



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

On Tuesday, December 17, 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: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Alyssa Aleman	Interim City Attorney

Also present: Xavier Salinas, Asst. City Manager, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, MariCarmen, Asst. Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Armando Espinoza, 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 Wednesday, December 13, 2024.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Manuel Portillo, The Way of the Redeemed 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.

None.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on approval of agreement with Emmanuel Espinoza as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza, City Manager, stated the agreement terms and payment was the same as the previous appointed Municipal Judge and agreement was for 2-years. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve agreement with Emmanuel Espinoza for Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Weslaco. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Administer Oath of Office to Emmanuel Espinoza as the Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Weslaco.

Armando Marroquin, Judge County Court at Law No. 10, administered the oath to Emmanuel Espinoza.

Alyssa Aleman, Interim City Attorney on behalf of the firm O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, stated the rezone request for 1609 S. Westgate Drive from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to PUD Phased Unit Development District had been withdrawn at the request of the developer and his engineer and as such no public hearing or consideration of any action will be taken. Stated any member in the audience who wished to voice any comments or concerns may do so under public comments and limited to three minutes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roel Sandoval Flores stated that he was born in Weslaco and is a lifetime resident; asked for consideration of his name to be added to Second Street; has been recognized for his achievements as a musician and artist and received a proclamation in 2013 from then sitting President Obama.

Barbara Hill, 1704 Key Biscayne, wanted clarification on the comments made by the Attorney that the rezone for 1609 S. Westgate was withdrawn from action and should the rezone come back for consideration would notification be sent to all interested parties. Martin Garza stated the process would begin all over that included publication and notice to surrounding property owners.

Gail Weigel Ortiz, 606 W. 13th, expressed her appreciation for a resolution to an issue at her home; applauded the commission on the approval for the retention stipend for the employees and for the purchase of a Vermeer Jetter equipment; commented on a sewer issue at her home that was finally resolved after 2-months with the assistance of Alex Garza whose expertise and knowledge of the problem was resolved; she was glad that he returned to work with the city and thanked the commission for supporting the employees with wages that would retain skilled and experienced individuals.

IV. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark, reported the aeration basin diffuser rehab project at the North WWTP had the dewatering completed and installation of the new diffusers done; went over the capital improvements for the South and North Wastewater Treatment Plants, Water Treatment Plant and Lift Stations; reported the November flows for the Water Treatment Plant was 6.1mgd, operating at 47% capacity; North Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 2.3mgd, operating capacity at 46%, South Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 1.6mgd, operating capacity was at 65%.

B. Animal Care Services.

Joe Alvarez, Supervisor Animal Care Services, stated live release rates for October was 63% and November was 59%; show cased knitted blankets donated from a local mobile home park that were used for the dogs and cat crates and also received various items of donations from the community such as blankets, toys and baskets; assisted in a wellness check for a resident of Weslaco for his pet; transported eight dogs to rescue group in Corpus Christi of which three have been adopted and the remaining transported to Louisiana rescue group; went over the status of rescued and adopted dogs one as far as New Jersey; reported on an owner surrendered dog that needed special attention for assistance in walking and was received in San Antonio and was doing well now known as Wheely because she no longer needed the special equipment catered for her “wheelchair”; reported on upcoming event “Merry Mega Adoption” scheduled December 21-22 from 1-5pm.

V. 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 on behalf of Melden & Hunt, Inc. to rezone 1609 S Westgate Drive, also being 12.79-acres out of Farm Tract 666, Block 164, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to PUD Phased Unit Development District.

Withdrawn by developer no action necessary.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Roberta Reyes Ramos to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer’s On-Premise Permit and Late Hours Certificate, at 709 Angelita St. Ste A, also being Lots 23-25, Pueblo Amistad Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

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

VI. 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 November 19, 2024. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Vittoria Subdivision being 42.18-acre out of Farm Tract 165 and 166, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on the southeast corner of Midway and Interstate 2. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to Accept a Grant Award from the Department of Energy in the amount of \$71,255.96 under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the purchase of two Ford Maverick Hybrid Trucks for Public Works and five Electric Bikes for the Weslaco Police Department. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

D. Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$45,000. Funding will be utilized for the acquisition of automatic stretchers. No matching funds from the City of Weslaco is required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

E. Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Texas Health and Human Services Department for funding under the Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program in the amount of \$30,000. Funding will be used for Spay and Neuter Projects in the City of Weslaco. No matching funds from the City of Weslaco required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

F. Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for funding under the Fiscal Year 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$240,000. Funding will be utilized for the purchase of Automatic Stretchers. A local match requirement of 10% (\$21,818.18) is required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

G. Approval for application to the Office for Victims of Crime Grant (OVC) in the amount of \$10,000 no match required for printable material for child victims and witnesses. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval for application for the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant in the amount of \$12,999; no match required, for two stress reduction chair for dispatchers. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

I. Approval to accept a grant award from BJA (FY 2024) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (Number 15PBJA-24-GG-04800) in the amount of \$10,885 no match required, to purchase Time Clock Plus Aldatec Software for scheduling. (Staffed by Police Department.)

J. Approval to authorize staff to solicit request for proposals for a Utility Rate Study. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve consent agenda 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 Roberta Reyes Ramos to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit and Late Hours Certificate, at 709 Angelita St. Ste A, also being Lots 23-25, Pueblo Amistad Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated fifteen property owners were notified with no objection received; event center is already in place and applicant wished to add alcoholic beverages on-premise. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the condition that two licensed security guards are on duty during hours of operation. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit and Late Hours Certificate, at 709 Angelita St. Ste A with the condition that two licensed security guards are on duty during hours of operation as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Melden & Hunt, Inc. on Ordinance 2024-35 to rezone 1609 S Westgate Drive, also being 12.79-acres out of Farm Tract 666, Block 164, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to PUD Phased Unit Development District. (Requires three-fourths vote to approve.) First reading of Ordinance 2024-35. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Withdrawn by developer. No action.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for OK Gardens Subdivision being 2.2 acres out of Lot 1, Royal Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located approximately 534ft West of Mile 2 ½ West Rd. along IH 2. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed two (2) lot subdivision inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer from the city; applicant requested a variance for the required right-of-way dedication along Moreland Drive. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval and required the dedication of the right-of-way for all areas except for along the existing apartment building because the required right-of-way they would encroach to the existing use (apartments). Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve the Final Plat for OK Gardens Subdivision with variance of right-of-way limited to the area in front of the existing apartments only as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2024-36 for the Voluntary Annexation of Pleasantview Apartments Subdivision also being a 5.902-acre tract of land, out of Farm Tract 722, Block 137, West and Adams Tracts, Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Pleasantview Dr. and Mile 5 ½ North Road. First reading of Ordinance 2024-36. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated the proposed subdivision is outside city limits; serviced with water and sewer from the city; developer will propose apartment use and received a waiver to the moratorium of the proposed use for multifamily as the development began prior to passing the moratorium. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval as the area is contiguous to the current city limits.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve Ordinance 2024-36 for the Voluntary Annexation of Pleasantview Apartments Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to authorize Allowance Expenditure Approval No 17 for change proposal 033 Hardware at the New Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,750. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the increase amount of \$5,750 would allow for upgrades of hardware for the doors that were installed at the police department; funds would come out of the contingency fund leaving a balance of \$27,500.17. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve Allowance Expenditure Approval No 17 for change proposal 033 Hardware at the New Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,750 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to terminate the New Weslaco Municipal Swimming Pool Project and provide notice to Sam Garcia Architect, LLC per AIA Agreement between Owner and Architect dated July 20, 2023. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the architect had submitted the site analysis report at a previous meeting and was advised the project would be on hold status until the budget process; stated the project has not moved forward at this point and architect requested as outlined in the agreement termination of services. Staff recommended approval to terminate agreement to close the project out and payment of the termination fee in the amount of \$5,000 be approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve and terminate the New Weslaco Municipal Swimming Pool Project and provide notice to Sam Garcia Architect, LLC and payment termination fee in the amount of \$5,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to approve the official 2024 Tax Roll totals as prepared by Hidalgo County Tax Assessor and Collector per section 26.09(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated Pablo Villarreal, Tax Assessor-Collector, submitted the 2024 Property Tax Roll totals, with the exclusion of property currently under protest; totals calculated are from tax rates accepted and approved on August 20, 2024 and the tax rate adopted September 17, 2024. Staff recommended approval and stated the tax rate remained the same at .6867.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the official 2024 Tax Roll totals as prepared by Hidalgo County Tax Assessor and Collector as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve a purchase of a Seepex Sludge Pump for the Water Treatment Plant from Dynamic Pump Systems under BuyBoard contract # 672-22 in the amount not to exceed \$30,750. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from vote and discussion.

