MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 8, 2025

On Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:35 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	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	Asst. City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Benjamin Castillo	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, Maricarmen Garcia, Asst. Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Rick Mendoza, IT Director, Ludivina Cardoza Court Clerk, 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Dr. Elias Garza, Calvary Christian Center 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.

1) Proclamation - Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Day — October 19, 2025

Mayor Gonzalez along with the Weslaco City Commission proclaimed October 19, 2025, the National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as Catholic Daughter Sunday.

2) Proclamation - October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Gonzalez along with the Weslaco City Commission proclaimed the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

3) Proclamation Deaf Awareness Week

Mayor Gonzalez along with the Weslaco City Commission proclaimed September 22nd to September 28th, 2025, as Deaf Awareness Week.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. 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 and minutes for August 5 and August 19, 2025 and the record and minutes for September 2, 2025 and Special Meeting of October 6, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-59 to enter into an agreement with TxDOT for closures of streets for a public event in the city limits of Weslaco being a portion of Hwy. Business 83 eastbound and westbound streets for the Annual South Texas International Marathon event on December 7, 2025; approval of Resolution 2025-60 supporting the marathon; provision of support by City of Weslaco, Weslaco Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Building Maintenance, Police, Fire, and EMS Department. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

C. Approval of a request from Valley Nature Center to close Gibson Park to the public on November 8, 2025, for the 13th Brew in the Woods annual fundraiser and allow to serve alcohol during the event. (Requested by Valley Nature Center.)

D. Approval for staff to solicit bids for waterworks collection materials, distribution materials, and storm construction materials. (Staffed by Public Works Department)

E. Approval on renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Weslaco to provide and receive pickup and disposal service of commercial waste for the Sheriff's East Substation for one year. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

F. Approval to use Court Technology Funds to pay for the yearly fee for Incode Version 9 software services for Municipal Court, including the Court Case Management and the System software Non-SQL Maintenance for the cycle starting October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, for the amount not to exceed $12,226.08. (Staffed by Municipal Court.)

G. Approval on the renewal of a Public Purposes Services Contract with Weslaco Bicultural Museum, d.b.a. Weslaco Museum of Local History and Cultural Art for an amount not to exceed $90,000 effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

H. Approval on the renewal of a Public Purposes Services Contract with the Boys and Girl Club of Weslaco in the amount not to exceed $75,000 for the public purposes services and activities in this contract, effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

I. Approval of the Special Services Agreement on Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy tax proceeds between the City of Weslaco and the following:

1) Weslaco Chamber of Commerce for $; 360,795
2) Frontera Audubon Society for $50,000; and
3) Lower Rio Grande Valley Nature Center for $ 99,160

(Staffed by Finance Department.)

J. Approval of Resolution 2025-63 amending the authorized representatives for TexPool/Texpool Prime investment funds for the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

K. Approval for staff to solicit proposals for the financing of a Spartan Gladiator Pumper for an amount not to exceed $1,582,819.00. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

L. Approval of the affiliation agreement between Weslaco Fire Department and Rapid Response Training Center, LLC to provide clinical learning experiences to students. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

M. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the constituent agencies of the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center — Rio Grande Valley. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

N. Approval on the request from First Baptist Church for street closure from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm for Kansas Street between 6th and 7th Street for their Fall Festival on October 29, 2025. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

O. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for the repair of two surface water pumps at the City of Weslaco Water Treatment Plant. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

P. Approval to authorize staff to solicit bids for milling and repaving of the Pleasantview Drive roadway between Business 83 and the IH-2 Eastbound frontage road, an existing collector roadway within the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Q. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the use of Mayor Pablo Pena Park for the Boys and Girls Winter softball league program from November 1st 2025 - January 31st 2026. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Farias requested item K be withheld from consent.

