



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting in the Legislative Chamber of City Hall, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the following items:

NOTE: If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the Weslaco City Commission will convene in such executive or closed session whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, the Weslaco City Commission may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by telephonic conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Certification of Public Notice.
- B. Invocation.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call.
- E. Mayoral recognition.
 - 1) Recognition - Vivian Nichole Tamez, Miss Hidalgo Borderfest 2024.
 - 2) Recognition - Jaelynn Medellin, All American UCA Cheerleader.
 - 3) Proclamation - Reyna Ortega, National Catholic School Week.
 - 4) Proclamation South Texas Health Systems - American Heart Month
 - 5) Proclamation - Healthier Texas Challenge.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Comments portion of the meeting promotes a fair and open process for the governance of the City. This portion of the meeting is not intended to be an extended discussion or a debate and is limited to three minutes for each presenter. Due to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Mayor and City Commissioners do not reply; they listen. Matters under litigation are not to be addressed and comments regarding specific City employees and elected officials may be prohibited.

The Public may comment on anything on the agenda, however if you comment on something not included on the agenda, the Commission cannot take any formal action until it is placed on an agenda and notice of the meeting is properly posted. Registration for Public Comments must be submitted to the City Secretary before the City Commission meeting is called to order. As the Mayor calls upon those who submitted a registration form with the City Secretary, please step to the podium and state your

name and address before beginning your presentation.

III. REPORTS

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. Health Insurance Quarterly report by Roger Garza (Valley Risk Consulting) Attachment.
- B. Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco - Programs and Expansion Fundraising.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval on second and final reading of the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 2025-01 to rezone 2610 N Westgate Dr., also being S ½ of Lot 2 & all of 3, Block 1, Sun Country Estates Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. (First reading held January 21, 2025; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
 - 2) Ordinance 2025-02 to approve the naming of a service road located within Expressway Heights Unit #3 as Fort Worth Service Road. (First reading held January 21, 2025; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
- B. Approval on the petition from Maher and Malek Al-Sayyed for the release of property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction described as 3.90 acres out of Farm Tract 1065, The West and Adams Tracts Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
- C. Approval on Resolution 2025-09 to apply for the FY2026 Criminal Justice Grant Program (Grant #5417701) to purchase active shooter training equipment with no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- D. Approval on Resolution 2025-10 to apply to the FY2026 General Victim Assistance Grant Program (Grant #3814607) for salaries, overtime, and equipment, with 20%

match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)

- E. Approval on Resolution 2025-11 to apply to the FY2026 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Program (Grant #5417801) for overtime, training, and equipment, no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- F. Approval on Resolution 2025-12 to apply to the FY2026 Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Program (Grant #4003406) for salary, overtime pay, supplies, and equipment, no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- G. Approval on Resolution 2025-13 to apply to the FY2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program (Grant # 5417901) for equipment and to pay for overtime, no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- H. Approval on Resolution 2025-14 to apply to the FY2026 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (Grant # 5418001) to purchase rifle-resistant body armor, no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- I. Approval on Resolution 2025-15 to apply to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Workforce Development Projects (Grant #5418101) for training and software, with a 20% match. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- J. Approval on Resolution 2025-16 to apply to the FY2026 State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (Grant #5418401) for crisis intervention training, no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- K. Approval on Resolution 2025-17 to apply to the FY2026 State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L) (Grant #5418201) for FARO Scanner equipment upgrade no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- L. Approval on Resolution 2025-18 to apply to the FY2026 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R) (Grant #5418301) for replacement of police radios, and dispatch equipment, with no match. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- M. Approval on Resolution 2025-19 to apply to the FY2026 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (Grant #4507604) for violence against women training, with a 30% match. (Staffed by Police Department.)
- N. Approval to authorize staff to solicit proposals for a customized lighted drone show for downtown fourth of July celebration. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)
- O. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for Lift Station #2 rehabilitation project located at Texas and Agostadero Street. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)
- P. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for sewer project located at the 400 Block of West Hidalgo Street. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)
- Q. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for 15 manhole rehabilitation in various locations. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)
- R. Approval to terminate Lease Agreement for parking at property legally described as the South 12.50' of Lot 3 and Lots 4-9, Block 26, Weslaco Original Townsite, Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County. (Staffed by City Manager.)

V. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-04 to appoint a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term. (There was no action on January 21, 2025; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department/City Secretary.) Attachment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for South Bridge Ranchettes Subdivision being 25.45 acres out of Farm Tracts 757, Blk. 140, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the Northeast corner of Bridge and Mile 5 N. (There was no action January 21, 2025; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
- B. Discussion and consideration on interviews with firms for Engineering / Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Street, Utility Impact Fees, Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumption Plan and to Update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
- C. Discussion and consideration to approve a contract between the City of Weslaco and the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco for the development and construction of a new building at Mayor Pablo Pena City Park. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- D. Discussion and consideration to accept the submission of the Program Development plan for the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco Facility Expansion Project; approve an Owner's budget of Cost of Work not to exceed \$2,652,862; establish compensation for the Architect's Basic Services at 7.5% of the owner's budget for the cost of the work. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- E. Discussion and consideration to authorize Heffner Design Team to add Utah Avenue from 1st Street to Airport Drive and parking areas at Mayor Pablo Pena City Park to their scope of work with an estimated project budget of \$750,000 and approve a design fee of \$60,000. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- F. Discussion and consideration on the Lease Agreement for the use of Harlon Block Park Sports Complex for the Weslaco Little League youth baseball and softball league program from March 4, 2025- July 31, 2025 . (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- G. Discussion and consideration of a Lease Agreement with Weslaco Softball Baseball PONY for use of the Softball/Baseball Field 1, 2 and 3 and Concession Stand at Mayor Pablo G. Peña City Park effective February 1, 2025 through July 7, 2025. (Requested by Weslaco Softball Baseball.) Attachment.

- H. Discussion and consideration to approve a request from the Mid-Valley Youth Soccer Association for use of Judge Gilbert Garza Park. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- I. Discussion and consideration to award a contract for RFB #2024-25-08 Concrete Works for Various Projects to the most advantageous bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.) Attachment.
- J. Discussion and consideration to continue with the routing software service with HGAC vendor Routeware Inc. for 13 solid waste collection units. (Staffed by Public Works Department.) Attachment.
- K. Discussion and consideration on final reading of 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. Final reading of Ordinance 2024-37. (There was no action January 21, 2025;staffed by Public Works Department.) Attachment.
- L. Discussion and consideration on the request from the Hidalgo County Historical Commission for assistance to install a Texas Historical Marker designation for the Minnie May Nickel House located at 906 W. 6th Street. (Staffed by Public Works Department.) Attachment.
- M. Discussion and consideration on renewal of an agreement between South Texas Vo-Tech and the City of Weslaco to allow for employment of Federal work-study students. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.
- N. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-20 to change meeting day for the City Commission from the first and third Tuesday of the month to the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning March 2025 through May 2025. (Requested by Mayor Gonzalez.) Attachment.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Texas Government Code, Section 551 Open Meetings:

§551.145. Closed Meeting Without Certified Agenda or Tape Recording; Offense; Penalty

(a) A member of a government body commits an offense if the member participates in a closed meeting of the governmental body knowing that a certified agenda of the closed meeting is not being kept or that a tape recording of the closed meeting is not being made.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

§551.146. Disclosure of Certified Agenda or Tape Recording of Closed Meeting; Offense; Penalty; Civil Liability

(a) An individual, corporation, or partnership that without lawful authority knowingly discloses to a member of the public the certified agenda or tape recording of a meeting that was lawfully closed to the public under this chapter:

(1) commits an offense; and

(2) is liable to a person injured or damaged by the disclosure for:

(A) actual damages, including damages for personal injury or damage, lost wages, defamation, or mental or other emotional distress;

(B) reasonable attorney fees and court costs; and

(C) at the discretion of the trier of fact, exemplary damages.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(1) and an affirmative defense to a civil action under Subsection (a)(2) that:

- (1) the defendant had good reason to believe the disclosure was lawful; or
- (2) the disclosure was the result of a mistake of fact concerning the nature or content of the certified agenda or tape recording. (Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch 268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.)

NOTE: Any documentation related to the following items will be maintained as part of the certified agenda.

- 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.
- 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.
- C. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property being Lots 1 thru 33, Block 40 and 20x30 alley, Weslaco Original Townsite Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.
- D. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease or value of real property owned by Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.
- E. Real Property - Deliberation with the City Attorney regarding the potential purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property(s) belonging to the City of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify this **Notice of a Regular Meeting of the Weslaco City Commission** was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act on the outside bulletin board at City Hall of the City of Weslaco, located at the 255 South Kansas Avenue entrance, visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours. This notice was posted on this 31st day of January 2025 on or before 5:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72-hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/s/ Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary

NOTE: If any accommodation for a disability is required, please notify the City Secretary Department at (956) 968-3181, Ext. 1001 prior to the meeting date.

Regular Meetings of the Weslaco City Commission stream live online at <http://www.weslacotx.gov/open-government/open-meetings>. Archived video of some meetings are also available.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN".

“DE ACUERDO CON LA SECCION 30.06 DEL CODIGO PENAL (INGRESO SIN AUTORIZACION DE UN TITULAR DE UNA LICENCIA CON UNA PISTOLA OCULTA), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA SEGUN EL SUBCAPITULO H, CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DEL GOBIERNO (LEY SOBRE LICENCIAS PARA PORTAR PISTOLAS), NO PUEDE INGRESAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA PISTOLA OCULTA”.

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY".

“DE ACUERDO CON LA SECCION 30.07 DEL CODIGO PENAL (INGRESO SIN AUTORIZACION DE UN TITULAR DE UNA LICENCIA CON UNA PISTOLA A LA VISTA), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA SEGUN EL SUBCAPITULO H, CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DEL GOBIERNO (LEY SOBRE LICENCIAS PARA PORTAR PISTOLAS), NO PUEDE INGRESAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA PISTOLA A LA VISTA”.