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

On Tuesday, December 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:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Benjamin Castillo	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, November 27, 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) Recognition - Weslaco East Wildcat Cross Country District Champions

Mayor Gonzalez along with City Commission recognized Weslaco East's Boys Cross Country that brought home the District 32-5A championship.

2) Recognition - Walmart

Mayor Gonzalez along with City Commission recognized Walmart Store employees and management for its commitment to the community during the holidays and city events.

3) Recognition - Dr. Joel Rivera, Chief of Police

Mayor Gonzalez along with City Commission recognized Joel Rivera, Chief of Police, for his service and dedication to the citizens of Weslaco.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Michelle Garcia, Weslaco Economic Development Corporation, reported the monthly Alfresco event was December 19; continue with recruitment of retail and industrial businesses; hosting their 2nd Holiday Mixer Event, Thursday, December 12 and extended an invitation to the commission; reported Starbucks and McDonalds now opened in the area of 18th Street and Walmart gas station to open first quarter of 2024, Murphy USA on Westgate scheduled for opening March 2025; a call center that is a combined medical sector warehouse began construction on a 4-acre tract of land at the new industrial park; three letter of intent for the new industrial park issued for a total of 38-acres of development; Christmas Tree lighting event was in collaboration with the Chamber and a success with 150 Santa Clause photos done and staff visited the Port of Harlingen Authority.

B. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, CEO, reported on the destination marketing report for November 2024 expenditures was $17,751.43; reported on the November groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events; networking lunch mob was Thursday, December 5 at Quesomidilla, Christmas Parade, toy drive and Santa Dash scheduled for Saturday, December 14; the Texas Festivals and Events Association recognized Anthony Rivera and herself in receiving the Certified Festivals and Events Associate completion; reported visitors for the month was 2,629 of which 2,482 was a result of voters, facility reservations were eight and door tracker was over 4,000.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, and the Governing Body has been furnished with background and support material and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda by the Mayor, a Commission member or the City Manager and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Workshop on November 18, 2024. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2024-33 to rezone 236 Mile 2 ½ W. Rd., also being 7.45-acres out of Farm Tract 1034 Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to I – Industrial District. (First reading held November 19, 2024; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

2) Ordinance 2024-34 to rezone 503 S Illinois, also being Lots 20–22, Block 44, Weslaco Original Townsite Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary & Highway Business District. (First reading held November 19, 2024; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to accept the Office of Governor's Grant in the amount of $22,506.21 (Grant # 4367803) with a local match required of $7,502.07 for body worn camera server. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to accept the Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Grant in the amount of $125,000 (Grant # 3407208) for border security operations with no local match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval to renew the lease agreement for the building located at Mayor Pablo G. Pena Park with the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco for a new 2-year term ending September 30, 2026. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

F. Approval of a District Office Lease Agreement beginning January 2, 2025 and ending January 2, 2027 with Congressman Vicente Gonzalez for office space located at 255 S. Kansas Avenue. (Staffed by City Manager.)

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

Following for the record are the ordinance caption(s).

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-33

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 236 MILE 2 ½ W. RD., ALSO BEING 7.45-ACRES OUT OF FARM TRACT 1034 ADAMS TRACT SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO I – INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 503 S ILLINOIS, ALSO BEING LOTS

20- 22, BLOCK 44, WESLACO ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO B-2 SECONDARY & HIGHWAY DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Benjamin Castillo, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and the City of Donna to provide sanitary sewer services for Midway Estates Subdivision. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, stated this was a a proposed 48-lot development outside city limits; development is within the City limits of Donna that does not have any sanitary sewer lines available to service this area; stated an 8" sanitary sewer line is in our city limits that the developer requested to utilize, until they are able to extend a sewer line; staff will review the construction plans, oversee the installation and will appropriate the required fees. Staff recommended approval and stated legal reviewed with noted changes on the termination clause that have been accepted by the City of Donna.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, staff stated treated flow will be going to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant. Matin Garza stated capacity at the plant was currently at 49% and can assist Donna and should the capacity reach 65% the agreement allows Weslaco to terminate with notice given.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and the City of Donna to provide sanitary sewer services for Midway Estates Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to reject all SOQ's and re-solicit for 2023-24-18 SOQ for Engineering / Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Street, Utility Impact Fees, Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumptions Plan and to Update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated previous commission interviewed respondents to the solicitation and awarded to negotiate with Able.City; staff was advised that to properly adopt impact fees a Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumption Plan was needed; Able.City provided a fee to add this scope of work and was higher than expected; legal consulted and recommended to bring back to commission to approve staff negotiate with the second respondent, Trimad. Able.City objected because the opportunity to negotiate the additional fee provided was not given to them. Staff recommend rejecting and re-solicit adding the two components the Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumption Plan to the solicitation request.

