



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

On Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special 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	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez, Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Greg Kerr

ABSENT:	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
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STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Juan E. Gonzalez	City Attorney

Also present: Edna Silva, Interim Deputy City Secretary, Sonia Flores, Assistant Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Chris Sanchez, Assistant Fire Chief, Joel Rivera, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, Joe Pedraza, Assistant Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Rick Mendoza, Information Technology Director, 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, September 20, 2024.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

C. Roll Call.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on final reading of Ordinance 2024-26 for the moratorium pertaining to applications for duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes and multifamily residential development and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (First reading held September 17, 2024; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement recommended approval to adopt ordinance as presented in the first reading. Commissioner JP Rodriguez questioned if the city can be held liable due to the moratorium not extending development to apartments and fourplexes, but still allowing other types of development. Rebekah stated that as justification for the moratorium includes the water consumption, the sanitary strain that it's putting on our sewer systems and the traffic that's being placed on our existing roadways. City Attorney Juan Gonzalez stated this is a precautionary measure to conserve critical water shortage/risks.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2024-26 as presented. The motion carried (3-2); Commissioners Lopez and Rodriguez against; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on the petition from Santos Villanueva Investments LLC for the release of Lot 3, Santos Villanueva Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas real property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained from vote and discussion.

Rebekah de la Fuente stated property is located on mile 10 just east of Texas; water is being supply by North Alamo Water Supply and we do not have sanitary sewer in the area; this is the 3rd or 4th petition that has requested release from our ETJ. Staff is recommended approval on petition for release of Lot 3, Santos Villanueva Subdivision to be removed from Weslaco's ETJ.

Mayor Adrian Gonzalez asked City Manager and City Attorney if they had reviewed all documents pertaining to the release request from the ETC. City Attorney stated yes, and that the statue says we must act within 10 days; if not then it is automatically granted.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve petition to release Lot 3 Santos Villanueva Subdivision as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and presentation of Code of Ordinance City of Weslaco, Texas, Chapter 142, Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Services. (Staffed by Police Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Kerr in attendance.

Joel Rivera, Police Chief, stated some concerns expressed by wrecker services. 1) issues with price which is set by ordinance, and we have not had an increase, 2) the number of wrecker companies on the rotation list. Chief stated that the wreckers that are currently on rotation do comply with all requirements, as per inspection conducted annually; to add more wreckers on rotation the ordinance would need to be amended. Fees were presented before commission based on ordinance. Chief is recommending changing fees on ordinance based on studies he conducted with other cities. No state mandate on fees. Mayor Pro Tem Farias agrees with Chief's recommendation on adding more wreckers to the rotation.

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

D. Discussion and consideration on the Election Services Contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department to conduct the General Election of November 5, 2024, pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 271 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary.) Attachment.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, recommended approval of the Election Services Contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department to conduct the General Election of November 5, 2024.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Election Services Contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department to conduct the General Election of November 5, 2024, as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park Renovation Project - Architect's Report for Isaac Rodriguez and Mayor Pablo Pena Park. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Maribel Lopez from Heffner Design Team to present recommendations on the proposed renovations for Isaac Rodriguez and Mayor Pablo Pena Park.

Maribel Lopez, Senior Designer with Heffner Design, stated that based on the site analysis presented in July she would be mentioning their findings and observations. The focus on Isaac Rodriguez Park is removing the restroom and concession stand and combine into one building as well as other recommendations regarding parking with wheelchair access, lighting, shade etc. As per recommendations the cost estimate for Isaac Rodriguez Park totals at \$2.7 million. Recommendations for Mayor Pablo Pena Park also include complete renovation of the restrooms and concession stand, other recommendations include walkways, landscaping, irrigation and utilities, the cost estimate for Mayor Pablo Pena Park is \$1.5 million.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 6:45 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VI. 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. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney regarding real property legally described as Lots 9 and 10, Block 5, Gonzales Subdivision, Weslaco Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez authorized staff to proceed with the release of lien as discussed in executive session.

- C. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property legally described as the South 12.50' of Lot 3 and Lots 4-9, Block 26, Weslaco Original Townsite, Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Kerr seconded by Commissioner Lopez authorized the City Manager to proceed with negotiations with property owners unuse of property as discussed in executive session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, Jr. a moved to adjourn the special meeting of September 23, 2024, at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**