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

K. Approval for staff to solicit proposals for the financing of a Spartan Gladiator Pumper for an amount not to exceed $1,582,819.00. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and voting.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve to solicit proposals for the financing of a Spartan Gladiator Pumper for an amount not to exceed $1,582,819.00 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-61 appointing a member to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals-Zoning. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated an appointment was needed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals-Zoning. Ivan F. Perez was nominated by Commissioner Josh Pedraza to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Resolution 2025-61appointing Ivan F. Perez to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals-Zoning as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2025-25 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 3921 E IH 2 described as ADAMS TRACT AN IRR TR N479-24'-E205.38'-W827.55' EXC S167.4'-N479.24'-E114.5'-W827.55' FT 1100 1.64AC NET, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2025-25. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, recommended tabling items A, B, and C until the next meeting to allow additional time to review the request and discuss with the requestors.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to table items New Business items A, B, and C as recommended. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-26 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 4007 E IH 2 being Lot 8, Dellinger Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2025-26. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Tabled see item A.

C. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2025-27 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 4015 E IH 2 being Lot 7, Dellinger Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2025-27. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Tabled see item A.

D. Discussion and consideration of the Interlocal Agreements with the following entities for animal control operations. (Staffed by Animal Care Services Department.)

1. City of Alamo
2. City of Donna
3. City of Edcouch
4. City of Mercedes
5. City of Penitas
6. City of Pharr
7. City of San Juan
8. Willacy County

Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Director, stated the City of Alamo, Donna, Edcouch, Mercedes, Pharr, San Juan and Willacy County wished to continue to contract with the City of Weslaco for animal control operations and accepted the terms of the agreement. The City of Penitas and Elsa decided not to renew their agreements this year; agreements included the fee increase from $150 to $250, as well as an additional requirement for using shelter management software that would improve transparency and efficiency. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the Interlocal Agreements with the City of Alamo, Donna, Edcouch, Mercedes, Pharr, San Juan and Willacy County as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-62 to adopt the annual Investment Policy for the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated that the city annually renews its investment policy to align with any updated legislative bills. Staff recommended no changes to the policy at this time. The current policy remains consistent with state law and best practices. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2025-62 adopting the City of Weslaco's Investment Policy.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2025-62 adopting the annual Investment Policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to amend and adopt revisions to the City of Weslaco purchasing policy, including the Purchasing Card Policy, and to adopt Resolution 2025-65 establishing a Local Preference Policy pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §271.9051. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated recent legislation had increased bid requirements from $50,000 to $100,000; currently the policy for the city is anything over $25,000 requires commission action and staff would recommend a more conservative approach of increasing from $25,000 to $50,000. Also recommended several changes to purchasing thresholds as follows: 1) increasing purchases requiring only one quote from $1,000 to $3,000, 2) adjusting purchases requiring three informal quotes to the range of $3,000-$5,000, 3) setting the range for purchases requiring three formal quotes at $5,000-$50,000, 4) competitive bidding would be required for purchases over $50,000 and proposed all purchases, regardless of amount, would now require Finance Department approval. Other changes were to the Purchasing Card Policy that would extend card access to assistant department heads (with the same $5,000 monthly limit as department heads), allow for small purchases under $1,000 and establish procedures for missing receipts.

Commissioner Lopez expressed concern about doubling the City Manager's spending authority from $25,000 to $50,000 and preferred to leave it at $25,000 with anything higher requiring commission approval.

After discussion, the recommendation from the commission was to keep the city manager's approval authority at $25,000 and raise the competitive bid requirement threshold to $100,000 as permitted by state law.

Rosie Cavazos stated the Resolution would also formalize a local preference policy allowing the City to award contracts to local businesses when bids are within five percent of the lowest responsible non-local bid and the award is determined to provide best value to the city. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve the revised purchasing policy including the Purchasing Card Policy, keeping city manager approval authority at $25,000, raise competitive bid requirements to $100,00 and approve Resolution 2025-65 establishing a Local Preference Policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to award RFP No. 2024-25-42 for a Route Management System for Solid Waste Operations to Waste Innovations Systems, Inc. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director explained that the department solicited proposals for routing services to improve efficiency of solid waste operations; three proposals were received and evaluated that included an online demonstration. Staff recommended Waste Innovations as the most qualified vendor with features of the proposed system that included route optimization, comprehensive reporting and performance metrics, full integration for residential, commercial, roll-off, and brush trucks, AI technology to automatically detect trash cans and service status and text messaging capabilities to notify residents of delays.

