MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
JUNE 17, 2025

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:40 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	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
ABSENT:	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
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/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, 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, June 13, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Father Francisco J. Solis, St. Joan of Arc Catholic 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 perfect attendance and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. To solicit input on behalf of Christopher O. Cuellar to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 200 S Border, also being Lots 8,9,10,11 Blk 2, West Highway Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

None received.

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Drainage Board update

None.

B. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, reported on the capital improvements and their project status; went over the capital repairs completed for Lift Station 13 included the submersible pump repaired, the water treatment plant had the sludge pump repairs completed and valves were received for Lift Station 37; received the new polymer unit received and installed for the belt press and now operational; May 2025 flows for the Water Treatment Plant was 7.1mgd, operating at 55% capacity and compliance report was good; North Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 2.6mgd, operating capacity at 54% and compliance report in order, South Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was 1.73mgd, operating capacity was at 69%, compliance report was good.

C. Animal Care Services.

Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services, recapped the live release rate for April 2025 was 85% for dogs and cats combined; stated the cat release rate improved to 84% in May; reported a successful adoption event at the Eatery on National Hug Your Cat Day (June 4th), where 9 out of 10 cats brought to the event were adopted. Alfonso Aguilera reported on events and activity done at the library for children and adults included educational presentations, explaining the adoption process, the difference between adoption and rescue, and upcoming vaccination services. Krista Cheramie reported that Mr. Aguilera had transported 281 animals within two months to rescue organizations in Corpus Christi; stated the city had partnered with an organization in Corpus known as The Cattery Cat Shelter; went over rescues, medical cases; shared a story about a mother dog who had been separated from her puppies but had taken in and was caring for orphaned puppies found in a drain by animal control officers; recognized Officer Marco Perez for his initiative in feeding an additional batch of newborn puppies; assisted game wardens with wildlife calls, including recent assistance with a baby jackrabbit, a squirrel, and a peacock upcoming events was a ribbon cutting at Joe Stevens for their upgraded office on Thursday from 10-11 AM, an advisory board meeting on June 25th, and a vaccine clinic with date and time to be determined.

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 and Record of Workshop on May 7, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.) .

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

1) Ordinance 2025-08 adopting a mid-year budget amendment. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

C. Approval to apply for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) grant to purchase Lexipol Cordico Wellness Software (Sourcewell Contract Number 011822-LXP) in the amount of $31,672.80 with no match required. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to apply for the FY 2025 Texas State Library Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program, acceptance of funding upon award, and authorize the Mayor to execute. (Staffed by Library Department.)

E. Approval for staff to solicit bids for sewer line rerouting project located at the 300 N. Airport Mayor Pablo Pena Park. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

F. Approval to send notice of cancellation to Routeware for routing services. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

G. Approval to solicit bids for a video surveillance system for City Hall, Airport and Public Works. (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

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

Following for the record is the caption for Ordinance 2025-08.

ORDINANCE 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-24, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FINDING NEED TO AMEND THE 2024-2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; TO WIT; GENERAL FUND, $1,705,118 IN EXPENDITURES & $1,967,341 IN REVENUE; WATER/WASTER NET COMBINED, ($286,980) IN REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES; SOLID WASTE FUND BY $40,900 IN EXPENDITURES AND $26,000 IN REVENUE; AIRPORT BY $3,000 AND $0 IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE RESPECTIVELY; BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FUND INCREASE REVENUE BY $101,268 AND $198,965 IN EXPENDITURES; CIP FUND $0 IN REVENUES, AND $501,636 IN EXPENDITURES; ARPA FUND $100,000 IN REVENUES AND $30,750 IN EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-38 appointing a member to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals-Zoning. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated this was a new nominee from Commissioner Lopez to appoint Arturo Perez.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2025-38 appointing Arturo Perez to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals-Zoning as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Christopher O. Cuellar to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 200 S Border, also being Lots 8,9,10,11 Blk 2, West Highway Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated twenty-five property owners were notified with no objection received; applicant requested to add on-premise permit for mixed beverages at his location of Uncle Chops restaurant. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 200 S Border as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to be granted a waiver to the moratorium for 920 W Pike, also being AC GR 0.71AC Net. Blk W125.20’-E502.80’-S432.02 FT 133.80, West Tract AN IRR TR, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 455ft west of N. Border. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated the applicant requested a waiver to the moratorium so pursue a rezone request from a B-2 commercial district to an R-2 apartment and duplex; because of the moratorium in place apartments are not permitted unless specifically zoned. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended denial.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to deny waiver to the moratorium for 920 W Pike as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to award bid to the most responsive respondent, Rio Roofing for a bid amount not to exceed $488,000.00 for RFB No.: 2024-25-19 Valley Nature Center Re-roofing project. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Bob Boultinghouse, Architect with Boultinghouse Simpson Gates Architects, stated three bids were received and evaluated and the recommendation was to award Rio Roofing not to exceed $488,000.00.

