



**RECORD OF JOINT WORKSHOP
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION AND
WESLACO-ISD
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

On this 5TH day of June 2025 at 12:00 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Joint Workshop in the Legislative Chamber Room located at 255 S. Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Mayor	Adrian Gonzalez
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
ABSENT:	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	Asst. City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Eric Flores	Interim City Attorney

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Interim Asst. City Manager/Director of Parks and Recreation, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Code Enforcement and Planning, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Rick Mendoza, IT Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator and other staff members.

I. CERTIFICATION

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Monday, June 2, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, conducted a roll call to show attendees.

Isidoro Nieto, WISD Board President, stated WISD members in attendance was Armando Cuellar Jr., Eduardo Serna and Ben Castillo.

Mayor Gonzalez welcomed Weslaco ISD Board Members and Precinct 1 for being in attendance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and presentation on Hurricane preparedness – sandbag distribution, inlet cleaning, brush pick-up.

Xavier Salinas, Asst, City Manager, stated he has been in communications with Dr. Rivera, Superintendent, regarding partnering together in preparedness of storms such as the importance inlet cleaning and brush pickup, availability of buses for evacuation purposes and distribution of water and food to the community; stated working together in sharing each other's resources and manpower would expand getting the necessary help to the community as soon as possible.

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) for shelters are in place with the schools, Red Cross, and First Baptist Church, staff stated they will work to ensure the MOU's are current and align with those campuses designated as shelters; stated on June 18 the City's EOC is scheduling a networking session to share contact information of key players during hurricane season such as who the contact is at TXDOT, AEP, County Officials and shelters. Mayor Gonzalez stated the city will be inviting stakeholders of the community to join because they all serve the same constituents and being prepared with contact information and services is crucial in handling a disaster and getting the help needed to the community. Chief Lopez stated it was important to know the city has partnerships with HC Emergency Operations and the Governor's office TDEM for those situations that are eligible for federal, state, and regional assistance because of extended flooding such as the March 27 rain event. Xavier Salinas, Asst. City Manager stated the city is proactive in preparing with sandbags that included bagging and delivery, for the elderly.

B. Discussion and presentation on sidewalk projects around the school campus.

Mayor Gonzalez stated some city projects for sidewalk improvements have begun and stated input from WISD regarding identifying those campuses that are a priority for sidewalks, crosswalks and striping. Omar Rodriguez stated there are grants available through the Safer US School Grant to enhance school safety; stated the study on the need and location of sidewalks city wide is looked-for from funding agencies to show the need of connectivity to shops, schools, libraries and parks to justify the need for funds and recommend the study be a joint effort between the school and city; the study could show the residential growth where schools are located and the lack of sidewalks. Robert Lozano, Hidalgo County Precinct 1, asked if the study could include those school campuses located just outside city limits to also see how they could partner with the city and schools; crosswalks were discussed and options on visibility to vehicular traffic such as better striping, blinking equipment, school policy for crosswalk aids and city police presence for traffic control.

C. Discussion and presentation on parking lot improvements, striping around schools and sweeping program.

David Arce, Public Works Director, briefly noted that striping for a crosswalk must connect to a sidewalk, parking lot improvements, striping and sweeping will be coordinated for minimal disruption.

D. Discussion and presentation on growth in the neighborhoods.

Rebekah de la Fuente presented the 2024 residential, multi-family and commercial growth; stated the southwest area was mostly residential/multifamily subdivision and once fully developed would add 1,000 lots; stated further north (outside city limits) was also seeing residential growth; this year development has deterred somewhat due to a lot of factors with one being the cost of development; staff stated entities are notified when new development is coming in and would add the school district; school staff noted data of importance would be occupancy. Rebekah de la Fuente stated she could send a monthly report to them on final building permits issued, but data on household members the city would not have.

E. Discussion and presentation and Fire/EMS services at football games and other school-related events.

No discussion.

F. Discussion and presentation regarding Public Works, Facility Use Agreements - parks, regional detention facility (RDF) and Bobby Lackey Stadium.

Xavier Salinas stated the Regional Detention Facility (RDF) at Cleckler-Head school had successfully minimized any flooding for that area from a recent rain event; stated behind Silva Elementary the city would like to propose expanding a canal/ditch for an RDF. Peter Hermida, City Engineer, stated the intent was to widen or deepening of the existing ditch behind Silva Elementary; staff would need to determine right-of-way and ownership of the property for the city to properly design a maintenance berm for city equipment and ensure any plans the school is wanting to do is not affected by the proposed RDF. Mayor Gonzalez stated this proposed RDF would benefit the area to minimize flooding and discussion with the school officials would be forthcoming. Mayor Gonzalez stated the city would be looking at corrective measures for the RDF that was around Bobby Lackey Stadium.

G. Discussion and presentation regarding fire alarms.

No discussion.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the joint workshop meeting of June 5, 2025, at 1:15 p.m.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**