MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

On Wednesday, February 19, 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	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
ABSENT:	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
STAFF PRESENT:	Martin Garza	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Eric Flores	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, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, 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, February 14, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Manuel Portillo, Calvary Christian Center 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 noted the absence of Commissioner Lopez and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - Boy Scouts of America - February as "Scouting Month".

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized February as “Scouting Month” with recognition to Troop 100 St. Pius, Pack 4031 Weslaco Mid Valley Lions, Troop 4031B Weslaco Mid Valley Lions and Troop 4031G Weslaco Mid Valley Lions.

2) Proclamation - February as Black History Month.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed February 2025 as Black History Month.

3) Proclamation - Weslaco Rotary Club 100th anniversary.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Weslaco.

4) Recognition- Jaelynn Medellin, All American UCA Cheerleader.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized Jaelynn Medellin on her achievements, leadership and accomplishments in representing the City of Weslaco and Weslaco East High School.

5) Recognition - Weslaco Crime Stoppers 2023 Officer of the Year - Noel Barajas.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized Officer Noel Barajas as Weslaco Crime Stoppers 2023 Officer of the Year for his hard work, dedication, professionalism and commitment to serving and protecting the citizens of Weslaco.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sylvia Sanchez Garza thanked the commission for supporting the community activities and thanked them for the groundbreaking event held for the new library; extended an invitation for the upcoming event of the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Book Festival on March 1st from 1-6pm at the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce that will host 42 authors, music, student performances from different school districts, vendors and free brand-new books.

III. REPORTS

A. Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Quarterly Report by Roger Garza.

Roger Garza, Valley Risk Consulting, overviewed the different coverage value, deductibles and claims for property, machinery, equipment, general liability, public official errors & omissions, law enforcement, automobile, non-commercial aviation, cyber liability; reported last year workers compensation closed was 114 with 5 still open for a total of 119 with paid claims totaling $154,779.96 and this year to date there are 7 open, closed 39 for a total of 46 with paid claims of $14,695.63; class codes (fire and police) last year claims totaled 81 and this year to date 53 and stated the policy period is one year beginning Oct 1. Commissioner Farias recommended an appraisal of real property should be done to ensure coverage is enough for the cost of construction.

B. Weslaco Animal Care Services.

Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Manager, introduced Flower who was recently featured on KRGV news for adoption; recapped the live release rate for December was 71% for dogs and 100% for cats; January 2025 life release rate for dogs was 81% and 100% for dogs; new partnership with The Cattery from Corpus Christi who will rescue cats; continue with partnership with Austin Pets Alive who rescued 20 cats; 172 dogs transported and rescued out; reported on a rescue from Pharr Ruby who came with her pack made up of terriers and pugs guided Ruby who lost her eyes at three months and happy to report that Ruby and her pack have all been adopted; hilted on Susie a Rottweiler up for adoption.

C. Inframark.

George Quilantan, Inframark, reported the aeration basin diffuser rehab project at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed and working great; reported on the capital repairs completed for the water plants and lift stations; reported on capital repairs needed was chemical and skid pumps replaced, a new powder unit for belt press (polymer dosing unit), replacement of nineties at the SWWTP and RAS pumps needed at the NWWTP; reported aesthetics being done at lift stations more specifically the perimeter fencing for security of the lift stations; reported on capital improvements for the plants and lift stations. Reported the December/January flows for the Water Treatment Plant was 6.5mgd, operating at 50% capacity; North Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 2.35mgd, operating capacity at 49%, South Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 1.6mgd, operating capacity was at 65% and a lift station in distress had staff responding and removed obstruction (rags).

D. Planning and Code Enforcement - Clean Sweep update.

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, reported on the Holiday Clean Sweep held December 23 – January 5, 2025; thanked Public Works for the assistance in providing use of their trucks for the roll off containers that help reduced the cost; thanked the Police Department for surveillance of the area; reported 75.48 tons of trash and debris collected and 840 tires; neighborhood clean sweep event to be scheduled; went over the dilapidated structure incentive program and stated all events have been successful.

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 Regular Meeting on January 21, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval of Resolution 2025-21 for the Submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Governor for the Border Zone Fire Department Grant, FY2026. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

C. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Villas on Sugar Cane Subdivision being 2.349 acre out of Farm Tract 57, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the North side of Mile 9 North Road, approximately 500ft west of Mile 4 ½ West Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

D. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for J&P Estates Subdivision being 4.00 acres out of the South 20.00 acres out of Farm Tract 130, Block 162, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the southwest corner of Cypress and North Border Ave. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval of a six-month extension for the Final Plat for Sierra Verde Estates Subdivision being 25.0 acre out of Lots 15, and 16, Block 147, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the northwest corner of Mile 4 West Road and Mile 12 North Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

F. Approval of the renewal of payment to Core and Main for annual hosting fees on meters and hardware maintenance in the amount of $27,767.77. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

G. Approval of a request by Valley Nature Center to close the Gibson Park parking lot and authorize the consumption of alcoholic beverages from a TABC licensed vendor for their 10th annual Spring Feast event on April 5, 2025. (Requested by Valley Nature Center.)

H. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for rehabilitation for the head works at the south wastewater treatment plant. (Staffed by Inframark.)

I. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for rehabilitation for the RAS pump at the north wastewater treatment plant. (Staffed by Inframark.)

J. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for the replacement of chemical feed skid at the water treatment plant. (Staffed by Inframark.)

K. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for secondary garbage disposal services. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

L. Approval to authorize staff to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the architecture design and plans for the rehabilitation of the Recycle Center building located at 2900 S. Border. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

Commissioner Pete Garcia Jr. requested to withhold items K and L.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve consent agenda withholding item K and L as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for secondary garbage disposal services. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

Commissioner Garcia Jr. requested more information.

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated currently one disposal site is being used (Edinburg); a second disposal site is recommended for operational needs, inclement weather and during emergency operations a secondary site is essential for debris cleanup. Staff recommended approval.

In response to the commission, disposal sites are in City of Brownsville and Edinburg, transfer stations are La Feria, McCook and La Gloria; a secondary site was in place (La Gloria) but cost increased; the solicitation process would evaluate cost and proximity and because cost could exceed the threshold bids were recommended.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve staff solicit bids for secondary garbage disposal services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Approval to authorize staff to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the architecture design and plans for the rehabilitation of the Recycle Center building located at 2900 S. Border. (Staffed by Solid Waste Department.)

David Arce stated staff would like to reopen an old facility that housed recycle operations; the building has not been in use and has been vandalized; solid waste operations would move to this location that would alleviate traffic at the public works building by moving sanitation division and all equipment (brush trucks). Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the architecture design and plans for the rehabilitation of the Recycle Center building located at 2900 S. Border. Staff solicited bids for secondary garbage disposal services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Resolution 2025-22 appointing members to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Board. (Staffed by City Secretary Department/Library Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated a re-appointment was needed; nominee from Commissioner Garcia Jr. was to re-appoint Saida Sanchez; a new applicant, Enedina Sanchez Olivarez was the nominee from Mayor Gonzalez.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguz moved to approve Resolution 2025-22 appointing Saida Sanchez and Enedina Sanchez Olivarez to the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Commissioner Rodriguez excused himself from the meeting at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Re-Subdivision Map of Mid-Valley Industrial Park Subdivision being a 11.753-acre tract of land, out of Lot 2 & 3, Blk 1, Mid Valley Industrial Park Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located at the Northeast corner of Sugar Sweet Ave. and Vo Tech Drive. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated this was a proposed five (5) lot subdivision for industrial use; property is located inside city limits and would be provided with water and sanitary sewer from the city. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Final Plat for Re-Subdivision Map of Mid-Valley Industrial Park Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for R & S Subdivision being Lot 6 Redbird No.2 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located at the Southeast corner of Plaza Los Encinos Dr & IH 2. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed two (2) lot subdivision for commercial use; property is located inside city limits and would be provided with water and sanitary sewer from the city. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the Final Plat for R & S Subdivision being Lot 6 Redbird No.2 Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for DG Llano Grande Subdivision being a 1.31 acre out of Farm Tract 1000, Blk 138, West Adams Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located at the southwest corner of the intersection of S. International Blvd. and Mile 5 N. Rd. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this was a proposed one (1) lot subdivision for commercial use; property is located outside city limits and would be provided with water and sanitary sewer from the city. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the Final Plat for DG Llano Grande Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-23 regarding call for Planning Projects 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (PEL Study) for the Proposed Project: SH 495 Extension. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza, City Manager, stated Hidalgo County Precinct 1 is applying for a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for the SH 495 Extension (FM 1423 to Mile 6 W. Road, 4.8

