facilities and meet airport staff; once visual inspection is completed and conferring with airport staff their communications would be via zoom for any questions and answers; timeline for an appraisal rent study is about 8-weeks from site visit; an appraisal report can take 4-12-weeks depending on the valuations of those improvements.

Lily Alvarez stated that the appraisals are part of the Airport Master Plan where rental leases need to be updated based on fair market value. Staff recommended approval and authorized staff to negotiate with the selected firm.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve AMCG and authorized staff to negotiate an agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve final payment for RFB NO.: 2021-22-31 Mayor Pablo Pena City Park Sports Field Lighting Project & Isaac Rodriguez Skate Park Lighting Project in an amount not to exceed $68,556 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staff by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the project was completed; project engineer and staff recommended approval of final payment not to exceed $68,556.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve final payment for RFB NO.: 2021-22-31 Mayor Pablo Pena City Park Sports Field Lighting Project & Isaac Rodriguez Skate Park Lighting Project in an amount not to exceed $68,556 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration on request from Weslaco ISD for use of park fields for softball and baseball for the middle schools (4) during the months of September, October and November 2024 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated this was an annual request from Weslaco-ISD for use of softball and baseball fields; city has allowed the use of the parks by the middle schools and recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Omar Rodriguez stated use of fields would be at the Harlon Block Sports Complex to begin in the fall. Mayor Gonzalez stated past discussions with the school has been about partnering with them to improve city facilities (parks) and recommended staff reach out to continue those discussions. Staff stated they have been in discussions already with the Athletic Director and Weslaco High Coach regarding school projects that would impact practices that may also require use of the city fields.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve request from Weslaco ISD for use of park fields for softball and baseball for the middle schools (4) during the months of September, October and November 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve to purchase 30 new computer systems, and 16 memory upgrade modules for city hall and the police department from vendor Dell for an amount not to exceed $38,198.68, DIR TSO contract #3763 as budgeted and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

Nick Rodriguez, IT Staff, stated the purchase was for 30 new computer systems, and 16 memory upgrade modules that would upgrade the equipment at city hall and the police department; vendor was Dell Technologies a vendor under the TX DIR-TSO-3763 government contract for an amount not to exceed $38,198.68, DIR TSO contract #3763. Staff recommended approval and stated it is budgeted.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the purchase of 30 new computer systems, and 16 memory upgrade modules for city hall and the police department from vendor Dell for an amount not to exceed $38,198.68, DIR TSO contract #3763 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion on the proposed renewal rate options from BlueCross BlueShield for Employee Health Insurance FY 24-25. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated the employee health insurance was awarded last fiscal year to BlueCross BlueShield of Texas for one year rate guaranteed with a 2-year renewal option; stated an initial proposal was received with a 29% rate increase and a rate cap of 9.5% for the first year; projected claims for fiscal year 24-25 is $2.4million of which medical claims is $1.8million and RX claims $649,821; stated there were three high claims that resulted in an increase to the monthly premium; two summary options presented from the carrier were 1) a rate cap of 9.5%, an investment credit of $82,000, continue with commission paid to the agent of $10 per employee per month (already in premium) and if a 3% increase to agent commission is approved the city pays the difference directly to the agent for an additional $33,057.60; 2) included plan changes to the HMO plan that would have a renewal rate increase of 29%, co-insurance coverage would go from 80% to 70%, and the $82,000 credit would be received.

Tita Arguillas, Account Executive with BCBS, stated this was the first renewal, went over the claim summary's for medical and prescriptions with a projected amount to be paid of $2.4 million; presented the annual renewal cost with the rate increase for the PPO would be $1,269,949 and HMO $1,182,179; stated this is a wholly insured funded plan which means the city pays the premium to the carrier and they assume the risk of claims; the rate increase is the maximum allowed under the agreement and could have been less had it been a low claim year.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Martin Garza stated this was only a presentation and not an action item, staff will need to meet with consultant for input and a recommendation before it comes back to the commission; stated two options were presented for consideration and Luz Galindo went over them. Martin Garza voiced staff needed to question the consultant if it would be advantageous to the city to solicit proposals or the options presented are reasonable based on the market and the claims summary. Ms. Galindo noted there will be increase to employee and city but looking at how the city can offset the cost to the employee with the investment credit of $82,000 by having an FSA (Flexible Saving Account) given to the employee who has dependents; went over the current premiums and proposed premiums for HMO and PPO plan. Tita Arguillas noted with the credit of $82,000 the increase was a 6%.

No action.

L. Discussion on the proposed Property, Liability, and Cybersecurity insurance renewal rates FY 24-25. (Staffed by Human Resources.)

Luz Galindo stated solicitation for The Commercial Insurance was done last fiscal year; one proposal was received and that was from Texas Municipal League (TML) and was awarded the contract for 1 year with option to renew; effective October 2024 TML created a new cyber fund due to the increased risk in both the frequency and severity of cyber claims and members are required to opt-in or out of coverage; if renewed it would be separate premiums one for property and liability coverage and one for cyber security coverage; the FY 23-24 premium is $797,157.36 and renewal for FY 24-25 proposed premium is $853,375 an increase of about $56,217.64 because of the new properties added (Police & Fire Stations) and still needed to remove the old public safety building that will reduce the cost; went over the proposed rates.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Juan E. Gonzalez, City Attorney, stated it would not be necessary to solicit for the cybersecurity services.

Martin Garza stated this was only a presentation and not an action item, staff will need to meet with consultant for input and a recommendation before it comes back to the commission for approval.

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 9:43 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

## VII. 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. Economic Development - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Blue Diamond as authorized by Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve financial offer or other incentives for Project Blue Diamond as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Legal Consultation – 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.

D. Legal Consultation – 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 Weslaco Municipal Police Union (WMPU) as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Liquid Environmental as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize staff revoke Liquid Environmental Solutions permit to discharge wastewater into the Weslaco wastewater system as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding potential litigation in connection with the North Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize City Attorney to send the deceptive trade practices notice as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney regarding the sale price of real property with LASCO Development for property located at 901 N. Airport Drive as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

H. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property being 35.28 acres except the southeast 1.90 acres for 33.38 net acres of land out of Farm Tract 59, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §55.071 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to authorize the City Manager continue negotiations for the purchase of real property as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 6, 2024 at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

**CITY OF WESLACO**

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Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**