MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

On Tuesday, September 3, 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
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, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, MariCarmen Garcia, Asst. 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 31, 2024.

B. Invocation.

Father Francisco Solis Jr., St. Joan of Arc 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 at the time of roll call the absence of Commissioner Kerr and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Hall, 1400 El Paseo Drive, voiced objections and concerns on the FY24-25 budget citing no funds budgeted for drainage improvements and objected to monies being spent for a new library.

III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, President/CEO, presented the destination marketing report expenditures for August 2024 that totaled $9,526; visitors totaled 219 and door tracking had 1,800; went over upcoming ribbon events; invited the commission to a joint mixer with the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce tomorrow at 5:30pm; Sabor de Weslaco will be happening September 16th at House of Orange Blossom; noted a ribbon cutting and grand opening for Weslaco Village Apartments; stated the chamber continues to be active and growth is seen as noted by the ribbon cutting listed and events presented; announced a new initiative is the Texas Onion Run to promote the Texas Onion Festival on October 12th and more importantly to promote agricultural and the 1015 Sweet Onion; Christmas Parade scheduled December 14th and thanked the commission for their support.

B. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Steve Valdez, Executive Director, reported Jersey Mike has opened; attended Retail Live event in Austin for retail leads; Alfresco is September 19 and a first ever "empanada" cook-off /bake-off would be held and invited the commission to participate; traveled to Monterrey to attend the Café con Texas, an event that helps promote businesses from Mexico in expanding in the United States and learned how to assist and support the transition of Mexican businesses; continue to see movement and progress in the Mid-Valley International Industrial Park and entertaining 2-P3 opportunities.

C. Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco - Architect's presentation of building expansion project.

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated ERO Architects along with Mary Gallardo, B&G Club, was present and would make a presentation.

Brian Godinez, Principal ERO Architects, along staff Maritza Cardenas, Project Manager and Juan Cantu, Project Architect presented a preliminary design report that included location and site plant of the proposed expansion, program to determine square footage of office and building spaces, floor plan, proposed exterior design, project schedule , project cost, clarifications and exclusions and probable cost savings estimated at $150,000; stated the preliminary design had input from staff and the Boys & Girls Club; schedule hoped to bid out in March having a construction time of 12-months with move in estimated of May 2026; estimated unit of construction is $218.16/sf having an estimated cost of $2,652,862 but an escalation factor of 2% per month and possible overrun of $400,000; went over items listed that is not included with a correction to item 4 to reflect 15% not

50% of anticipated probable cost of construction but noted the parking and paving was included; available cost saving of $150,000 had options to the commission of removing entry canopy; replace brick with metal panel, keep exiting gazebo and remove additional parking again if the commission so wished and stated these items were included in the construction cost already.

Mary Gallardo, Boys & Girls Club, stated they have applied with Knapp Care Foundation $475,000 and in stage 2 of the application; awarded federal grant with assistance from Congressman Vicente Gonzalez $1,700,000; Dept. of Education $250,000 BGC cash on hand $100,000; submitted requests to Hidalgo County Precinct 1 for $150,000 and City $250,000; applied to Texas Parks and Wildlife.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Maritza Cardenas stated if the commission could decide on the cost savings options before the next board meeting it would be appreciated but again these were already included in the cost; Omar Rodriguez stated these items could be looked at as alternatives or deducts but as far as timeline it would be before bidding out to decide if they wish to keep those cost savings items. In response to Commissioner Lopez, the façade of the new building will be a metal building look to minimize cost but can incorporate red brick, if kept, or intergrade the colors of the existing building.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. To solicit input from the public regarding the City of Weslaco's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 commencing October 1, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code 102.006. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Randy Hall voiced objection on the lack of funds for drainage improvements, the lack of grants not received for drainage for the Harlon Block drainage project; against debt of the library project of $11 million.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; 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 of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 6 and August 20, 2024 (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval of the request from Weslaco Museum to hold their annual PAN DE CAMPO Fundraiser on November 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm; approval to close 5th Street between Texas Blvd and Missouri Ave.; authorizing public consumption of alcoholic beverages; waiver of appropriate fees from ordinances associated with the event; also approval of use of tower lights, and provision of support from Weslaco PD, Public Works, Planning and Code Enforcement and other related city departments, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by City Manager.)