George Quilantan, Inframark, stated the pump is needed at the Water Treatment Plants; the pumps are necessary to transfer sludge from the gravity thickener to the dewater unit; currently one pump operational and this purchase will replace a pump that is not operational; three quotes were received with the lowest quote from Dynamic Pump Systems in the amount of \$30,750. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to purchase Seepex Sludge Pump from Dynamic Pump Systems in the amount not to exceed \$30,750. as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve change order #2.2 in the additional amount of \$11,550 for the refurbishment of 2008 Pierce Velocity unit 566 from Fire Trucks Unlimited (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from vote and discussion.

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated previous commission approved from a buyboard vendor the refurbishment of Unit 566; upon delivery and inspection of the truck, the vendor noted the unit had two steering gearboxes and not one and the ladder system on unit outdated and non-functional so a new slide in compartment would be placed. Staff recommended approval of the additional equipment necessary for the refurbishment that was a second steering gearbox for \$4,500 and new slide-in compartment for \$9,180 for a total amount of \$11,550.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve change order #2.2 in the additional amount of \$11,550 for the refurbishment of 2008 Pierce Velocity unit 566 from Fire Trucks Unlimited as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2024-37 to amend Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances codified as Garbage, Trash, and Rubbish to establish the Voluntary Recycling Curbside Program. First reading of Ordinance 2024-37. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated this was the first step in having a recycling curbside program; went over the proposed ordinance that outlined it was a voluntary basis; the fee of \$5.00 per bin, collection would be twice-monthly and would be a curbside service, commission may review fees as necessary and ordinance also had violations that would be imposed; an agreement with McAllen would be forthcoming to allow the acceptance of recyclables items from the city and in discussions with them already was favorable. The Recycling Committee and staff recommended approval of first reading of the ordinance and legal has reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding additional equipment, fees, violations and implementation of the services. David Arce stated the initiation of the program was to begin with 700 bins; service would be on a Wednesday as this day the equipment is not in use for residential pick-up and is a maintenance day for the trucks; should the program reach 1,400 plus participants equipment may be needed and current staffing is sufficient and may merit additional personnel as the program grows.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias recommended the fee be the actual cost of the bin to make sure it is cost effective for the city. In response to Commissioner Pedraza violations will be monitored by staff when the container is being picked up and discarded into the truck as well as the cameras on the truck will determine that a resident has placed items not allowed and be notified. David Arce stated he would research fees other cities charge for this and compare and stated the program would help the city in diverting from the landfill. Mayor Pro Tem Farias was in favor but to ensure it is cost effective.

Mayor Gonzalez stated this was first reading and comments and recommended changes from the commission can be brought back on second reading for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2024-37 to establish the Voluntary Recycling Curbside Program as presented on first reading. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration for the purchase of two Ford Maverick Hybrid Trucks for the Public Works Department through the TIPS USA 210907 Transportation Vehicle Contract from Silsbee Ford at a total cost of \$58,506 to be reimbursed through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gabriel Perez, Grant Manager, stated the city received a grant award in the amount of \$71,255.96 from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; an allocated amount of \$58,506 from the grant would be used to purchase two Ford Maverick Hybrid Trucks from Silsbee Ford

for the Public Works Department. Staff recommended approval and noted no matching amount is required.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to purchase two Ford Maverick Hybrid Trucks for the Public Works Department through the TIPS USA 210907 Transportation Vehicle Contract from Silsbee Ford at a total cost of \$58,506 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration for the purchase of five Electric Bikes for the Weslaco Police Department through the selection of the lowest available quote, Quiet Kat, at a total cost of \$12,749.96 and reimbursed through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gabriel Perez stated the remaining balance from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant would be allocated to the purchase of five Electric Bikes for the police department; lowest vendor was from Quiet Kit for a total cost of \$12,749.96. Staff recommended approval and no matching funds required.

