



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:30 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 members' present:

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

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Interim Asst. City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Rosa Badillo, Court Coordinator, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, George Quilantan and Lucio Garza, 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 Wednesday, August 26, 2025.

Mayor Gonzalez expressed condolences on the passing of our canine Officer Shayne to the Police Department staff and especially Officer Rodriguez, who was Officer Shayne's caregiver and partner. Mayor Gonzalez acknowledged that Officer Shayne attended school events and was loved by the children, staff and the community.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Lindsey Lyle, Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 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 and noted the absence of Commissioner Farias and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - 70th Anniversary of Constitution Week.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed and recognized the 70th Anniversary of Constitution Week, noting that September 17, 2025, marks the 238th anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution. Members of the Rio Grande Chapter NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) were present for the proclamation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandra Reyna voiced safety concerns regarding traffic enforcement; described an incident that occurred at the intersection of Texas Boulevard and Second Street, where a driver cut in front of her despite her having the right of way and disappointed the violator was not pursued; filed a report and told minor traffic violations were difficult to enforce due to lack of officers; requested the city look at installing cameras at traffic lights and urged the Commission to prioritize recruiting more police officers, especially with the city's growing population.

Alicia Vargas, 105 North Liberty, expressed concerns about the police department's handling of juvenile harassment issues in her neighborhood; commented that officers had refused to take reports regarding juveniles who were harassing her family; described a recent incident where juveniles threatened her son-in-law, saying the responding officer did not consider it important and left without taking a report; stated that despite having security cameras and identifying the individuals involved, officers never filed a report and questioned the purpose of having officers respond if they take no action.

III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Event Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, CEO, presented the destination marketing report for August 2025 showed expenditures were \$10,095; highlighted recent events included ribbon cutting for Edward Holmes, a groundbreaking for the Shops at Westgate, a home dedication ceremony with Habitat for Humanity, a networking lunch, the Back to School Teacher Fair, Lemonade Day Awards, an investors luncheon, and a Leadership Mid Valley graduation for class 19; visitors received was 367 in August and hosted 13 facility reservations; recruiting for Leadership Mid Valley's 20th class and would be submitting a request for a proclamation to recognize the Lemonade Day program winners.

B. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Steve Valdez, Executive Director, reported on the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for Sam's Club scheduled for September 4 at 10:00am; and stated this represented the largest single retail acquisition in EDC's history; highlighted the event would include replica arches made by city staff, custom boxes representing the city, EDC, and Chamber, and a tent with seating for at least 100 people. He emphasized the importance of showing community support to demonstrate to Sam's Club that they made the right choice in coming to Weslaco.

C. Engineering - Update on the Kansas/Los Torritos Drainage Project.

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, reported that the contractor is expecting to receive drainage boxes within the next two weeks and may start removing pavement on the west side heading toward Agustodero; coordinated efforts (before road removal) included arrangements with solid waste management for trash pickup and with the USPS postmaster for mail delivery. The irrigation district has completed planning and structured the pipe to the east, allowing work to proceed underneath; excavation is 30% completed, with progress slowing due to fewer dump trucks being available. The contractor had cast approximately 75 linear feet of concrete reinforced box culverts, with pre-cast boxes expected to arrive in 2-3 weeks; closure began on July 31 for Dolores Huerta Street and excavation there reached 20-22 feet in depth. Showed drone footage of progress toward Mayor Pablo Pena Park and noted that approximately 54,000 cubic yards of material have been moved and noted the importance of this project benefits the area in terms of drainage improvement.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To solicit input from the public regarding the City of Weslaco's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 commencing October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026, pursuant to Local Government Code 102.006. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

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

No comments received.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

V. 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 Record for the Workshop Meeting of July 1, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.)