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, recommended to reject and re-solicit with the scope of work to include the additional components to allow a transparent and fair process.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and reject all SOQ's and re-solicit for 2023-24-18 SOQ for Engineering / Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Street, Utility Impact Fees, Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumptions Plan and to Update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances. as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve a contract with TXP, INC for professional consulting services related to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) administration and feasibility. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated the commission approved and awarded TXP, Inc. to provide consulting services for the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone for the city; staff negotiated a contract not to exceed $50,000 with a timeline for the first public hearing to be held between 3-4 months. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a contract with TXP, INC for professional consulting services related to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) administration and feasibility as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to review proposal from Luna Creative in the amount of $11,935 for the creation of a new City of Weslaco logo and style guide. (Staffed by Communications and Media Department.)

Martin Garza stated the proposal from Luna Creative was selected for the creation of a new city logo and staff negotiated a fee of $11,935. Jasmine Rico-Joens went over the scope of work to be done that included a conceptional and design logo for the departments and style guide on the proper usage of the city logo. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve proposal from Luna Creative in the amount of $11,935 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to work with the PONY organization to establish a youth baseball and softball program in Weslaco. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the PONY League Program wished to bring back to the city the youth baseball and softball programs at Mayor Pablo Pena Park; the request allows staff to meet with the organization and discuss the program; stated Ray Lucio will be heading the program, and the membership has been sanctioned and will receive the full support of PONY Baseball/Softball League. Staff recommended approval.

In response to the commission, Omar Rodriguez stated once approved staff will meet with the league and go over the requirements from the city to include their financials and back to the commission for a lease approval, the city can accommodate and will coordinate a schedule for all requests for the use of park facilities and if approved they hope to begin in the Spring.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve and authorize staff to work with the PONY organization to establish a youth baseball and softball program in Weslaco as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to approve a request from Weslaco PONY Baseball/Softball to waive fees for the PONY Road to the International World Series. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated a commitment from the Pony League organization is that once a chapter is established, they bring to the city qualifying teams that advance to the International World Series; the Pony League requested for fees to be waived of the park facilities for those teams advancing. Staff recommended approval as this was a positive image for the city, could have 50 plus teams from all over the region, be 2-3 days tournament that may need use of all park facilities.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, Omar Rodriguez stated the waiver of fees would be only for the qualifying teams that begin in January-February and would not conflict with other organizations that use the parks.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a request from Weslaco PONY Baseball/Softball to waive fees for the PONY Road to the International World Series as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to ratify approval of Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 1 for the MJVSPL - New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Building Demolition project in an amount not to exceed $12,200. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated the item ratified approval done by the City Manager that allowed the contractor to continue work and the funds would come from the contingency allowance of the contract of $30,000. Staff recommended approval because once the wall to the theater was removed there were leaks and roof penetrations within the moisture barrier of the roof theater and the work was needed to protect the building from any extended exposure to the elements.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve and ratify Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 1 for the MJVSPL - New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Building Demolition project in an amount not to exceed $12,200 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to authorize Heffner Design team to proceed to the Design Development Phase of the Isaac Rodriguez and Mayor Pablo Pena City Parks improvements project. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated a workshop was held with Heffner Design to review the Isaac Rodriguez and Mayor Pablo Pena City Park improvement project and budget; staff met with Heffner Design who is ready to proceed with the design phase and refine the project and budget based on those discussions with any additional projects back to the commission for approval before the construction plans are done. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Heffner Design team to proceed to the Design Development Phase of the Isaac Rodriguez and Mayor Pablo Pena City Parks improvements project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve purchase of 20 portable radios and 1 mobile radio in the total amount of $81,520.00 from Tri-County Communications, LLC, Buyboard Contract #698-23 with the FY25 Border Zone Fire Departments (BZFD) grant award # 5103501. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