Martin Garza stated the bikes would be used at special events such as Alfresco, 4th of July, Onion Fest and 5k runs; will assist the officers mobilizing from one point to the other in a safer manner.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to purchase five Electric Bikes for the Weslaco Police Department from Quiet Kat, at a total cost of \$12,749.96 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration of approval of the proposed agreement with AIM GIS Solutions for RFQ No. 2024-25-03 GIS Solutions and Services for the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated on November 19, 2024, AIMS GIS Solutions (AIMS) was selected for a GIS Services; staff negotiated terms of \$3,000 monthly the fee that they have charged for previous work; included 20 Hours per month to perform services outlined on Exhibit A of the agreement, 8 Hours of Training per year and any additional special services would require a cost proposal for approval. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Pedraza, staff stated any unforeseen services requested by a department not outlined in the agreement would need a cost proposal for approval by the commission.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve agreement with AIM GIS Solutions as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to authorize the purchase of UV Modules for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant through a sole source vendor, Veolia, for a cost not to exceed \$306,000. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated the UV modules are part of the disinfection system; the equipment (bays) in place at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant are from the original vendor Aquaray UV Systems that is now Veolia; vendor has compatible UV modules for the existing channels and is a sole source supplier. Staff recommended approval to purchase the needed UV modules for the existing disinfection system from Veolia as the most advantageous course for the city to do without having to retrofit anything else. Staff would propose the purchase of 4 UV modules and then award a contractor for installation and provide miscellaneous electrical and machine shop services.

In response to the commission, Albert Aldana stated there are 4 UV modules operational; purchase of 4 new modules will replace those that are not operational and will allow the city to meet TCEQ requirements for discharge and operational until the expansion/rehab of the plant is done that will likely have a new system; stated by keeping the same modules for now it should not cause/provoke electrical failure.

George Quilantan stated once the added modules are in place it will have a performance level as if it were 12 modules in place, is considered a sole source because the original design of the system is considered proprietary; stated the vendor recommended two additional transformers for the new modules will be needed and would be more inexpensive if the transformers were bought locally. Martin Garza stated an agenda item would need to be forthcoming for the purchase of the transformers.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve the purchase of UV Modules for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant from sole source vendor, Veolia, for a cost not to exceed \$306,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration of approval to authorize the solicitation of bids for the installation of UV modules at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Mayor Gonzalez entertained a motion for the solicitation of bids for the installation of UV modules at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Martin Garza stated additional action items will be forthcoming for the purchase of transformers.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the solicitation of bids for the installation of UV modules at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2024-74 to authorize the Mayor to sign and file a funding application with the Texas Water Development Board for Project Planning, Acquisition and Design (PAD) for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza stated previous commission action approved to request funding from the TWDB for the construction/expansion phase for the SWWTP project; city ranked 51 out of 190 and waiting

for invitation to apply for the actual funds. Recommended approval of the resolution to authorize the Mayor to apply for financial assistance in the amount of \$3,500,00 for the planning, acquisition and design phase for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements project. Staff was advised to submit for the funding for this phase of the project to be ready to move forward once the final sweep of funding requests are completed by the TWDB.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2024-74 to authorize the Mayor to sign and file a funding application with the Texas Water Development Board for Project Planning, Acquisition and Design (PAD) for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:54 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 8:11p.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) authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from discussion.

No action.

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

No action.

E. 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 acre for 33.38 net acres of land out of Farm Tract 59, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to authorize the Mayor to execute and enter into a lease agreement with Dustin Dickerson for the net 31.02 acres of real property out of Farm Tract 59, West Tract Subdivision as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property being Rogers (Re-Plat) 0.58 acres for D/D R-O-W, Rogers Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

No action.

Mayor Gonzalez wished all a very Merry Christmas.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of December 17, 2024, at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**