



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 19, 2025**

On Tuesday, August 19, 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	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
ABSENT:	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
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, Rebekah de la Fuente Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire 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 Friday, August 13, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Ramon Sanchez, First Baptist 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 Rodriguez and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - University of Texas Rio Grande Valley 10th Anniversary.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed August 2025 as “The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley 10th year anniversary celebration”.

2) Proclamation - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and reaffirmed the commitment in supporting all those affected by childhood cancer.

3) Recognition - Weslaco Pony Mustang Softball League - World Series Champions.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized the Weslaco Pony Mustang All-Stars on their outstanding achievement as 2025 PONY Mustang World Series Champions.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dendea Balli, Paws Fur Help Inc non-profit organization., stated she was a volunteer for the non-profit organization that advocates for companion animal. Requested favorable consideration and support for a countywide ban on roadside, parking lot, and flea market sales of live animals; explained that roadside animal sales contribute to overpopulation, has unsanitary conditions and sold without proper care information, leading many to be abandoned or surrendered to shelters. Stated Governor Abbott passed HB 2731, which specifically targeted Hidalgo County and becomes law on September 1st and asked the City to send a letter of support for a countywide ban to Hidalgo County Commissioners.

III. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, reported on the status of the capital improvements projects; completed repairs for Lift Stations 29, 49, and 37 were the installation of pumps and a booster potable pump installed at the North Wastewater Plant; aeration blower sun shield completed that will protect the west side of blowers from the heat; continue to monitor canal and reservoir levels; reported for July 2025 water flows as follows: Water Treatment Plant was 7.1mgd, operating at 55% capacity and compliance report was good; North Wastewater Treatment Plant water flow was 2.5mgd, operating capacity at 51% and compliance report showed an issue with oxidation ditch rotor #3, was affecting ammonia levels and staff working on the issue; South Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 1.7mgd, operating capacity was at 68%, compliance report had one finding and has been corrected; Lift Station 21 had a pump replaced; Lift Station 11 installed fencing to secure electrical components that had been moved outside the building.

B. Engineering Interns will present Standards Manual (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, introduced interns Natalie Rivera and Zulimar Vazquez that developed the 2025 Standard Manual during their internship; stated that the manual provides a clear, standardized outline of the city's requirements for construction and development projects.

Natalie Rivera and Zulimar Vazquez highlighted that the manual's purpose was to provide uniform standards and serve as a reliable reference tool for consultants, contractors, and staff; stated the manual benefits the city by saving staff time, providing consistency across projects, and supporting long-term asset management; for consultants and contractors, the manual bridges the gap between them and the city by establishing a shared language, setting clear expectations upfront, and reducing the need for revisions and change orders. This results in faster approval processes for submittals and plans; shared examples of how the manual could be useful, included a warehouse development project that has been ongoing for a long time with constant questions about requirements. Stated during this task they experienced firsthand experience seeing water breaks, sewer backups, and maintenance issues while working with Public Works.

Mayor Gonzalez expressed appreciation for their work as problem solvers and for helping to identify solutions for the city. Natalie Rivera thanked the commissioners and staff for the opportunity to learn, noting that Friday had been her last day interning. Zulimar Vasquez would continue helping with the manual.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. To solicit input on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL Omar Cano to rezone 320 S Pleasantview Drive. Also being Lots 1-85 Pleasantview Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/ Condominium District.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Kailey Massey 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.

No comments.

C. To solicit input on behalf of Kailey Massey to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit, at 2625 N Westgate Dr., also being 1.750 acre out of Farm Tract 143, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 1, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval on renewal of the facility use agreement between South Texas College (STC) and Weslaco Fire Department to use the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence, 3901 S. Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX, for training and educational purposes. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

C. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Villas on Sugar Cane Subdivision being 2.349 acre out of Farm Tract 57, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the North side of Mile 9 North Road, approximately 500ft west of Mile 4 ½ West Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

D. Approval of a six-month extension for the Final Plat for White Rose Subdivision being 4.644 acres out of Farm Tracts 31, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 2000 feet North of Intersection on Frontage Road and Bridge Ave. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval of a six-month extension for the Final Plat for Ramos Estates Subdivision being 5.00 acres out of Farm Tracts 1038, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 1,700 feet North of the Intersection of FM 1015 & Pike Blvd. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

F. Approval of the solicitation of bids for a city-wide project for the installation of pavement markings. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

G. Approval to ratify the month of June, PO# 25-3759 in the amount of \$80,095.63 for water from sole source vendor Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation District #9. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

H. Approval to approve the month of July invoice #2677 in the amount of \$80,913.85 for water from sole source vendor Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation District #9. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

I. Approval to ratify, open PO# 25-3390 in the amount of \$200,000 for fuel from Meritum Energy Holdings, LP DBA Pico Fuel. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

J. Approval of the requisition for tipping fee costs at the City of Edinburg Landfill for the month of July for \$56,207.18. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

K. Approval of the solicitation of bids for installing the new mast arms, traffic lights and traffic signs for Westgate and Mile 9 and Mile 10 crossings. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

L. Approval on the continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo & Starr County with the Weslaco Police Department. (Staffed by Police Department.)

