



**RECORD OF WORKSHOP
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

On this 2nd day of September 2025 at 4:14 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
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza (arrived 4:40 pm)
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
ABSENT:	Mayor Pro Tem	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	Asst. City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Eden Ramirez	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, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, Ray Marroquin. Asst. Fire Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Krist Cheramie, ACS Director, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, 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 Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

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

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, stated the proposed policy would establish clear rules for assigning professional services as needed for projects that would require engineering, surveying, appraisals, right-of-way, and construction material testing; the policy would ensure fairness, cost control by capping assignments, be more efficient by moving projects forward without going through an RFQ

process each time and could avoid any assignment of work from becoming concentrated with only a few firms. Stated rotation lists would be created separately through RFQ processes for engineering, surveying, land appraisal, and material testing, would be scored and approved by the Commission, work would be assigned in order, rotating through each firm and if a firm is unavailable or declines, the city would move to the next firm on the list.

In response to Commissioner Garcia Jr., staff stated a firm could decline a project due to conflicts of interest, workload issues, or other reasons.

The policy would include a cap of \$275,000 in professional fees per assignment. Projects exceeding this amount would require a separate RFQ process. Mayor Gonzalez expressed support for the cap, noting it would protect staff and commissioners from situations where firms might receive vastly different sized projects, which could lead to complaints of unfairness.

Commissioner Lopez asked whether the cap amount of \$275,000 was appropriate. Staff indicated surrounding cities were called and the fee ranged between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned if a cap included in the policy would conflict with the original RFQ process that was already completed. Interim City Attorney advised he would need to review the original RFQ language to ensure there was no conflict but believed it would be fine if the RFQ was for rotational purposes.

Peter Hermida stated that the policy would also allow for exceptions in cases where specialized expertise is required, such as when a firm has specific knowledge about a project from previous work. Mayor Gonzalez suggested that such exceptions should be brought to the Commission for approval rather than being decided by staff.

Xavier Salinas, Asst. City Manager, stated this was a first draft of the policy and that feedback from the workshop would be incorporated before bringing it back to the Commission at a future meeting. He explained that the goal was to make city processes move quickly, allowing smaller projects to move forward without having to go through a full RFQ process each time. He reminded the Commission that even with the rotation list, any contract over \$15,000 would still require Commission approval.

B. Discussion and presentation on the list of street overlay improvements. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, presented a list of street overlay improvements; the in-house paving program began in 2014-2015 to help minimize expenditures for the paving budget; the current list compiled was based on visual inspections and complaints received.

The financial resources were \$850,000 for street overlays, \$200,000 for striping, \$100,000 for sidewalks for a total of \$1,100,000 in the budget for these improvements. Staff explained the operational approach involved clustering street projects in the same areas for efficiency; highlighted areas needing attention included Tahoe Subdivision, streets around the medical area

south of the hospital, Sun Valley Subdivision (18th and Border), Hidden Trace Subdivision and 10th and 14th Street areas.

Commission discussion had concerns raised for streets south of the hospital (Utah, 8th, 10th, James Street), a status of Mobi Street, which has been a dirt road for a long time and discussion of 5 ½ Mile road expansion needed.

Xavier Salinas noted that the total cost of all identified overlay projects was approximately \$3,300,000, but the budget only allowed for \$1,100,000 in improvements and asked for Commission guidance on prioritizing projects.

Commissioner Rodriguez raised the issue of speed humps in subdivisions to address speeding concerns. Peter Hermida explained that speed humps require studies showing they meet the 85th percentile threshold and typically require neighborhood petitions. Commissioners discussed the challenges of getting residents to sign petitions and the importance of slowing traffic in residential areas, especially near schools and in narrow streets where children play.

Mayor Gonzalez emphasized the importance of coordinating street overlay work with any needed drainage or utility party to avoid having to break newly paved streets. He requested that staff develop a list of drainage crossings and other infrastructure needs to ensure comprehensive planning.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the workshop into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 5:37 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the workshop as open to the public.

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.

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.

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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. Real Property - Consultation with the City Attorney on the sale of 7.09 acres net of real property 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.

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 along E. 6th Street as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the workshop meeting of September 2, 2025, at 5:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**