



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
August 20, 2024**

On Tuesday, August 20, 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:

PRESENT:	Mayor	Adrian Gonzalez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr

ABSENT: None

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, Arnoldo Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Joel Rivera, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, Lily Alvarez, Airport 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 16, 2024.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Timothy Aguiar, Open Door Baptist 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 perfect attendance and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized the month of August as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark presented his report for July as follows; at the Water Treatment Plant an incident along the northside perimeter fence was damaged and repairs done right away; North Wastewater Treatment Plant issues with the aeration blower have been repaired and working for over a month and no other issues to report; diffusers have been received and award of bid forthcoming; repairs done was belt press (dewatering unit) and rotor repairs done; South Wastewater Treatment the transfer switch experienced shortage and replaced and working; went over lift station 12 repairs needed that were under warranty; cleaning continues for the lift stations; presented the call out log for July; went over capital repairs of both plants; July flows were for the Water Treatment Plant flow was 5.4mgd, operating at 42% capacity; North Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 2.5mgd, operating capacity at 52%, South Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 1.8mgd, operating capacity was at 72%.

B. Animal Care Services.

Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Manager, went over new partnerships formed; Alfonso Aguilar staff, reported 65 dogs were transported to rescue groups to the cities of Kennedy, Corpus Christi and San Antonio; stated vet care was provided to the Weslaco Animal Shelter on August 12 through collaborated efforts with Petco Love; Krista Cheramie stated she attended, a last minute invite from Petco Love, the MEGA Adoption Event and had 12 dogs adopted and 5 placed in rescue groups and hoped to attend next year’s event; upcoming adoption events were at Tractor Supply on Saturday August 24 and date pending for event at PetsMart.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

A. To solicit input on behalf of Kimley-Horn to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store at 1710 S Texas Blvd., also being Lot 3, Block 1, Southgate Center, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Joel Garcia to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Permit at 601 S Texas Blvd., also being Lot 23 & 24, Blk 49, Weslaco Original Townsite, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

C. To solicit input on behalf of Nathan Smith to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store at 1601 W Bus 83 Ste. C., also being IRR TR S134.79'LT 3 & All Lot 4, Westgate Center, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Mayor Gonzalez changed the order of the day and introduced item J New Business. There was no objection.

VII NEW BUSINESS

J. Discussion and consideration to approve a 1-year renewal option of Employee Health Insurance with BCBS and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated commission direction was to meet with Roger Garza, Consultant, for a recommendation regarding renewal options presented by BCBS.

Roger Garza stated their office along with the previous carrier provided additional information to BCBS to better evaluate and assess the rate increase; negotiations resulted in a final option of a net increase of 8.5% instead of 9.5%, an \$82,000 incentive credit and that would bring the increase down to 5% ; stated if bid out because of time constraints could jeopardize the negotiated offer and recommended to accept the offer from BCBS and renew an additional year.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a 1-year renewal option of Employee Health Insurance with BCBS as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Mayor Gonzalez changed the order of the day and introduced item K and L New Business. There was no objection.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve solicitation of proposals from qualified insurance carriers for Group Health Insurance and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

No action necessary as a result of the action taken with Item J.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve renewal of the Property/Liability & Cybersecurity Insurance with TML and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Roger Garza, Consultant, stated discussions with TML to negotiate the rates proposed to the city resulted that parameters and benchmarks for TML pool members had been set for members and bound members to that pool cost; stated TML provided adjustments that would be done and a final cost would be coming. Roger Garza recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve renewal of the Property/Liability & Cybersecurity Insurance with TML as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez 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 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 on the request from RGV Partnership is requesting closure of the 300 block of South Missouri Ave., on Wednesday, September 25, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the celebration of the RGV Chamber/Partnership 80th Anniversary Party and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager.)

B. Approval of six-month extension of the Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage retail Dealer's Off Premise Permit, at 601 N Westgate Dr. also being West Tract E280'-N362'.32'-S457.6' & N55.28'-S95.28'-W74.64'-E280', FT 148 2.42AC GR 2.17Net, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval of two-month extension of Pablo Pena Jr No. 2 – being 5.57 acres out of Farm Tract 145, block 179, The West and Adams Tracts, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on the Northwest corner of North Westgate Dr. & Canyon Rd. and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

D. Approval of Resolution 2024-62 for the renewal of the Inter-local Agreement with Hidalgo County for the Scofflaw Program to include a related agreement with Hamer Enterprises at the Municipal Court for outstanding violations and warrants and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Municipal Court.)

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve consent agenda withholding item A as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

A. Approval on the request from RGV Partnership is requesting closure of the 300 block of South Missouri Ave., on Wednesday, September 25, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the celebration of the RGV Chamber/Partnership 80th Anniversary Party and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias requested more information on the event.