M. Approval to ratify the City of Weslaco's application to the LCRA Community Grant Program for \$51,220 in funding, with a \$10,244 local match, for the purchase of a new Animal Care Control Unit. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

N. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the use of Judge Gilbert Garza Park for Mid-Valley Youth Soccer FC League program from August 20th - November 8th 2025. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

O. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the use of Harlon Block Park Sports Complex for the Weslaco Youth Football League Program from September 1st 2025 - February 14th 2026. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

P. Approval of an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 from the Preservation Fund for the purchase of birth record binders for the permanent retention of vital records as prescribed by the Texas Health & Safety Code §191.0045 (h) (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Commissioner Garcia Jr. requested to withhold items F, J, and K from the consent agenda for additional information.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the consent agenda withholding items F, J, and K as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Approval of the solicitation of bids for a city-wide project for the installation of pavement markings. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated the department requested approval to solicit bids for a pavement marking contractor to provide citywide services throughout the year. The contractor would be responsible for performing pavement marking work for all overlays, stripes, or projects as needed. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr., David Arce confirmed it was for all street striping throughout the city.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the solicitation of bids for pavement markings as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Approval of the requisition for tipping fee costs at the City of Edinburg Landfill for the month of July for \$56,207.18. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce explained this was a recurring monthly fee for the tipping costs at the Edinburg Landfill and because the amount exceeds \$25,000, it required commission approval. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr., staff clarified that the city has a five-year interlocal agreement with the City of Edinburg, with one year remaining. The agreement will be brought back for review next year to continue or solicit bids at that time.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the requisition for tipping fee costs for the month of July for \$56,207.18 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Approval of the solicitation of bids for installing the new mast arms, traffic lights and traffic signs for Westgate and Mile 9 and Mile 10 crossings. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the request was to solicit bids to reinstall mast arms failures, traffic signals, and street name signs. The mast arms had fallen at the intersections of Westgate & Mile 9 North and Mile 10 North and Westgate. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzalez asked about the project, noting it was originally a county project. Staff clarified that while the manufacturer was covering the warranty on the equipment itself, the installation was not covered under warranty.

In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr., staff stated the responsibility for repairs was the city, that one side of Mile 10 is county jurisdiction while the other side is city jurisdiction and Peter Hermida confirmed that based on the original agreement from 2019 when the lights were installed, the city is responsible for maintaining them.

Mayor Gonzalez requested confirmation in writing about the city's responsibility for these lights.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the solicitation of bids installing the new mast arms, traffic lights and traffic signs for Westgate and Mile 9 and Mile 10 crossings as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to accept the calculation of the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for the 2025 tax year by the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector Pablo Villarreal. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated calculations of the no-new-revenue for 2025 have been calculated by Hidalgo County Tax Office and introduced Mr. Pablo Villarreal, Tax Assessor Collector, and Mr. Julio Espinosa, Division Manager, Property Tax Section.

Julio Espinosa presented the tax calculations, reported that the no-new-revenue rate, which would raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties in both 2024 and 2025, is 0.6390. The voter approval rate, the highest tax rate the city may adopt without holding an election, is 0.6932. The current 2024 tax year adopted rate is 0.6867.

Rosie Cavazos recommended keeping the tax rate the same at 0.6867 and recommended to accept the calculation of the No-New-Revenue \$0.6390 per \$100 valuation and \$0.6932 per \$100 valuation Voter-Approval tax rates for 2025.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to accept the tax rate calculation of the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for the 2025 tax year as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2025-53 proposing an ad valorem tax rate and setting a date on which the Commission will hold a public hearing, and a date to adopt the 2025-2026 advalorem tax rate. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos recommended to keep the tax rate the same at 0.6867 per hundred-dollar valuation and because the rate is more than the no-new-revenue rate, the city is required to hold a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for September 16, 2025. Staff recommended approval and stated roll call vote required.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Resolution 2025-53.

By roll call vote an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6867 and a public hearing for adoption of tax rate to be held September 16, 2025, as presented passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL- Omar Cano on Ordinance 2025-17 to rezone 320 S Pleasantview Drive. Also being Lots 1-85 Pleasantview Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/ Condominium District. First reading of Ordinance 2025-17. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Applicant withdrew from action.