C. Declaration of surplus items and sell through GovDeals online auction portal and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

D. Approval on renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between South Texas College Continuing Education (CE) and Weslaco Fire Department to participate in the Firefighter Related Trainings coordinated and conducted by the City of Weslaco's Fire Department and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Fire Department.)

E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement(s) with the following entities for Animal Care Services:

1. City of Alamo
2. City of Donna
3. City of Edcouch
4. City of Elsa
5. City of La Villa
6. City of Mercedes
7. City of Penitas
8. City of Pharr
9. City of San Juan
10. Willacy County

and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Animal Care Services.)

F. Approval to solicit bids for the construction of a sidewalk on Border Road between Villas Del Norte and Sugarcane Dr. and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

G. Approval to solicit bids for proposed rehabilitation of the clarifier at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

H. Approval on renewal of the America Reads Federal Work-Study agreement with UTRGV to allow for employment of work-study students and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Library Department.)

I. Approval on the request from the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce for street closures on Kansas Street up to Sixth Street on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., to host a collaborative Halloween, Trunk-or -Treat event with the City of Weslaco and The Eatery Downtown and request support from Weslaco PD, Public Works, Parks and Recreation Departments and request to waive any required fees and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Chamber of Commerce.)

J. Approval on the request from the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce to host the first annual Texas Onion Fest 5k run and a community health fair on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., request to utilize Harlon Block Park and its facilities, request for support from Weslaco PD, Public Works, Parks and Recreation Departments and to waive any required fees and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Chamber of Commerce.)

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve consent agenda withholding items E and G. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement(s) with the following entities for Animal Care Services:

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and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Weslaco Animal Care Services.)

Commissioner Lopez questioned if the terms in the interlocal addressed the restrictions discussed last year and intakes permitted to our shelter.

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated restrictions are done administratively; the agreements outline basic services provided to the entities, verbiage was removed and clarified regarding drop-off directly to the shelter was limited to the contracted entity only and no longer from individuals of any community.

Mayor Gonzalez questioned the fees and are they comparable. Joe Pedraza stated fees were increased two years ago; the $150 negotiated at that time was due to resistance from municipalities; staff compared fees and was proposing $250; surrounding fees ranged from $250-$350. Joe Pedraza stated the city could re-evaluate for next year agreements by removing those entities that have a high intake and look at increasing the fee.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement(s) with the entities for Animal Care Services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Approval to solicit bids for proposed rehabilitation of the clarifier at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Lopez requested more information.

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated there were various components of the clarifier. George Quilantan, Inframark, stated the clarifier needed the whole center column from the top of the gear box to bottom of the rakes to be rehab; this component of the clarifier drags the sludge back to the facility.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias, moved to solicit bids for proposed rehabilitation of the clarifier at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 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. (There was no action on August 20, 2024; staffed by Public Relations Officer.)

Jasmine Rico Joens, Public Relations Officer, stated discussion began in September 2023 to refresh the city's logo, direction from the commission was to do a logo/slogan transformation and solicit qualifications for graphic design; a committee was appointed to have input and evaluate any respondents. Staff and the Weslaco Rebranding Logo Blue Ribbon Committee recommended to negotiate with the highest-ranking respondent firm Luna.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve to negotiate with the firm Luna for Graphic Design Services for City Logo as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to authorize ERO Architects to proceed with the next phase of Architectural Design services for the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco Building expansion project based on an approved budget of $2,652,862 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez recommended approval to authorize staff negotiate a contract with ERO Architects to proceed with the next phase of Architectural Design services for the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco Building expansion project and back to the commission for approval.

Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize staff negotiate a contract with ERO Architects to proceed with the next phase of Architectural Design services for the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco Building expansion project presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and possible action on the selection of contract for RFQ 2023-24-18 for Engineering/Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Street and Utility Impact Fees and to update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances process and authorize the

Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated interviews were done on April 18, 2024 and approved to negotiate a contract with Able.city; in discussions with staff Able.city indicated to properly adopt impact fees as part of the city ordinance two additional studies were needed, a Land Assessment Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. Staff, with consideration from legal counsel, gave notice to Able.city to provide a fee for additional scope of work to include the two studies; a total contract price submitted was very high. Staff requested approval to negotiate with the second ranked firm Trimad Consultants LLC and noted the City Attorney had no objection.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to authorize staff to negotiate with the second ranked firm Trimad as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve a change of the method of the agent compensation schedule from a fixed fee to a percentage of the premium and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained from vote and discussion.