Daniel Silva, RGV Partnership, stated the event was in celebration of their 80th Anniversary, requested favorable consideration of the closure of the street, dignitaries would be in attendance for ceremonial events and the closure of the street would allow tables and tents to be placed as well as some air conditioning units. Mr. Silva requested consideration for time change to begin at 12 noon and not 3:00pm and date is September 25, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve closure of the 300 block of South Missouri Ave., on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm as presented with corrections noted. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2024-63 appointing members to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary/Public Works Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated five members requested consideration for reappointments as follows; Colton Reed Gammill was nominated by Commissioner Rodriguez, Gail Weigel Ortiz nominated by Commissioner Kerr, Ignacio H. Cavazos nominated by Israel Gonzalez Jr., Veronica Gonzalez nominated by Mayor Gonzalez and Michelle Adams nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Farias

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2024-63 reappointing Michelle Adams, Ignacio H. Cavazos, Veronica Gonzalez, Gail Weigel Ortiz and Colton Reed Gammill to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2024-64 appointing a member(s) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu stated these were new appointments to fill two additional members that were added to the Animal Care Services Board; the nominee from Mayor Gonzalez was to appoint Melisse Krink and the nominee from Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. was to appoint Tina Wells.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2024-64 appointing Melisse Krink and Tina Wells to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Kimley-Horn to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store at 1710 S Texas Blvd., also being Lot 3, Block 1, Southgate Center, 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, Planning & Code Enforcement Director, stated ten property owners were notified, and no objection received; stated this was the new gas station by the Neighborhood Walmart. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store permit at 1710 S Texas Blvd., as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Joel Garcia to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Permit at 601 S Texas Blvd., also being Lot 23 & 24, Blk 49, Weslaco Original Townsite, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and 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, and no objection received; stated this was going to the site of a new pizzeria. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an On-Premise Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Permit at 601 S Texas Blvd. as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Nathan Smith to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store at 1601 W Bus 83 Ste. C., also being IRR TR S134.79'LT 3 & All Lot 4, Westgate Center, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated twenty-three property owners were notified, and no objection received; stated this would be a small liquor store similar to Feldman's and Holiday Liquor. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain an Off-Premise Wine only Package Store at 1601 W Bus 83 Ste. C as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to purchase a fail-safe server/storage for an amount of \$29,776.74 from Dell, of which \$22,332.55 will be reimbursed through the Weslaco Body Worn

Camera Program Grant #4367802 and the required 25% cash match of \$7,444.19 will be funded through asset forfeiture and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Information Technology Department / Police Department.)

Rick Mendoza, IT Director, stated the purchase would store all body and dash cam download from police units; is a need because storage is limited; monies are from grant and storage capacity should be 3-5 years. Staff recommended approval.

Chief Rivera stated the purchase was from a cooperative, DIR, Department of Information Resources that is not a buy board vendor.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a fail-safe server/storage for an amount of \$29,776.74 from Dell, of which \$22,332.55 will be reimbursed through the Weslaco Body Worn Camera Program Grant #4367802 and the required 25% cash match of \$7,444.19 will be funded through asset forfeiture as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to award the highest-ranking Graphic Design Firm in response to solicitation RFQ No.: 2022-23-30 Graphic Design Services for City Logo and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Relations Officer.)

No action.

F. Discussion and consideration to accept the calculation of the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for the 2024 tax year by the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector Pablo Villarreal and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated in attendance from Hidalgo County Tax office was Angie Vela, Julio Espinoza and Paul Villarreal, Tax Assessor, to present the calculation tax rates.

Mr. Julio Espinoza stated the calculations had a No-New Revenue rate at \$0.6562 per \$100 valuation tax rate for the 2024 tax year and would generate the same revenue as last year; Voter Approval Rate is at \$0.7043 per \$100 valuation and is the highest tax rate the city could adopt without voter approval and stated last year's tax rate was \$0.6867. Staff recommended approval to accept as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and accept the calculation of the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for the 2024 tax year as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2024-65 proposing an ad valorem tax rate and setting dates on which the Commission will hold a public hearing, and a date to adopt the 2024-2025 ad valorem tax rate and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos recommended the proposed tax rate of \$0.6867 per \$100 valuation; because this rate is higher than the No-New Revenue rate a public hearing is required; proposed September 17, 2024 for the public hearing. Staff recommended approval stating roll call vote required.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve. By roll call vote an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6867 and a public hearing for adoption of tax rate to be held September 17, 2024, as presented carried unanimously.

H. Discussion and consideration to purchase an E450 Chassis and Conversion from Essential Equipment Sourcewell contract #120721-RVL, an amount not to exceed \$116,103 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Wastewater Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated the purchase was for a new box truck to replace a 2006 Ford truck that has been customized to hold the camera system in place; purchase will be in two phases; phase one is acquire the truck and phase two purchase of new camera system as budget allows. Stated the new truck will improve space, have better climate control, and have additional features for operational efficiency; included is installation of a generator and air conditioning. Staff recommended approval for the purchase of the truck with the box, ac, generator, counter tops, cabinets etc. and stated transfer of the current camera to the new truck would be done.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve the purchase of an E450 Chassis and Conversion from Essential Equipment Sourcewell contract #120721-RVL, an amount not to exceed \$116,103 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and North Alamo Water Supply for the sale of water for the Mid-Valley Industrial Park and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the interlocal agreement will allow for the sale of water at the new Mid-Valley International Industrial Park; a meter was installed to accommodate the demand and to bill NAWSC the agreement is needed. Staff recommended approval and stated legal reviewed with no objection.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and North Alamo Water Supply for the sale of water for the Mid-Valley Industrial Park as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and presentation regarding a policy for the use and rental of parks for sports activities and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated discussions regarding the policy for use and rental of parks had been done at workshops; rental rates remained the same; proposed

tournament play a minimum rental field would be 4 at Harlon Block; residency requirements removed as it proves difficult to verify; advanced booking will be done on Mondays during current week and limited to one for the week unless booking is for the same day; tournaments limited to two rentals per calendar year or five months apart.

