



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

On Monday, March 31, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special 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	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia, Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	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, David Arce, Public Works Director, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Eddie Gil, Information Technology, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Omar Rodriguez, Parks and Recreation Director, and other staff members.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Gonzalez called the special meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, March 28, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, called the roll noting perfect attendance and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on the Declaration of a Local State of Disaster due to severe rainfall that occurred March 27, 2025. (Staffed by Mayor/EOC Operations.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated on March 27, 2025 the city experienced unforeseen rainfall; the National Weather Service had indicated 1-2 inches of rain event to begin Thursday into Saturday that later quickly changed to potential tornados and flash flood warnings for the Rio Grande Valley; staff requested authority from the Mayor to sign a declaration of emergency that is the first step in letting the Governor's Office know the threat to the city; emergency operations began 24/7 and because of the continued threat of weather staff and the Mayor determined the need to order a Disaster of Declaration to allow statewide and regional resources be available to the City; the Governor then declared a disaster for South Texas and any region effected by the storm; state resources began to be used Saturday into Sunday; recovery began Sunday morning with the realization more time would be needed. Staff recommended extending the declaration of disaster issued Thursday because when issued the period is for seven days and needs to be extended by commission action.

Mayor Gonzalez recommended the extension be for an additional 30 days to ensure ample time for recovery efforts. Chief Lopez stated the time extension amount is at the discretion of the commission.

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, stated the agenda item is sufficient for the action to extend and the extension can be a 30-day period from the date declared and then reviewed again.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve an extension of the Disaster of Declaration until May 7, 2025. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the special meeting of March 31, 2025 at 5:52 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**