



**RECORD OF WORKSHOP
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025**

On this 21st day of May 2025 at 4:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Workshop in the Legislative Chamber Room located at 255 S. Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Mayor	Adrian Gonzalez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza (arrived at 4:55p.m)
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr. (arrived 4:40p.m.)

ABSENT:	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
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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, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, Mary Garcia, Asst. Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Chris Sanchez, Asst. Fire Chief, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Maricarmen Garcia, Asst. Library Director, Eddie Gil, IT, 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, May 16, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary conducted roll call.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Questions from Mayor and City Commission on any items regarding the Regular City Commission meeting to be held May 21, 2025. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Mayor Gonzalez stated the agenda item was a new element to the workshop meeting moving forward; no action is taken, and the purpose is to allow any member of the commission to question

staff regarding items for clarification and/or additional information to be better informed regarding agenda items to be presented.

Mayor Gonzalez entertained any questions from the commission.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned the Veterans Day holiday cost to the City, the extension of the moratorium to multifamily districts and was there a status of repairs at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated the cost to add the holiday to the city would be \$78,892.18 for all staff and the overtime for essential departments is \$41,433.16; police and fire would follow the adopted holiday schedule approved by the commission and is a non-negotiable article in the CBA Agreements.

Mayor Gonzalez stated one reason the moratorium became necessary was to allow time for an assessment regarding the infrastructure of the water treatment plants, especially the South Wastewater Treatment Plant; discussion with Inframark were ongoing regarding the necessary repairs for this plant and recommended the commission plan a tour of the plant to visually see the conditions and the importance of the moratorium to see the impact on the city's utility infrastructure and supply demands.

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated information collected showed a higher demand of water, sewer and streets usage from multifamily developments to that of commercial and residential; the moratorium to multifamily development will allow the time needed to determine course of action for meeting the needs of growth; stated developers have the right to request a waiver and some developers are re-evaluating multifamily use and going to residential because demand of apartments has slowed down.

B. Discussion and presentation on the Public Utilities Department. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, presented the different roles and divisions of the Public Works Department; highlighted on the water division and wastewater collections, presented future equipment for staff and projects that would be done; reported activity Oct 2024-May 2025 had 107 water leak/breaks, 99 sewer backups, fire hydrants replaced, 206 storm basins done, storm line cleaning 32,000ft, sewer line cleaning 36,500 feet and water/sewer locates 125.

C. Discussion and presentation on the Code Enforcement Department. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning & Code Enforcement Director, stated there is four divisions of Planning and Code Enforcement; Planning, Building, Health and Code Enforcement; went over the scope of work for all the divisions; presented ongoing projects and completed projects, demolition of dilapidated structures being evaluated is 18; tasked with the enforcement of weedy

lots and abandoned/junked vehicle; clean sweep operations reduced from two to one because the participation of volunteers has become difficult because the majority of those volunteers were from the schools that no longer can participate as a result of many other events going on and noted before there was about 300 volunteers and now less than 100. A brief discussion about having neighborhood clean sweeps and how often it could be done took place; staff went over the process of junked vehicles and how enforced.

The commission did not enter executive session.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel - Discussion on the Voluntary Separation Agreement for the City Manager and any other related items 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. Legal Consultation – Consultation 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.

D. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the sale, purchase, exchange, lease or value of state-owned property being the northeast and southwest jughandles located along IH 2 and FM 1015 (International Blvd.) in Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

E. Real Property - Discussion regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for the City of Weslaco landfill located in Alton, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

F. Real Property - Discussion regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value real property as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

G. Deliberation - Discussion on authorization to the City Manager to negotiate with a third party on a prospective gift to the City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.073 of the Texas Government Code.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to adjourn the workshop meeting of May 21, 2025, at 5:34 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**