MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 21, 2025

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:32 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	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Benjamin Casillo	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, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Albert Aldana, City Engineer, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Armando Espinoza, Interim 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, January 17, 2025.

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.

Mayor Gonzalez stated because of the inclement weather all Mayoral recognition were postponed.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - Healthier Texas Challenge.

2) Proclamation - Vivian Nichole Tamez, Miss Hidalgo Borderfest 2024.

3) Proclamation - Reyna Ortega, National Catholic School Week

4) Recognition - Jaelynn Medellin, All American UCA Cheerleader

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Animal Care Services.

Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Manager, recapped the live release rate for November and December; a Mega adoption event held with Petco had 10 adoptions and pictures with Santa were made available at this event; reported Weslaco residents donated sweaters and blankets to the animal shelter and staff had enough for all at the shelter; staff monitored heaters during and after working hours; reported 110 dogs rescued this month; reported on the rescue of 3 puppies in a storm drain on Corporate Drive, reported on the upcoming adoption events.

B. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark, reported no issues of power outages; experienced some electrical issues for Lift Station 37 and felt it was because of the cold weather but portable pumps setup to help avoid interruptions; water and sewer plants no concerns and operations are normal with staff on standby for any calls from the monitoring services to respond

C. Clean Sweep Holiday update.

No report at this time.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. To solicit input on behalf of the City of Weslaco for an extension of 120 days regarding the moratorium of applications for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and multifamily residential development.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Virginia Yolanda Lozano to rezone 2610 N Westgate Dr. Also being S ½ of Lot 2 & all of 3, Blk 1, Sun Country Estates Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District.

Virginia Hernandez Lozano, applicant, requested favorable consideration of her request; wished to honor her son, Noe Hernandez, deceased Navy officer, in opening a flower shop; voiced the monuments at Mayor Pablo Pena Park needed attention.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to close the public hearing as presented. 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 January 7, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2024-38 amending Chapter 142 Wrecker Ordinance to increase the amount of wreckers on rotation and change the wrecker fees. (First reading held January 7, 2025; staffed by Police Department.)

C. Approval of lease agreement between the City of Weslaco and Honorable Adam Hinojosa, Texas Senate Member District 27, for office space located at 255 S. Kansas Avenue. (Staffed by City Manager.)

D. Approval on the Kroger Opioid Settlement in the amount of $5,569.51 for the City of Weslaco and authorize the Mayor to execute the participation form for disbursement of funds. (Staffed by the City Manager.)

E. Approval to solicit request for bids (RFB) for the proposed traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Airport Dr and 6th Street. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

F. Approval on Resolution 2025-02 to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor for Operation Stonegarden (Grant #3173410) FY2025-FY2026 in the amount of $285,000 for increased border protection overtime and equipment. (Staffed by Police Department.)

G. Approval to purchase and pay for installation of a Power Edge R6660 server and Dell ME5012 storage array from Insight Public Sector for Body Worn Camera data, in the amount of $35,988.28 for equipment and installation, purchase of the equipment will be reimbursed through Office of Governor's grant (#4367803) in the amount of $22,506.21. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval on request from the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce to consider Resolution 2025-03 for closure of a state highway Business 83 to Sixth Street and closures of side streets (3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th) as well as Kansas Ave. on Friday, March 21, 2025 (evening) for setup and Saturday, March 22, 2025 (all day) to hold the Texas Onion Festival. Additionally, to allow placement of banners/event signs on Texas Blvd. Westgate, South Kansas Street and around town, waiver of appropriate fees from ordinances associated with the event, and support from city departments and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents to include those as may be required by the Texas Department of Transportation. (Staffed by Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce.)

I. Approval prohibiting vending of goods, any type of beverages and food on a public sidewalk, parkway, pedestrian path or other public right-of-way at the Texas Onion Fest event on March 22, 2025, unless authorized by the city. (Staffed by City Manager.)

J. Approval authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer) to a TABC licensed vendor selected by the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce & Texas Onion Fest Committee for the Onion Fest event scheduled March 22, 2025. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, noted the following correction for clarification: Item G the vendor referenced is through a DIR contract (Department of Information Resources).

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve with noted clarification to item G as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Following for the record is caption of Ordinance 2024-38

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 142-10 AND 142-13, AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE NUMBER OF WRECKER COMPANIES ON THE ROTATION LIST AND MAXIMUM RATES.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

VI. 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. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department/City Secretary.)