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, recommended consultation with the attorney in closed session.

At 5:58 p.m. Commissioner Rodriguez 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 6:03 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

Bob Boultinghouse stated three bids were received for the project ranging from $320,000 to $488,000; all proposals were evaluated that requested information regarding contractors' qualification, OSHA information, schedule of values (unit pricing) and bonding coverage be submitted. Stated the only respondent that met the requirements and submitted all requested information was Rio Roofing the proposal demonstrated thorough knowledge of the complex scope of work required, and while slightly above the anticipated cost, was deemed reasonable. Based on experience with the contractor and knowledge of the project requirements, staff recommended to award Rio Roofing.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Rio Roofing for the Valley Nature Center Re-roofing project not to exceed $488,000.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to proceed with the Design of a New Boys & Girls Club. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

No action.

E. Discussion and consideration on the repair of Unit 564 Engine 3 with vendor Rush Truck Centers, in the amount of $23,295.96 and any additional changes. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, explained that although the amount was under the threshold requiring Commission approval, staff sought commission approval in the event the repairs exceeded $25,000; noted that the current quote was $23,295.96, and the consideration of the request would ensure there would be no stoppage of repairs if additional costs were identified. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the repair of Unit 564 Engine 3 with vendor Rush Truck Centers in the amount of $23,295.96 and any additional changes that may be required as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration on the Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Weslaco Police Department regarding cooperative extension services for LRGVDC Academy Site. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Robert Lopez, Police Chief, stated the interlocal agreement with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council would establish Weslaco's first basic peace officer course. He explained that the partnership would allow the city to send police cadets who are not, yet TCLOE certified to the academy, with 4-5 slots allocated to Weslaco at no cost. Robert Lopez also recognized Captain Flores, who serves as an instructor at the academy and was instrumental in establishing the partnership.

Manuel Cruz, LRGVDC Director, and Mr. Solis from the academy were in attendance. Mr. Cruz thanked the Commission for the partnership and noted the nationwide shortage of peace officers. Mr. Solis, who oversees daily operations at the academy, expressed confidence in the Weslaco Police Department's ability to produce qualified officers and pledged support for the program.

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about implementing a rule requiring police cadets sponsored by the city to commit to serving Weslaco for a minimum period. Interim City Attorney, Benjamin Castillo, stated this could be looked at and confirmed this could be developed separately from the interlocal agreement, noting that staff would need to review the current collective bargaining agreement to ensure compliance.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Weslaco Police Department regarding cooperative extension services for LRGVDC Academy. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to purchase police vehicle equipment from Tri-County Communications for $68,999.00 (Buy Board Contract # 693-23/ 698-23) and Motorola Solutions for $29,427.93 (Contract: 39000-DIR-CPO-5433) for three patrol units for the total amount of $98,426.93.(Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from discussion and voting.

Robert Lopez stated staff solicited bids from several entities and the lowest bid was Tri-County Communications for $68,999.00 (Buy Board Contract) and Motorola Solutions for $29,427.93 (Contract: 39000-DIR-CPO-5433) for the total amount of $98,426. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the purchase form Tri-County Communications for $68,999.00 and Motorola Solutions for $29,427.93, for a total amount of $98,426.93 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to submit a grant application to the KNAPP Community Care Foundation (KCCF) in the amount of $100,000; no matching funds required. Funding will be utilized to incorporate a Community Health Officer to perform Wellness Checks and coordinate with local service providers.(Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gaberial Perez, Grant Manager, requested approval to submit a grant application to the Knapp Community Care Foundation for $100,000 with no matching funds required; funding would be used to develop a full-time Community Health Officer position to conduct wellness checks within the community, benefiting the elderly and disabled. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the submission of a grant application to the KNAPP Community Care Foundation for $100,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to award the Group Health Insurance. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

No action.

J. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No.: 2024-25-29 for Phase 2 of Fifteen Manhole Rehabilitations to the lowest bidder, Southern Trenchless Solutions, for an amount not to exceed $74,955. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated bids were solicited for 15 manholes (Phase 2 rehabilitation); scope of work included epoxy coating interior walls, installing new rings and covers, reconstructing benches, and installing concrete collars around each manhole. Staff recommended approval to award Southern Trenchless Solutions the lowest responsible bid at $74,955.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. asked about the locations of the manholes. Staff stated various locations and would provide the locations to the Commission adding that they would be replacing covers with new ones that clearly identify whether they are sewer or storm drain connections.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to award Phase 2 of Fifteen Manhole Rehabilitations to Southern Trenchless Solutions for an amount not to exceed $74,955 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to solicit bids for the asphalt improvements of Pleasantview Dr. from Expressway to Business. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the city has for the past 10-12 years performed asphalt paving in-house through the Public Works Department; this approach has been cost-efficient, but needs to accomplish more projects concurrently, including drainage work. The project Pleasantview Drive from the expressway to Business 83 is a heavy-weight corridor with new residential development, and there is an urgency to complete these repairs. Staff recommended expediting the repairs by bidding out the design and construction work.

Mayor Gonzalez expressed support for contracting out certain street projects to allow Public Works staff to focus on critical activities like cleaning storm drains and ditches during hurricane season and recommended a future workshop to prioritize neighborhood streets so the Commission could provide transparent timelines to constituents who inquire about their streets.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve of soliciting bids for the asphalt improvements of Pleasant view Dr. from Expressway to Business as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration on cost estimate from 3E Logistics in the amount of $32,630.00 for proposed sidewalk improvements on North Bridge. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, explained that staff solicited a bid from 3E Logistics, which is currently under contract with the city as of March 2025. The proposed improvements consist of a quarter mile of sidewalk along North Bridge from East Sugarcane to Northbridge Elementary, including striping design. Staff recommended approval.

Xavier Salinas, Assistant City Manager, requested the motion include a provision for staff to negotiate a final and best proposal with the contractor.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve subject staff negotiating a final and best proposal with 3E Logistics as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to procure services from Hidalgo & Cameron County Irrigation District No. 9 (HCCID9) for construction and protection of the existing Irrigation Line for the Kansas/Los Torritos Drainage Improvements project. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated staff met with the irrigation district regarding the Kansas and Los Torritos drainage improvements project and discussed a conflict with a 42-inch irrigation line crossing over the planned 8x6 boxes along the drive; irrigation policy does not allow for any entity to disrupt their irrigation lines. Staff recommended approval to procure services from the irrigation district who will provide the construction to their own line. The district will install a new pipe and grade it on the inside to provide structural integrity while the city installs the 8x6 boxes.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve procuring services from Hidalgo & Cameron County Irrigation District No. 9 for construction and protection of the existing Irrigation Line for the Kansas/Los Torritos Drainage Improvements project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration on the installation of four-speed humps in Garden Terrace Subdivision. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida explained that this request went through the city's established permitting process, which included a speed study; traffic boxes were placed in the area for two weeks to collect data. Based on the final analysis, staff recommended installing four speed humps (also called speed tables) in the Garden Terrace Subdivision that would be full-width, 6 feet wide, and 3-4 inches in height.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve the installation of four speed humps in Garden Terrace Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gonzalez stated the commission had convened into executive session during the workshop of June 17, 2025 for legal consultation only.

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. 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.

D. Real Property - Discussion regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for the City of Weslaco landfill located in Alton, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved for staff to continue discussion with the City of Alton as discussed in the executive session portion of the workshop. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 17, 2025, at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

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Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**