



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

On Monday, June 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

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

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Sonia Flores, Asst. Finance Director, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, , Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, David Arce, Public Works Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator 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, June 6, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, called the roll noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To solicit public comments on behalf of the City of Weslaco on the application for a possible tax abatement agreement with Sam's Real Estate Business Trust for the potential investment of approximately \$56 million in real and personal property for the construction of a facility within Weslaco Reinvestment Zone No. 3.

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

With no public comments received, Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Resolution 2025-44 appointing Xavier Salinas, Assistant City Manager, as an authorized Representatives to conduct business with TexPool Participant Services. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

B. Approval of the negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Weslaco Municipal Police Union (WMPU) for October 1, 2024 - October 1, 2028. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sam's Real Estate Business Trust in the Weslaco Reinvestment Zone No. 3 and Resolution 2025-45 authorizing the Mayor to execute. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Mayor Gonzalez stated the agreement outlined terms for tax abatement and it was needed to continue to move forward with the project; the commission had approved the incentive of a tax abatement at a previous commission meeting.

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, requested consultation with the commission in a closed session regarding the terms of the agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:09 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to convene the Special meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 12:17 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the special meeting as open to the public.

Mayor Gonzalez entertained a motion for New Business item A.

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Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with Sam's Real Estate Business Trust in the Weslaco Reinvestment Zone No. 3 and Resolution 2025-45 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the special meeting of June 9, 2025 at 12:21 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**