No action.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-05 to appoint a member to the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term. (Staffed by Engineering Department/City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu stated Esteban Mejia was nominated to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 appointing Esteban Mejia to the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-06 to appoint a member to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force Committee to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term. (Staffed by Public Works Department/City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu stated Lillian Cisneros Ochoa was nominated to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2025-06 appointing Lillian Cisneros Ochoa to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Mayor Gonzalez changed the order of the day and introduced New Business item J. There was no objection.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

J. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-07 on the legislative priorities for the City of Weslaco in the 89th State Legislative Session. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza, City Manager, stated the 89th Legislative Session that will bring changes of operations, capital, transportation budgets and state policy; staff has been working with the Legislative Consultant, Rigoberto Villarreal to develop an agenda of priorities of the city to present to the legislatures. Staff recommended approval of the Resolution with Exhibit 1 that outlined the city interests and priorities and Exhibit 2 that outlined projects for funding that included the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, parks, water and sewer projects and transportation.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2025-07 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and presentation on cybersecurity services provided by UTRGV Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC). (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

Rick Mendoza, IT Director, stated UTRGV announced the opening of a Regional Security Operations Center that will provide cyber security services free of charge to any local government, counties, schools and non-profits; ; this center has partnered with three university's and is a result of the Legislative Senate Bill 475 that offers cyber security services; the city would benefit because it would have another layer of cyber security to what the city has in place and stated a representative from UTRGV would make a presentation.

Kevin Crouse , UTRGV, stated the Regional Operations Center covered the 28-county region; went over the services that included real-time monitoring, altering, guidance, training and incident response type of activity; went over how these services are budgeted and those entities that are eligible to participate and use their services. Stated an interlocal agreement would be needed that outlines the security services the city would like and there is no cost to the city.

In response to Martin Garza, Kevin Crouse stated the workforce used (students) are vetted thoroughly by their background investigations and clearance process, cost is covered by DIR base budget operations and stated the majority of services provided have a minimal cost or none at all with the exception of the monitoring services; should funds no longer be available an entity has the ability to continue and select the services they want that have no cost associated to the services and have interlocal agreements with several regions signed and twenty-three being finalized.

Presentation only no action.

B. Discussion and consideration after the public hearing on behalf of the City of Weslaco to approve an extension of 120 days on the temporary moratorium pertaining to recent applications for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and multifamily residential development. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager/ Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, stated a moratorium was issued on September 23, 2024; no applications have been accepted for any duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and apartments; stated the extension is needed to maintain status quo, allow review of current subdivision ordinances, impact fees, feasibility studies update existing building codes, permitting and planning process for wastewater utility and related infrastructure; stated the extension would be for 120-days and if necessary back to commission on May 21, 2025 for another extension went over the exception and waivers; reviewed condition and capacity of water, wastewater treatment plants, distribution system, lift stations, manholes , streets, drainage, water rights and supply for the extension of the moratorium. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve an extension of 120 days on the temporary moratorium pertaining to recent applications for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and multifamily residential development as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Virginia Yolanda Lozano on 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 of Ordinance 2025-01. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated nineteen (19) property owners were notified with no objection received and the property is located on Westgate Drive that is an established commercial corridor. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2025-01 to rezone 2610 N Westgate Dr as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. 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. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed eighteen (18) lot subdivision; inside city limits and serviced with water by city and proposed sanitary sewer by On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) as the nearest sewer line is 390 feet north of the development and is too shallow to service this area; developer requested a variance for OSSF and a variance to allow bar ditches along South Bridge and Mile 5 north. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval with variances and staff recommended approval and compliance of the ordinance on the variances.

Discussion regarding the use of septic tanks and maintenance of bar ditches took place. Martin Garza stated his concern was the cost to the city when curb and gutter would need to be done because the development is inside city limits and voiced concern allowing septic tanks inside city limits and asked if the developer was in attendance.

In response to the City Attorney, Martin Garza stated when variances are requested staff's position is compliance of the ordinances, but the commission has the authority to deny or approve a variance.

Mayor Gonzalez recommended no action and have staff meet with the developer regarding the variances and the concerns discussed.