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated Jeff Everitt & Associates were appointed as the Agent of Record for the city's employee health insurance policy effective 10/01/2023, with a commission of $10 per employee per month; stated Araceli Garza, on behalf of Jeff Everitt & Associates, contends they were unaware the commission for this account was $10 PEPM instead of 3% commission based on enrollments, as in past years and requested an increase to equal the 3% commission which will increase the current cost to $17.76 per employee per month for an increase of $33,054. Roger Garza, Consultant, reviewed and advised staff the commission fee of 3% is fair; legal reviewed and advised can amend if agreeable by all.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a change of the method of the agent compensation schedule from a fixed fee to a percentage of the premium as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve renewal rates submitted for worker's compensation insurance provided by Montalvo Insurance for fiscal year October 01, 2024, through October 01, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained from vote and discussion.

Luz Galindo stated the Worker's Compensation Insurance was awarded September 2023 with a rate guaranteed for 1 year; renewal quote for policy term 10/01/2024 through 10/01/2025 was an annual premium rate of $398,105 and based on premium audit of payrolls for FY 22-23 of $18,797,055. Staff and Consultant, Roger Garza, recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Texas Mutual quote for worker's compensation insurance submitted by Montalvo Insurance for fiscal year October 01, 2024, through October 01, 2025, as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2024-24, adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED. First reading of Ordinance 2024-24. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, presented a balanced budget for the general fund; maintains more than 90 days of capital working days as required; seven new positions added and investing $1.5million in capital outlay; the enterprise funds budgeted a 3% growth and investing working capital into the water, sewer infrastructure and recycling building. Staffed held the required public hearing and recommended approval of Ordinance 2024-24, adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Mayor Gonzalez called for roll call vote.

By roll call vote Ordinance 2024-24, adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 unanimously carried.

F. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2024-25 amending Ordinance 2023-39 the Master Fee Schedule and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2024-25. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos summarized changes for the proposed Master Fee schedule that removed obsolete items, added fees, and increased/decreased fees as recommended from the departments; schedule similar to last years and had no significant changes. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2024-25 amending Ordinance 2023-39 the Master Fee Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to award the best qualified, most advantageous respondent to the Request for Proposal for Municipal Audit Services and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated staff solicited for Municipal Audit Services on June 18, 2024; responses received from the firms of 1) Burton, McCumber & Longoria, LLP, 2) Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC and 3) Cascos & Associates, PC. Staff reviewed and evaluated all three firms for their qualifications, understanding and cost proposal. Staff recommended to award Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC as the most advantageous respondent.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to award Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to amend KSA RFQ No: 2022-23-27 (Professional services development of hangar project) to include Exhibit K HUB stipulations as required by TxDOT and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport Department/Purchasing Agent.)

Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, stated an agreement was approved with KSA Engineers for the hangar project; the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) relayed concerns that HUB stipulations were not embedded in the agreement and are required; parties agreed to amend the agreement and add Exhibit K that would include language regarding HUB stipulations as required by TXDOT. Staff recommended approval and noted did not affect the contract cost and legal reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to amend KSA Professional Services Agreement for the development of hangar project to include Exhibit K HUB stipulations required by TxDOT as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration of a lease agreement with the Weslaco Youth Football League per their request to use Harlon Block Sports Complex and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director stated this was the annual request for use of Harlon Block Sports Complex and Belinda Ybarra, President of BGC Board was in attendance. Staff recommended approval and noted they have submitted information requested.

In response to the commission, Omar Rodriguez stated information requested (financials) have been submitted; does not interfere with WISD partnership for use of fields; begin use in the fall October to mid-November and again for the winter season to begin in January for 4-5 weeks.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve lease agreement with the Weslaco Youth Football League to use Harlon Block Sports Complex approve as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve Allowance Expenditure Authorization 16 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project to modify doorways for an amount not to exceed $65,387 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the expenditure would address operational functions of several doors in the police department (municipal court, jail and juvenile detention areas); monies would come from the allowance expenditure fund balance of $98,636; would not change the contract cost. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Allowance Expenditure Authorization 16 for the New Police Department with Municipal Court and Judicial Court project to modify doorways for an amount not to exceed $65,387 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and presentation on Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco Solar Project. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated Mr. Erik Valdez, was in attendance to present the proposal of a solar project that would be at no cost to the city to help reduce energy cost at the Boys & Girls Club.