D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Kailey Massey on 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 of Ordinance 2025-18. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated fourteen property owners were notified, and no petitions for or against were received. The property was annexed into the city at the previous meeting and will be the site of a new Stripes store. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance 2025-18 to rezone 2625 N. Westgate Drive as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalaz was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Kailey Massey to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit, at 2625 N Westgate Dr., also being 1.750 acre out of Farm Tract 143, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated fourteen property owners were notified, and no petitions for or against were received; the request corresponds with the previous item for a rezone for the new Stripes and this will allow the sale of off-premise alcoholic beverages. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit, at 2625 N. Westgate Drive. The motion passed unanimously Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to be granted a waiver to the moratorium for 600 S Bridge Ave., also being Lots 10-16 INCL., Blk FT 640, West Tract, Weslaco Trailer Park, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the NE corner of East 6th St. and South Bridge. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated this request was for an existing RV Park on Bridge Avenue; owner proposed to build apartments inside their existing community center. Staff stated the moratorium in place does not allow for apartments at this time unless a waiver to the moratorium is approved. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended denial of the waiver to the moratorium.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to deny the waiver to the moratorium for 600 S Bridge Ave. as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration of the proposed Interlocal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Hidalgo & Cameron County Irrigation District No. 9 (HCCID9) for infrastructure coordination and maintenance responsibilities, with authorization for City Mangers to execute final agreement following legal review and final negotiations. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated the agreement was related to the Kansas Los Torritos drainage improvement project; the interlocal agreement with Irrigation District Number 9 and ensures the district that as the city's project moved forward it will need to cross underneath the district's existing 42-inch irrigation line at Dolores Huerta and Agostadero Street won't be damaged. Staff recommended approval of the agreement to avoid delaying the construction timeline.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Interlocal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Hidalgo & Cameron County Irrigation District No. 9 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve amendment to the professional Traffic Engineering Services contract RFQ #2024-25-07 with Colliers Engineers, Inc for additional scope of work for the intersection of Pike Blvd and Vo-Tech Dr. in the amount of \$262,289.00. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated the amendment would add scope of work to the Colliers Engineers Group contract to move forward with the design process for the intersection of Pike Boulevard and Vo-Tech Drive. Staff negotiated the cost down and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would be sharing the cost.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to amend Traffic Engineering Services with Colliers Engineers, Inc for additional scope of work for the intersection of Pike Blvd and Vo-Tech Dr. in the amount of \$262,289.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to award the top-ranked and most qualified and responsive firms, and entering into fee negotiations for On-call Construction Material Testing Services / RFQ No.: 2024-25-39. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated statements of qualifications submitted were ranked and evaluated based on qualifications and experience to establish firms on a rotation list; those firms recommended were L&G Consultant Engineers, Raba Kistner, Terracon, UES Professional and B2Z Engineering. Staff recommended approval as these firms as qualified based on their experience.

In response to Commissioner Farias, Peter Hermida stated although nine responses were received three were outside of the area (San Antonio and Corpus Christi), and staff wanted to maintain a rotation list that would be competitive in negotiating fees for on-call services.

Commissioner Farias requested staff to ensure fees are addressed according to the scope of work being performed and avoid any misinterpretation as seen in past.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve L&G Consultant Engineers, Raba Kistner, Terracon, UES Professional and B2Z Engineering firms for the on-call services rotation. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of five roll-off 30-yard containers for \$28,442 and fourteen 6-yd commercial containers for \$15,256 from Wastequip under sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce recommended approval for the purchase of five (5) roll-off 30-yard containers in the amount of \$28,442 and fourteen (14) 6-yard commercial containers in the amount of \$15,256 from Wastequip under Sourcewell contract #010825-WQI; purchase will allow for inventory to meet current and future demands for bulky waste, debris removal, and large cleanup projects. The combined purchase of containers helps with the cost of freight. Staff recommended approval of the combined purchase of \$43,698 and would be from the Solid Waste Division fund.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve the purchase of five roll-off 30-yard containers for \$28,442 and fourteen 6-yd commercial containers for \$15,256 from Wastequip under Sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to ratify purchases for Austin Traffic for traffic lights associated to Westgate & Mile 9, Westgate & Mile 10N for an accumulative amount of \$17,600. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce went over the event of July 22, where mast arm of the traffic signals fell at Mile 10 and Westgate; emergency purchase orders were issued as follows: two purchase orders for the emergency traffic signal work at Mile 10N (\$1,300 and \$5,700) and the two emergency quotes for the removal of mast arms (\$2,600) and installation of temporary lights (\$8,000) at Mile 9 & Westgate. The prompt purchase of these items was required to provide for the needs of the public and to preserve the property. Staff recommended approval of the ratification of the two purchase orders and a requisition, totaling approximately \$17,600.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve and ratify purchases for Austin Traffic for traffic lights associated to Westgate & Mile 9, Westgate & Mile 10N for an amount of \$17,600 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of a stationary compactor with hopper from Wastequip under sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI in an amount no to exceed \$31,990.13. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the department wished to improve the efficiency of cardboard recycling operations; currently cardboard is hauled to the recycling center in an open-top roll-off container, carrying only 1–2 tons per trip and the purchase of a stationary compactor and hopper would significantly reduce the number of hauls required; upgrade would lower transportation costs, reduce equipment wear, and improve staff productivity. Staff recommended approval of the total cost for the stationary compactor with hopper not to exceed \$31,990.13.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase of a stationary compactor with hopper from Wastequip under sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI in an amount no to exceed \$31,990.13.as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration of a professional services agreement with Marcelo Cosme to provide subdivision plan reviews for water and wastewater. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated Marcelo Cosme would offer professional services to the city in reviewing development plans, including concept, preliminary, and final plans to ensure new developments comply with city standards and regulations and streamline the approval process. Marcelo Cosme is a former Water/Wastewater Superintendent for the city and has a familiarity with the city's infrastructure. Staff recommended approval with a monthly compensation rate of \$1,500 and agreement had five-calendar-day termination clause with written notice.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve professional services agreement with Marcelo Cosme as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to ratify the purchase of street materials for the Border Avenue Street project from Frontage to 18th Street for an amount of \$537,465.34. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce requested approval to ratify multiple purchase orders totaling \$537,465.34 for the Border Avenue project, which included asphalt, oil, and pavement markings for the complete project spanning approximately seven lane miles.