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

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated a grant submitted was awarded and accepted by the commission; the grant comes from the Border Zone Fire Department Grant that would purchase 20 portable radios and 1 mobile radio for the fire fighters. Staff recommended approval to move forward with the purchase that will begin a replacement of old end-of-life radios.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase of 20 portable radios and 1 mobile radio in the total amount of $81,520.00 from Tri-County Communications, LLC, Buyboard Contract #698-23 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve a five (5) year subscription agreement with Motorola Solutions South Texas Communications under Buyboard Contract #648-21 for body worn EMS cameras as budgeted for first year term cost of $15,540.40 and the total amount for five-year term of $51,982.00. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

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

Antonio Lopez stated that as services for EMS continue to grow the department also needs to grow regarding EMS daily operations; state regulations allow EMS responders to have body worn camaras just like for the law enforcement agencies; will benefit the department to be in state compliance with protocols, recordings will be used for trainings, will meet all HIPPA regulations; is a new tool for EMS and Fire Departments, is being used in larger cities such as Dallas and Houston; Weslaco may be the first in taking the step of using this tool with the information to be stored on the cloud and not a separate server. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Pedraza, Chief Lopez stated the vendor will be the party responsible for storage of information and will have to comply with HIPPA regulations.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve a five (5) year subscription agreement with Motorola Solutions South Texas Communications under Buyboard Contract #648-21 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve the Covered Applications & Prohibited Technology Policy pursuant to Senate Bill 1893 and amend the COW Personnel Policies to include Prohibited Technology Policy. (Staffed by Human Resources.)

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated the passage of SB 1893 a policy must be adopted that prohibits the use of certain social media and services on devices owned or leased by governmental entities such as TikTok or any application or service developed from Dance Limited; the bill allows for exceptions to law enforcement or for the development and implementation of information for security purposes; the bill applies to any city devices such as cell phones, tablets, lap tops issued to any employee full or part-time, contractors, paid or unpaid interns and other users of government networks and would apply to the commission. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Covered Applications & Prohibited Technology Policy pursuant to Senate Bill 1893 and amend the COW Personnel Policies to include Prohibited Technology Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve the updated Salary Grades and Ranges pay schedule for non-civil service employees to reflect the COLA increase for FY 21-22; FY 22-23; and FY 23-24 as approved by City Commission and as required by city policy. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo stated the item updates the pay schedules to reflect the cost-of-living increases for non-civil service employees approved by commission for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-23 and 2023-2024; presented the pay grade schedule for exempt and non-exempt reflecting the minimum and maximum pay. Staff recommended approval.

Martin Garza stated this will document into the city policy the most recent pay schedule and offers transparency.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the updated Salary Grades and Ranges pay schedule for non-civil service employees to reflect the COLA increase for FY 21-22; FY 22-23; and FY 23-24 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No: 2024-25-02 Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Drainage Improvements/Project 1 to G-8 Utilities, LLC of McAllen, TX for the Base Bid and Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of $630,120.00. (Staffed by Mid-Valley Airport.)

Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, stated bids were received on November 19, 2024, KSA, Consultant, reviewed and tabulated and recommended to award G-8 Utilities as the lowest bid; respondent awarded a previous project that is on-going that has not had any issues; allocated funds are from ARPA and staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and award G-8 Utilities, LLC of McAllen, TX for the Base Bid and Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of

$630,120.00. as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

Armando Espinoza, Interim Chief of Police; stated calls from wrecker companies on the rotation list were received that requested towing fees be increased and calls from wrecker companies not on the rotation list wanted to be included but the ordinance adopted stipulates the number of wrecker companies cannot exceed thirteen; comparison of rates from surrounding cities was done and stated no changes had been made to fees charged since 2016; proposed changes to consider is to increase duty fee for Class A (10,000 pounds or less) from $150 to $200, Class B (more than10,000 pounds but less than 26,000) from $75 minimum and for any additional hour $75 increase to $325 and Class C (26,000 plus pounds) from $75 minimum and for any additional hour $75 increase to $325; storage cost from $15 to $20, add new drop fee of $135 Class A, $190 Class B and $244 Class C. other charges is the fee for use of winch $45 (excluding the first winch) and add $45 winch use in high water situations, towing outside city limits would change from $15 plus $1.50 per mile to and from location of vehicle to $150 plus $7.50 per mile. Stated proposed charges are comparable to surrounding city's as well as in compliance with state allowable charges and recommended consideration to increase the number of wrecker companies from 13 to 17.