Erik Valdez, Synergy Solar Systems, stated key players were The Sempra Foundation that donates the funds, Solar Electric Light Fund oversees the project, and Synergy Solar Systems does installation and maintenance; went over solar project that involved the installation of a 28 panel solar system at the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) with no penetration of the roof and would reduce energy costs by 11% that could amount to a savings of $2,030 per year; the city would need to provide a host site and would not need to change their provider for electricity; Synergy Solar Systems would maintain the panels for the next 10 years at no cost to city or the BGC, replacement of solar panels, if needed, is $75 and would be the only cost for the city.

City Manager stated this was a presentation item and no action necessary and back to the commission for official action if interested in pursuing.

L. Discussion and consideration of approval to ratify existing GIS services with AIMS GIS Solutions and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer stated AIMS GIS Solutions provided basic services needed to continue with compliance for ESRI licensing as well as did an assessment of the needs of all departments to determine actual licenses needed to use GIS. Staff recommended approval to ratify payment of existing work done with the City.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve and ratify GIS services received from AIMS GIS Solutions as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to award a one-year professional services contract to AIM GIS Solutions and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana recommended approval of a one-year professional services at a monthly rate of $3,000 with AIMS GIS Solutions.

Juan E. Gonzalez, City Attorney, stated previous commission discussion had concerns if proposals/qualifications were needed, reviewed and voiced the scope of work falls under Professional Services and the commission can award without soliciting bids/RFQ's but justification as to why not to solicit is at the discretion and decision of staff and advised that to the City Engineer.

Albert Aldana stated his recommendation was based on the working with them and degree of knowledge, trainings performed with staff and the professionalism; wished to expand the GIS to all the departments to use the technology to the fullest in providing information on the website;

the rate proposed covers a variety of services from utilities, mapping, addressing, project construction and monitoring licensing for all.

Sergio Castro, AIMS GIS Solutions, addressed the commission and stated has worked with Brownsville, Alton, San Juan and Edinburg in bringing GIS technology to the community noting having a dashboard on the website gives the community the information they want.

Martin Garza stated cost and vendor comparison for this type of professional services is lacking for him and the commission to decide and questioned if staff had any information. Albert Aldana stated the city before had an in-house GIS analyst but not aware of past actions for solicitation for this type of services and quotes have been received for the development of a dashboard only and was costly, if the city was to hire an in-house GIS analyst it could cost $65,000.

The City Attorney stated professional services can forego the solicitation process, but the commission can also solicit and determine who is the most qualified then an agreement negotiated.

In response to Commissioner Pedraza, Sergio Castro stated any data created will belong to the city because their goal is for the city to become self-sufficient with GIS technology.

Mayor Gonzalez entertained the question.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve a one-year contract with AIM GIS Solutions as presented. The motion failed; Commissioners Pedraza, Gonzalez Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Mayor Gonzalez against; Commissioners Lopez and Rodriguez in favor.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to authorize staff solicit Requests for Qualifications for GIS services. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to amend an existing engineering services contract with Cruz-Hogan, Inc. to include the preparation of engineering plans for proposed improvements to the existing shooting range located immediately west of the Mid-Valley Airport and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated engineering services was awarded to Cruz-Hogan, Inc. for preparation of plans and specifications for proposed improvements to the existing shooting range located adjacent to the Mid-Valley Airport; Cruz-Hogan also developed plans and specifications for a new shooting range at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant but is not feasible due to the proposed expansion of the plant. Staff recommended approval to use the existing shooting range and develop it to the needs from input of the Police Department that would include a new canopy, bathrooms, lighting, and re-worked slopes on the existing berm/backstop. Staff recommended approval to amend engineering contract with Cruz-Hogan and noted Chief Rivera agreed.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to amend engineering services contract with Cruz-Hogan, Inc. to include the preparation of engineering plans for proposed improvements to the existing shooting range located immediately west of the Mid-Valley Airport as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 8:55 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 and consultation with City Attorney regarding the final decision issued by the arbitrator for Police Department Personnel 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 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.

Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from vote and discussion.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to mediate obligations in connection to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Weslaco Municipal Police Union as discussed in executive session. The motion carried, Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

No action.

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

No action.

G. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between Weslaco Economic Development Corporation and Skychargers LLC for the proposed Project Green Mile at Mid-Valley International Industrial Park as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

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

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to authorize the City Manager and Mayor continue negotiations regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Rip Wheeler. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of September 3, 2024, at 9:00 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**