No action.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for The Gardens At Villa Verde Subdivision Phase 1, being 7.08 acres out of Farm Tract 745, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 2,200 ft. north of W Mile 5 N. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed forty-four (44) lot subdivision inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city; development is an R-4 district that are narrow lots district (garden homes); applicant requested a variance for off-site drainage and provided letters of support from the drainage districts, s variance for a zero side setback and a variance to the minimum lot size for Lot 20 would be 5,919.97 sq. feet instead of the standard of 5,000 to 5,500 sq. feet. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the variances and staff recommended approval of the final plat and compliance with the ordinance on the variance requests.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Final Plat for The Gardens At Villa Verde Subdivision Phase 1 with variances as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Pena Shelton Ranch Subdivision being 3.4 acres out of Farm Tracts 772, Blk. 137, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the West side of S. Pleasantview Dr. approximately 384' south of Mile 5 ½ North Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed one (1) lot subdivision outside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city and would for residential use. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the Final Plat for Pena Shelton Ranch Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for 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 intersection of Pleasantview Dr. and Mile 5 ½ North Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed eighteen (18) lot subdivision inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city; applicant requested a variance for off-site drainage and had provided letters of support from the drainage districts. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the variance and staff recommended approval of the final plat and compliance with the ordinance on the variance

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the Final Plat for Pleasantview Apartments Subdivision with variance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Alto Bonito Subdivision being Lot 2 Reisser Subdivision an 8.172-acre tract of land, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 600ft east of South Milanos Rd. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed thirty-six (36) lot subdivision inside city limits; serviced with water and sewer by the city and would be residential use. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve the Final Plat for Pleasantview Apartments Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-02 to approve the naming of a service road located within Expressway Heights Unit #3 as Fort Worth Service Road. First reading of Ordinance 2025-02. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated staff received an address verification form for a property located on within Expressway Heights Unit 3 Subdivision that had properties along Block E not properly subdivided and the roadway was never dedicated or named. Staff discussed the issue with the Post Office and 911 Addressing Department, it was recommended the road be named as a service road because it was not properly paved and only 20-feet wide. Staff proposed Fort Worth Service Road; the city would not be responsible for the road and the name had been approved for use by 911 Addressing Department.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2025-02 to approve the naming of a service road located within Expressway Heights Unit #3 as Fort Worth Service Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to purchase 10 roll off bins and 9 Recycle Bins from Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC., Sourcewell contract # 040621-WQI, in an amount not to exceed $62,610. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated the purchase of 10 roll off bins and 9 Recycle Bins would supplement the existing inventory for recycling and debris management; the city continues growth in services accounts with development of subdivisions; purchase is budgeted with a delivery of bins to be 30-45 days. Staff recommended approval in an amount not to exceed $62,610.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase 10 roll off bins and 9 Recycle Bins from Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC., Sourcewell contract # 040621-WQI not to exceed $62,610 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. 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. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Martin Garza requested no action.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2025-08 adopting the 2025 Work Plan and Budget for the thirty-eighth (38th) Urban County Program in the amount of $294,597. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated a public hearing was held October 15, 2024 regarding the CDBG funding and no comments received; received two request for consideration of funding one from Amigos Del Valle and Nuestra Clinica del Valle; a preliminary budget and work plan was submitted to Hidalgo County for program activities would have $3,000 for general administration services, $5,000 for Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle), $5,000 for Health Services (Nuestra Clinica del Valle) and $281,597 for water/sewer line improvements that had a continuation of the Year 37 funds (FY24) project located on Pike Street, between Kansas Ave. & Bridge Ave. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr., staff confirmed the water/sewer line improvements would begin at Kansas Ave. to Bridge Ave.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2025-08 adopting the 2025 Work Plan and Budget for the thirty-eighth (38th) Urban County Program in the amount of $294,597 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to approve Change order No. 1 for the New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Bldg. Demolition Project to reduce the contract amount to $348,324.50 and change substantial completion date of the project. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the change order reconciles the city's contingency allowance, reduced the contract amount, increased contract time by fifteen days and established the substantial completion date of the project. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Change order No. 1 for the New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Bldg. Demolition Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration to approve final payment No. 5 and execute substantial completion for Project No.: #2023-24-06 New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Building Demolition for an amount not to exceed $17,417. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez recommended approval to release final payment to the contractor for the work completed as certified by the architect and final payment will close out the project.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve final payment No. 5 and execute substantial completion for Project No.: #2023-24-06 New Theater Wall & Porter Doss Building Demolition for an amount not to exceed $17,417 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration to approve software support and maintenance renewal agreement for Tyler Technologies - New World System used by Weslaco Police Department. Modules included are CAD, Mobile Records for Patrol Units and Reporting modules in the amount of $75,079.51; budgeted from FY 24-25 Computer Vendor Support account. (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

Rick Mendoza stated this was the annual renewal of software support and maintenance agreement with Tyler Technologies for the fire and police departments. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve software support and maintenance renewal agreement for Tyler Technologies - New World System used by Weslaco Police Department. Modules included are CAD, Mobile Records for Patrol Units and Reporting modules in the amount of $75,079.51 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration on the purchase of drone equipment, software, and training from open bid submission to Unmanned Vehicle Technologies in the amount of $49,740.95 using asset forfeiture funds. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Armando Espinoza, Interim Police Chief, stated four bids were received and evaluated; Unmanned Vehicle Technologies was the second lowest bid and recommended approval to award; lowest bidder TXAT LLC did not submit a bid for training of the officers and the drone software was only for one year and Unmanned was for the life of the drone. Staff recommended approval of the second lowest bid from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies meeting all specifications requested.