Martin Garza stated this was for discussion and input from the commission before any final action.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, staff stated the wrecker companies on a yearly basis go through a safety inspection. Mayor Gonzalez suggested the possibility for staff to revisit and increase by another $20-$25 in some because of the high cost of doing business and noted most of the wrecker companies were local. Commissioner Pedraza voiced concern that the cost of recovery of the vehicle may already be a hardship and to increase more than comparable and/or allowable charges he did not agree. In response to Commissioner Rodriguez the recommended changes are in line with surrounding cities as well as what is permitted by the state.

A brief discussion regarding excessive charges that can be disputed through a complaint process; storage site fees to be evaluated closely and response time be looked at to ensure a timely response took place.

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, stated the ordinance verbiage references a minimum charge but no cap limits and stated the commission can implement a cap that could avoid excessive charges to an individual. The consensus from the commission is to have a cap on charges and for the City Attorney to assist staff with language.

Presentation only.

O. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of MdE ADORE Field Training Software with a first-year activation and annual subscription fee of $5,720.00, with an annual recurring cost of $1,430.00 from the Asset Forfeiture funds. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Armando Espinoza stated currently the departments field training manual is printed material that is provided to new hires; the purchase of this software will allow the department to move forward in a digital format that will allow quick access on the progress of the new hires training and staff would be able to modify field training forms, input new forms, and switch from the field training officer (FTO) to the police training officer (PTO) custom field training program without the need to pay for these modifications. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the purchase of MdE ADORE Field Training Software with a first-year activation and annual subscription fee of $5,720.00, with an annual recurring cost of $1,430.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration of proposed Change Order #2 for CB3's NWWTP Aeration Basin Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project in the amount of $40,000 to perform repairs of walls within the anoxic zone. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated the contractor completed the cleaning of the aeration basin and the new aeration discs have been installed; the anoxic zone of the aeration basin also had stainless steel support beams, stainless steel angles from pipe to fiberglass and stainless-steel angles at the bottom installed but when the water was drained for these repairs it showed the weir walls on the anoxic zone were leaning. Staff recommended approval of the change order to allow for the unforeseen repairs to the leaning weir walls and replacement of stainless-steel angles and wall supports at a cost of $40,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Change Order #2 for CB3's NWWTP Aeration Basin Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project in the amount of $40,000 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Lopez against; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to approve the most advantageous respondent for RFB #2024-25-05 Border Road Sidewalk Improvements Project. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Homer Rhodes, Purchasing Agent, stated seven responses were received, reviewed and tabulated; the sidewalk improvements will run North and South from Villa del Norte Street to Sugarcane along Garza Middle School. Staff recommended approval to award D&T Construction, Inc. the lowest bid received in the amount of $49,234.50.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Salvador Ayar, Engineering Dept, stated no acquisition of right-of way is necessary because there is adequate area for the sidewalk improvements.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to approve and award D&T Construction, Inc. in the amount of $49,234.50 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration on the appointment of a Municipal Judge. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza requested no action for this item and the next item until after executive session.

Upon completion of executive session, Mayor Gonzalez entertained for a motion.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to appoint Emmanuel Espinoza as Municipal Judge. The motion carried; Commissioner Lopez against; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Benjamin Castillo thanked the candidates for their time in interviewing for Municipal Judge.

S. Discussion and consideration to confirm the appointment of an Interim Police Chief. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Upon completion of executive session, Mayor Gonzalez entertained for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to confirm the appointment of Armando Espinoza as Interim Police Chief as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 9:27 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Manager for the City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

B. Personnel - Deliberation to confirm the appointment of an Interim Chief of Police as authorized by Section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Action taken under new business item R.

C. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding matters related to the appointment of a Municipal Judge, including but not limited to conducting Municipal Judge candidate interviews as authorized by Section §551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Action taken under new business item S.

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 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.

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 City Attorney regarding Cause No. C-5009-24-I Eliana Santana v City of Weslaco and Enrique Sanchez Rios, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

G. Legal Consultation - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Ethan Iasaia Carrillo TMLIRP Claim No. TX226942 as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

H. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property being 35.28 acres except the southeast 1.90 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.

No action.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of December 3, 2024, at 9:27 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**