miles); this section is the missing link in the corridor, vital for improving east-west connectivity and reducing congestion; the project will have the cities of Weslaco, Donna, and Hidalgo County each contributing $30,000 toward the study. The total project cost is estimated at $53 million. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Resolution 2025-23 regarding call for Planning Projects 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (PEL Study) for the Proposed Project: SH 495 Extension. as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-03 creating the Weslaco Beautification Committee. First reading of Ordinance 2025-03. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza stated the proposed committee would help promote city wide initiatives and projects for the beautification of the city, recommend plans, policies and programs for beautification, encourage community cleanup efforts, tree planting efforts among other initiatives for city-wide beautification activities. Each commissioner would appoint a member and the staff Director to assist and oversee the committee is Omar Rodriguez. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2025-03 creating the Weslaco Beautification Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-04 to amend Chapter 82, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinance to include Sections 82-224 through 82-232 to be titled "Naming of Donated Property" and establish authority to name such donated properties at the City's discretion. First reading of Ordinance 2025-04. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza stated the proposed ordinance would establish how naming of donated properties would be done; authority would be at the city's discretion to name, rename or otherwise designate property donated to the City; stated donated property could be any real property and tangible personal without monetary consideration to the donor; recommendations may be from the City Manager, staff, relevant boards/committee/commission and the public; the ordinance establishes procedures that allow the naming rights process to be in the public's interest and donor recognition; the city would 1) accept donated property, 2) solicit naming proposals, 3) hold public hearings at the discretion of the commission and 4) commission action to adopt, modify or reject any proposed name. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez and Commissioner Pedraza; Interim City Attorney Eric Flores stated, the ordinance presented is in order and allowable to have a policy in place for the donation of property; the public hearings is at the discretion of the commission to conduct and allow input for or against but a public hearing is not required.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2025-04 to amend Chapter 82, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinance to include Sections 82-224 through 82-232 to be titled "Naming of Donated Property" as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-24 opposing Texas House Bill 1683. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Martin Garza stated on September 20, 2024 HB 1683 was filed that amends the Texas Transportation Code that mandates counties with 870,000 or more population and located on an international border to adopt a centralized County Road System; Hidalgo County has four precincts with each county commissioner responsible for their budget, county roadways and partnerships formed with municipalities. Staff recommended approval of the Resolution that would oppose HB 1683to adopt a centralized County Road System and allow Hidalgo County Commissioners Court to continue the oversight and funding of county roads and bridge functions by being responsive to the transportation needs of municipalities and constituents in their respective precincts.

Mayor Gonzalez stated other municipalities would also be considering opposition to the House Bill because it removes any discretionary decisions that each elected County Commissioner has for county owned roadways and bridges.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2025-24 opposing Texas House Bill 1683. as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and review of City Holidays. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, stated staff researched the possibility of an additional holiday; currently there are nine approved (9) paid holidays; the holiday for consideration was Veterans Day and cost to the city would be $120,335.34; calculated at 8 hours of holiday pay for all employees was $78,892.18 and overtime pay of $41,443.16 to all staff for all full-time employees and overtime worked for those departments working the holiday; Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, clarified that the actual difference is the overtime pay $41,443.16 because employees are already being paid for actual hours worked but the holiday would have essential employees that have to come in and work the holiday that trigger overtime pay.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. stated that holiday was in place for many years and removed and strongly felt the holiday should be reinstated.

Martin Garza stated the recommendation from past administration to remove the holiday was probably based on the finances of the city at that time. The item was just for discussions for a recommendation from the commission on how to move forward.

Presentation only.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve renewal of the Loss Control/Risk Management contract set to expire March 02, 2025. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo recommended approval of the renewal and Martin Villafranca and Montalvo Insurance was in attendance.

Martin Villafranca stated the city has had cost savings for the past several years; recently Roger Garza, Consultant, reported on open claims that they would look at that and hope to close; services provided are safety training, spot inspection on the field, inspecting city departments for deficiencies. Ramon Montalvo went over the saving and dividends earned for the city because of the loss control risk management services with last year's dividend check to the city being $102,000.

Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve renewal of the Loss Control/Risk Management contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2024 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos presented the financial reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2024 as follows: general fund had a positive change in fund balance of $3.5M, revenues collected were at $11.6M that is 32% of the proposed budget; sales tax collected was $5.9M that is in line with projections, interest earned $192K and number of day remain strong at 119 with 95.94% of our ad valorem tax collected as of December 2024; water & wastewater had a positive revenues over expenditures of $1.5M, 42 days of working capital and noted debt payments of about $3M were done in February; sanitation fund had a positive change in fund balance of $280,187, 88 days of working capital and continued to see a positive trend in their fund balance and number of working capital days; airport fund had a negative net change of $144,678 and continued with a negative number of working capital days and waiting for reimbursement from grants that have been awarded. Staff recommended approval to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2024 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2024. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos presented the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2024 as follows; deposits remain consistent; interest received is in pace with projections; interest earned to date is $655,935 noting the General fund recognized $192,506 and the remaining balance went to other capital projects funds. Staff recommended approval to accept and file Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>L. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado budgeted in the fiscal year 2025 budget from Gunn Chevrolet Buy Board Contract #724-23 in the amount not to exceed $36,838.75. (Staffed by Finance Department.)</u>

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Rosie Cavazos stated this would replace unit #440 that is assigned to the meter reader division and has reached end of life; vehicle is a 2013 and no longer reliable for operational efficiency and reliability. Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Chevrolet, from Gunn Chevrolet a Buy Board vendor.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado from Gunn Chevrolet Buy Board Contract #724-23 in the amount not to exceed $36,838.75 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>M. Discussion and consideration to authorize Change No. 1 for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library decreasing in the amount of $427,308 from the original Contract Sum of $9,571,600 for a new Contract Sum of $9,144,292. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)</u>

Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, stated staff and architect met with contractor and reviewed the Change Order; the recommendation was to remove alternative bid 1 that would remove the extended canopy on the east side of the building for a cost savings of $207,100; alternative bid 2 for the outdoor programming space area on the North side of the building for a cost savings of $220,208. Staff along with the Architect will continue to look for cost savings to have the project within budget. Staff recommended approval.