In response to Commissioner Pedraza, rental is per individual. Commissioner Kerr suggested rental of fields for practice use could be done more than a week in advance for those circumstances where an event is being coordinated would allow sufficient time for information to be put together and distributed that announces, place, date and time. Omar Rodriguez said they could do two weeks; stated challenges posed is when multiple individuals for the same team come and rent as many fields as possible, or when you have organizations with the multiple age groups wanting a field; the time change (daylight savings) also becomes a challenge. Commissioner Pedraza suggested a “lotto” type of mechanism for those situations where multiple people want the same date to make it fair. Omar Rodriguez stated the unlocked parks anyone can use for practice; to guarantee a practice time a permit required and would trump anyone on the field. The consensus was to allow booking to begin on Friday for the week.

Presentation only and no action required.

N. Discussion and consideration of Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with BSG Architects, Inc. for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Library in an amount not to exceed \$39,050 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the amendment would authorize additional services for a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the New Theater Wall and authorize services for audio visual and public address design. Staff recommended approval not to exceed \$39,050.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with BSG Architects, Inc. for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Library in an amount not to exceed \$39,050 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration to award security services bid at the Mayor Joe V Sanchez Public Library to the lowest and most advantageous bidder and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director, stated bids were solicited for security services and received ten responses; the lowest and most advantageous vendor was Texas Security & Investigational Services; discussed with the Police Chief options of armed and unarmed and the recommendation was to have armed guard. Staff recommended approval to award Texas Security & Investigational Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to award security services to Mayor Joe V Sanchez Public Library to Texas Security & Investigational Services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration to solicit bids for the proposed Lift Station #12 improvements and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated plans and specifications for the proposed improvements for Lift Station 12 are completed; ready to proceed with advertising for bids of and recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Albert Aldana stated the project consisted of the construction of a new lift station that included a new force main around the airport to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant and in response to Commissioner Lopez, staff has met regularly with Cruz-Hogan Engineering reviewing the plans to address any issues and concerns to include input from other reviewing agencies such as the HCIDD#9. In response to Commissioner Pedraza, ARPA funds would not be jeopardized so long as funds have been encumbered, such as the issuance of a purchase order.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve and solicit bids for the proposed Lift Station #12 improvements as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration of approval to solicit bids for the Kansas & Los Torritos Phase I and II Drainage Improvement project contingent on receiving a notice to proceed from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated staff is anticipating project approval from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) is forthcoming and notice to proceed will be issued soon. Staff recommended approval to be in the position to start right but is contingent on receiving the notice to proceed from TDEM.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve to solicit bids for the Kansas & Los Torritos Phase I and II Drainage Improvement project contingent on receiving a notice to proceed from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration to approve a class II service for the upkeep and maintenance of the old blower at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant for the amount of \$37,149.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated when the new aeration blower was purchased, options for maintenance was offered and purchased a Class I plan that was basic maintenance such as cleaning and checking of all parts replacement of all flexible seals inspection, cleaning, and lubrication of all parts in the variable vane system and functional tests to adjust control settings on the control panel; stated recent observations/inspections during the startup of the new blower, it was noted that the old blower required more services than originally suggested. Staff recommended approval to go to a Class II maintenance service that included replacement of Inlet Guide Vane, replacement of

Variable Diffuser Actuators, drain oil from gearbox oil sump, replacement of bearings and reassemble inlet air filter assembly or inlet piping maintenance options for \$37,149.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Kerr moved to approve a class II service for the upkeep and maintenance of the old blower at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$37,149.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to solicit bids for the Mid-Valley Airport Stormwater Project Part I and Part II and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, stated final plans from KSA are expected by end of the week; ready to move forward and is a 60–90-day project. Staff recommended approval to solicit bids and be ready to continue with the project.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve to solicit bids for the Mid-Valley Airport Stormwater Project Part I and Part II as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez 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. 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.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez not in attendance and abstained from vote and discussion.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the City Manager and negotiating team proceed with negotiations as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

No action.

E. Legal Consultation - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the status of City of Weslaco vs CDM as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. Legal Consultation – Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Weslaco Fire Union (IAFF-WFFA Local 3207) vs City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the City Attorney proceed with settlement of attorney fees regarding Weslaco Fire Union (IAFF-WFFA Local 3207) vs City of Weslaco as discussed in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 20, 2024, at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**