In response to Commissioner Rodriguez, staff stated asset forfeiture funds are seized monies gotten from crimes committed.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase of drone equipment, software, and training from open bid submission to Unmanned Vehicle Technologies in the amount of $49,740.95 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration to enter into an Inter-local agreement between Hidalgo County and City of Weslaco regarding the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant with matching funds of $32,248 from the city. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Armando Espinoza stated the interlocal agreement allows the city to partner with Hidalgo County to operate a multi-agency taskforce under the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant; city would have an investigator assigned for one year to the task force and would match funds in the amount $32,248 for salary and vehicle of the investigator. Staff recommended approval and other agencies with interlocal was City of Mercedes, Edinburg and Hidalgo County.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Inter-local agreement between Hidalgo County and City of Weslaco regarding the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant with matching funds of $32,248 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Mayor Gonzalez changed the order of the day and introduced item T. There was no objection.

T. Discussion and action regarding the contract with City Prosecutor (Staffed by Mayor.)

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, stated he reviewed the City Prosecutor agreement as requested; stated the contract is an "at will" agreement and gives the commission authority to continue or terminate the contract.

Commissioner Farias voiced the agreement did not have a provision for evaluation of the City Prosecutor and moving forward wants the agreement to reflect annual performance evaluation; stated recent commission action appointed a new Municipal Court Judge and opined this was an appropriate time to move forward with a change in City Prosecutor services.

In response to Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Farias stated he had not received any negative nor positive comments.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias moved to terminate and appoint the Law Office of Dennis Ramirez for City Prosecutor services and agreement to include language regarding performance evaluation every two-years. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 nays, Commissioners Lopez, Garcia Jr. and Rodriguez against; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to Interview shortlisted firms for RFQ #2024-25-07 Traffic Engineering Services for Votech & Pike Dr and award a contract to most qualified and advantageous respondent. (Staffed by the Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated two responses were received; Colliers Engineering presented via zoom and TEDSI Infrastructure Group presented in person.

Kelly, Locke, Colliers Engineering, went over the team for the project, presented the firms professional services available, presented office locations and experience with municipalities, stated subconsultant as needed are in place. Guillermo Benavides, Project Manager, went over the project approach, challenges, expertise of the team included Nick Avello, Traffic Engineering; Carlos Fuentes, Roadway Design and Adam Allen, FAA Compliance each presented their role and approach of the project.

Eric Dietrich, TEDSI, stated he would be the project manager and presented his experience as a Licensed Professional Engineer and projects done; went over office locations, staff, and certifications held; presented TEDSI team and went over subconsultants the firm works with; went over experience and credentials of Jose A. Sanchez and Ponciano N. Longoria key players of the project; presented the services the firm would be providing.

A question and answer followed for each regarding challenges to project, staff availability for the project, subconsultants and timeline of the project.

Albert Aldana stated tabulation of the firms resulted in Colliers Engineering as the highest ranked firm and recommended to award Colliers Engineering and authorize negotiations of an agreement.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and award Colliers Engineering for Traffic Engineering Services for Votech & Pike Dr and negotiations of an agreement. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

U. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order I to the KSA Professional Services Agreement for the development of the hangar project to include proposal for Professional Services - Construction Management of Drainage Improvements for a cost of $26,916 using ARPA Funds. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Homer Rhodes, Purchasing Agent, stated KSA was awarded the Airport Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project for construction of hanger with drainage improvements; agreement terms outlined the delivery of design and bidding documents but did not include the construction management of the project. Staff recommended approval of the Change Order No. 1 for construction management phase be added to the scope of work for KSA to keep the project moving forward.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Change Order I to the KSA Professional Services Agreement for the development of the hangar project to include proposal for Professional Services - Construction Management of Drainage Improvements for a cost of $26,916 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:49 p.m. Commissioner 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 8:07 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 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.

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 owned by Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. 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.

No action.

<u>XI. ADJOURNMENT</u>

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of January 21, 2025, at 8:08 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**