Arnold Becho, Library Director, stated the library board had been advised and did not oppose the changes but wished to see that the outdoor programming space would not be prohibited permanently but when feasible would be done in the future.

In response to Commissioner Farias and Garcia Jr., benches will still be along the colonnade, the outdoor space will have landscaping and landscaping plan are being reviewed and would be presented.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Change No. 1 for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library in the amount of $427,308 (decrease) as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>N. Discussion and consideration to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Weslaco and UTRGV relating to Cybersecurity at no cost; however, a $2,500 fee will be charged if the contract is terminated (opt-out). (Staffed by Information Technology Department.</u>)

Rick Mendoza, Information and Technology Director, stated the agreement had been reviewed by legal and in order; the agreement had an op-out cost fee of $2,500; offered five services for added cybersecurity; city would utilize four that were at no cost to the city and recommended the services were alerts and guidance, immediate response, policy and planning and cybersecurity educational services. Staff recommended approval and that will offer another layer of cybersecurity.

In response to Commissioner Pedraza, the agreement would remain active so long as funding is made available from the state and if the city would opt-out it would be because the services offered at no cost would no longer be available and voiced the fee was minimal compared to outsourcing with a vendor.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Weslaco and UTRGV relating to Cybersecurity as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. 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 and February 4, 2025;staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated this was second reading of the ordinance; there has been discussions regarding fee and looking into it.

Martin Garza recommended no action and allow staff more time for cost comparison to implement this recycling curbside program.

P. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of two peristaltic pumps from a sole source vendor, Macaulay Control Company in the amount of $36,463. (Staffed by Inframark.)

George Quilantan, Inframark, stated the two pumps; Macaulay is the original vendor of the equipment and recommended approval.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the purchase of two peristaltic pumps from a sole source vendor, Macaulay Control Company in the amount of $36,463 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of two-meter 3DP Belt Press from sole source vendor BDP Industries in the amount of $41,737.50. (Staffed by Inframark.)

George Quilantan, Inframark, is the original vendor of the equipment and recommended approval.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the purchase of two-meter 3DP Belt Press from sole source vendor BDP Industries in the amount of $41,737.50 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration of approval of the negotiated fees with Ambiotec Civil Group, Inc. for phase 1 services consisting of the proposed assessment of water and wastewater systems for infrastructure and regulatory compliance. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana, City Engineer, stated a negotiated agreement had been reached with Ambiotec; tasks were outlined in the agreement and this was Phase I, Enterprise Assessment; fee agreed was $96,555. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the negotiated fees with Ambiotec Civil Group, Inc. Phase 1 services consisting of the proposed assessment of water and wastewater systems for infrastructure and regulatory compliance as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to award base bid for RFB #2024-25-10 Kansas-Los Torritos Drainage Improvements Project. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Albert Aldana stated four bids received and evaluated; Reno works was the lowest bid. Roxy de la Cruz, Engineering explained.

Eric Flores, Interim City Attorney, recommended to reject all bids and re-bid the project.

In response to Commissioner Pedraza, Eric Flores stated review of the bid documents submitted discrepancies were noted and his opinion for transparency and avoid challenges to the award he felt it would best to reject and rebid. Commissioner Farias voiced concern that bid numbers were already known.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to reject and re-bid the Kansas-Los Torritos Drainage Improvements Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

T. Discussion and consideration on the purchase of a 2025 Ford F-150 SuperCrew STX for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Task Force investigator, from D&M Commercial Leasing (Buy Board Contract # 744-24) in the amount of $43,285.75 with general funds and use asset forfeiture to cover none reimbursed costs. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Farias abstained from discussion and vote.

Armando Espinoza, Interim Police Chief, stated the vehicle would be assigned to the Investigator that would be assigned to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Task Force. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F-150 SuperCrew STX from D&M Commercial Leasing (Buy Board Contract # 744-24) in the amount of $43,285.75 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 9:26 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VIII. 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 Weslaco Municipal Police Union (WMPU) 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 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.

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

No action.

E. Economic Development - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Legal Beagle as authorized by Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve incentive for Project Legal Beagle for the updated variable rate as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to adjourn the regular meeting of February 19, 2025, 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:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**