Mayor Gonzales commended the staff and workers involved in the project, noting that he had observed the poor condition of the street during an aerial tour of Weslaco.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the purchase of street materials for the Border Avenue Street project from Frontage to 18th Street for an amount of \$537,465.34as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of street materials for the parking lot at Judge Gilbert Garza Park west side parking lot not to exceed \$67,130.50. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the purchase of street materials needed for the parking lot at Gilbert Garza Park's west side included \$46,000 for hot mix, \$14,000 for caliche, \$2,000 for oil, and \$5,000 for miscellaneous materials, totaling \$67,130.50. Staff recommended approval and funds would be from the Parks budget.

Commissioner Pedraza asked about striping plans. David Arce stated it would be done in-house.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. asked about similar improvements for the Sports Complex parking and staff noted these improvements were being discussed.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve of street materials for the parking lot at Judge Gilbert Garza Park west side parking lot not to exceed \$67,130.50 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration of renewing Consulting Services Agreement with Prisylla Jasso. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas stated the consultant's main role is governmental affairs, included travel as needed to Austin, making calls, and setting up meetings for the Commission and management to talk directly with organizations. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzalez emphasized the role of consultant was governmental affairs, dealing with state legislation and federal matters and the agreement be reflected accurately regarding role and duties. Mayor Gonzalez praised the staff team effort that resulted in the city being awarded \$26 million grant that was the most received and thanked the staff.

Omar Rodriguez, Interim City Manager, noted that this item was for a one-year.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve renewing Consulting Services Agreement with Prisylla Jasso as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2025-54 to suspend Texas Gas Service Company's (TGS's) rate application. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas recommended approval for the city to join other cities in opposing Texas Gas Service Company's (TGS's) rate application for increases. The resolution will suspend the rate increase and allow the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. and consultants to represent the City in all matters associated with the TGS application to increase rates .

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Resolution 2025-54 to suspend Texas Gas Service Company's (TGS's) rate application. as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration for a change order on RFP No.: 2024-25-36 to use additional Operation Lone Star Grant 5165301 funding for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 with no match required to purchase additional surveillance cameras for the Mid-Valley Airport and Mid-Valley Communication building to include Public Works. (Staffed by IT Department.)

Xavier Salinas stated an additional \$30,000 in grant funding was available. Rick Mendoza, IT Director, stated the change order would purchase additional cameras for the airport, the communications building housing dispatch for the Police Department, and the Public Works building. The funding would come from the Lone Star grant.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, staff stated the vendor previously selected would install the additional cameras. In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr. cameras at Public Works would include coverage in mechanics' area and second story area.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve change order on RFP No.: 2024-25-36 to use additional Operation Lone Star Grant 5165301 funding for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:03 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 7:50 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VIII. 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 City Attorney regarding Liquid Environmental as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. 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.

E. Legal Consultation-Consultation with City Attorney regarding lawsuit styled Christopher De Leon d/b/a De Leon Aircraft Maintenance Professional vs. City of Weslaco Cause Number 7:22-CV-00210 pending in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. Legal Consultation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding Adan Ortiz vs. Weslaco Police Department Small Claims Citation SC25-0030-J12 as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code."

No action.

G. 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.

No action.

H. Real Property - Discussion 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.

No action.

I. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the sale, exchange, lease or value of real property located at Pike and Vo-Tech as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the sale of real property located at Mid-Valley Airport, 1909 Joe Stephens relating to Hanger W20 as discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Pedraza moved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 19, 2025, at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**