B. Approval on second and final reading of the following:

1) Ordinance 2025-18 to rezone 2625 N Westgate Dr. Also being 1.750 acre out of Farm Tract 143, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary & Highway District. First reading held August 19, 2025. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the BCFS Health & Human Services Division and the Weslaco Police Department. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval of the landowners' petition from Willis John Taylor Jr. for the release of property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction is described as Tract I being 2.441 acres and Tract II 0.5812 acres out of Farm Tract 246, West and Adams Tracts Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Following for the record is caption for Ordinance 2025-18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 2625 N WESTGATE DR. ALSO BEING 1.750 ACRE OUT OF FARM TRACT 143, WEST TRACT SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO B-2 SECONDARY & HIGHWAY DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Norma A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Benjamin Castillo, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-55 appointing a member to the Weslaco Beautification Committee for a term ending March 19, 2027. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated Mary Anne Perez was being nominated by Commissioner Lopez to fill a vacancy on the Weslaco Beautification Committee for a term ending March 19, 2027.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2025-55 appointing Mary Ann Perez to the Weslaco Beautification Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-19 adopting the City of Weslaco's budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. First reading of Ordinance 2025-19. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated a balanced budget had been prepared that reflected fiscal responsibility and workshops were conducted for comments for any adjustments; the proposed budget was advertised on August 27 for two public hearings, with tonight being the first. Staff recommended approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2025-19.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2025-19 adopting the City of Weslaco's budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Mayor Gonzalez called for roll call vote.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

B. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-20 amending Ordinance 2024-25 the Master Fee Schedule. First reading of Ordinance 2025-20. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos presented the proposed master fee schedule for fiscal year 2026; noted several departments had updated to ensure fees reflected full cost recovery, align with market rates, and comply with recent ordinances; a fee comparison with other cities was done to maintain consistency and competitiveness; proposed amendments included adjustments for finance, police, planning, engineering, animal care, and airport department. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2024-25 the Master Fee Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-21 establishing Series 2025 Construction Fund. First and final reading of Ordinance 2025-21. (Staffed by the Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated the Series 2025 bond proceeds of \$30million had been received on August 27, 2025. The proposed ordinance would establish the fund as 419 to be named the 2025 Construction Fund. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance for the creation of a dedicated fund for the bond proceeds.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2025-21 establishing Series 2025 Construction Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to accept a surveillance trailer from US Border Patrol funded by Operation Stonegarden for an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 with no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Armando Espinoza, Asst. Police Chief explained that additional funding became available through Operation Stonegarden for a surveillance trailer costing approximately \$52,000. The purchase would be made by Border Patrol and given to the city with no match required. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Rodriguez, staff stated the intended use of the trailer would be used as needed for operational requirements from Border Patrol, city events, and surveillance of high-crime areas and stated this would be a brand-new trailer and would be the city's second such unit.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and accept a surveillance trailer from US Border Patrol funded by Operation Stonegarden for an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration adopting Ordinance 2025-22 amending Ordinance 2023-41 the City of Weslaco Traffic Ordinance to provide for the addition of Outlet Street to Section 134-133 for parking and stopping prohibited during certain hours on certain streets. First reading of Ordinance 2025-22. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Armando Espinoza stated concerns have been raised regarding the outlet street from Blanca Street to Los Torritos for emergency vehicle access; the narrow street, combined with parked vehicles from residences and businesses, was hindering emergency responses. Staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance would prohibit parking on both sides of Outlet Street from the intersection of East Los Torito Street to East Mesquite Street, and on the west side of Outlet Street from East Mesquite Street to Casablanca Street.

Armando Espinoza further stated the ordinance would help with beautification of the area by preventing junk vehicles from parking along the roadway.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr moved to approve Ordinance 2025-22 amending Ordinance 2023-41 the City of Weslaco Traffic Ordinance to provide for the addition of Outlet Street to Section 134-133 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to award the Commercial Insurance package to the best qualified, most advantageous bidder. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo, HR Director, stated two proposals were received; one was for cybersecurity only and was not evaluated. The other proposal came from Texas Municipal League at an estimated annual premium of \$994,134, reflecting an increase of 16.74% . Staff noted the rate increases were assessed to all pool members and due to increasing claim values. Staff recommended approval to award Texas Municipal League.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Texas Municipal League at an estimated annual premium of \$994,134 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to adopt new lease rates at Mid-Valley Airport as recommended by Airport Advisory Board. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, stated previous commission action approved AMCG, to conduct a rent study for the airport hangers; study was completed in May, and was reviewed by the Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board; presented current rates, recommended rates and proposed rates; the goal was to standardize rates based on square footage; the airport had designated zones of 1, 2 and 3 and noted the corporate hangers were designated in a zone 2, the study had a significant recommended increase that affected six corporate hangars owned by the city. Staff indicated these tenants had made significant personal investments in improvements despite ongoing maintenance issues and the airport advisory board recommended more moderate increases for these hangars. Mr. Randy Summers, Chairman, was in attendance for any questions.

The Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board and staff approved the proposed rates; recommended implementing the new rates effective January 1, 2026, allowing three months to prepare leases, conduct negotiations, and give tenants with businesses time to budget for the increases.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve and adopt new lease rates at Mid-Valley Airport as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to award bid for Furniture, Fixtures, Library Shelving, & Equipment (FF&E) for the new Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director, stated three bids were received and reviewed and stated two were incomplete. The total bid from Library Interiors of Texas was \$721,000, with \$570,000 for furniture and \$151,000 for shelving. The Library Advisory Board and staff recommended approval to award Library Interiors of Texas total bid amount of \$721,000

In response to the commission, staff noted the amount was slightly higher but would provide brand new furniture of good quality throughout the library and bid was within the estimates provided by consultants.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Library Interiors of Texas total bid amount of \$721,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration regarding award of RFB No.: 2024-25-41 Rehabilitation of Oxidation Ditch “Return Activated Sludge” Pump Station at NWWTP to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC in the amount \$97,000.00, as the lowest responsive bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated bids were advertised to rehabilitate the oxidation ditch return activated sludge pump (RAS Pump) at the north wastewater treatment plant; two bids were received and reviewed. Staff recommended Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC be awarded as the lowest responsive bid in the total amount of \$97,000.00.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC bid in the amount of \$97,000.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration of a Task Order Pricing & Rotation Policy to govern the use of the City’s on-call rotation lists. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

No discussion and action.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve assessment and design proposal of drainage improvements on Business 83 and Pleasant View Drive with Melden and Hunt, Inc for the amount of \$29,500 and 9% of Construction Cost. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated Business 83 and Pleasant View Drive had drainage concerns that would require a comprehensive engineering evaluation. Melden and Hunt proposed to complete this work for \$29,500 plus 9% of construction cost. Staff recommended approval.

Ruben James De Jesus, Vice-President Melden and Hunt, stated it would take about six weeks to complete initial survey work and inspection of the area and noted preliminary surveys found water in one of the main drain lines indicating a potential issue. They would examine the drainage basin, consider historical flooding patterns, and evaluate whether water is not releasing fast enough downstream. He confirmed they would collaborate with TxDOT since Business 83 is under their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Melden and Hunt, Inc in the amount of \$29,500 and 9% of Construction Cost for assessment and design of drainage improvements on Business 83 and Pleasant View Drive as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

IX. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the Assistant City Managers for the City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

B. Legal Consultation – Discussion 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.

C. Legal Consultation – Consultation with the Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter as authorized by Section §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale of real property located at Mid-Valley Airport, 1909 Joe Stephens relating to Hanger W20 as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve the sale of real property at Mid-Valley Airport relating to Hanger W20 as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale of real property located at Mid-Valley Airport, 1909 Joe Stephens relating to Hangar possibility by J&M Construction as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve sale of real property at Mid-Valley Airport relating to J&M Construction as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney on the sale of real property described as 7.09 acres net of out of Farm Tract 828, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and located at E. Mile 5 North as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve the sale of real property described as 7.09 acres net of out of Farm Tract 828, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and located at E. Mile 5 North as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney on the sale of real property described as West Tract E210'-W520'-N210' out of Farm Tract 691 1-acre net, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and located at E. 6th Street as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve the sale of real property at E. 6th Street as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of September 2, 2025, at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**