The initial setup cost would be $40,039.50 with a recurring monthly fee of $4,646.05. This represented cost savings from the current system while providing more functionality. The contract would be month-to-month rather than the current three-year term. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to award a Route Management System for Solid Waste Operations to Waste Innovations Systems, Inc. as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and approval to proceed with an overlay project on East Pike Street from Texas Avenue to Nevada Avenue to not exceed $265,123 to include the asphalt, oil, and the pavement markings. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce went over the proposed overlay project on East Pike Street from Texas Avenue to Nevada Avenue; explained the area had recently undergone pipe bursting work, and they were waiting for manhole completion before beginning paving. The project would cost up to $265,123 to include asphalt, oil, and pavement markings. Staff recommended approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the project, and the commission voiced staff consider working around school schedules and consider possibly during Thanksgiving break.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the overlay project on East Pike Street not to exceed $265,123. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No.: 2024-25-43 for Harlon Block Memorial to lowest and most responsible bidder, EB Merit Construction, for the amount of $183,988.00 as determined through the competitive procurement process. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Interim Assistant City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director, stated bids were opened on August 28th for the Harlon Block Memorial. Andrew Heffner, Architect, provided the design (at no cost to the city) and evaluated the bids. The recommendation from the Architect and staff was to award EB Merit Construction, lowest respondent in the amount of $183,988. Staff noted funds for the project would come from the Rotary Club fundraising, Economic Development Corporation commitments, and the Elks Lodge. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve EB Merit Construction for the Harlon Block Memorial project in the amount of $183,988 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration of final payment to FireTrucks Unlimited for the full refurbishment of 2008 Pierce Velocity Unit 566. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, reported previous commission action approved for refurbishment of a fire truck about a year ago; was in its final weeks of a complete restoration that included engine and transmission replacement, pump refurbishment, bodywork, modifications, and repainting. Staff recommended approval for the final payment of $321,348 and this refurbished 2008 Pierce Velocity would serve as a reserve engine when primary engines are out for service.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the final payment of $321,348 to Firetrucks Unlimited as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Valley Risk Consulting for the purpose of finalizing enrollment costs with Blue Cross Blue Shield. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Roger Garza, Valley Risk Consulting, addressed the commission and bids were solicited and commission action awarded Blue Cross/Blue Health for health insurance; explained not in the process was the enrollment services and agent services when the city awarded Blue Cross Blue Shield. Stated Jeff Everitt and Associates was the record of agent who submitted a resignation as agent of services for the City. Because of the urgency to begin the enrollment of employees, Blue Cross/Blue Shield was authorized to proceed with enrollment and payment was due to those individuals for the services provided for enrollment of employees.

Roger Garza estimated the costs for this service would be between $30,000-$35,000, representing significant savings from the $78,000-$90,000 that would have been paid to an agent. The recommendation was for Blue Cross to release funds to pay the enrollers or to have the city pay the enrollers directly and receive a credit from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to authorize staff to negotiate with Valley Risk Consulting for the purpose of finalizing enrollment costs with Blue

Cross Blue Shield regarding enrollment costs as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2025-28 amending Ordinance 2016-16 codified as Chapter 38 Cemetery General Regulations regarding monument size. First reading of Ordinance 2025-28. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Mayor Gonzalez explained the amendment to the ordinance would give residents an option for larger monument sizes when they have two adjacent plots, such as for a husband and wife or a parent and child.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. clarified this would give citizens the option of a double headstone with a maximum size of 60 inches, compared to the previous maximum of 48 inches for single plots and emphasized this would be an optional maximum size, not a requirement.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2025-28 amending cemetery regulations regarding monument size as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2025-66 authorizing the sale of City-owned real property being approximately 9.688 acres, more or less, out of Farm Tract 828, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, along Mile 5 North Road, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the sale. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas stated this property had been approved for sale at the previous commission meeting. The Resolution authorized the sale of 9.688 acres of land to the highest bidder for $225,000 and authorized the Mayor to execute all documents related to the transaction. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2025-66 authorizing the sale of city-owned real property and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:09 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 7:18 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VII. 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 – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Liquid Environmental as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

C. 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.

D. Real Property — Consultation with the City Attorney on the sale of real property described as Lots 9-10, Block 6, Weslaco Original Townsite, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to accept the higher of the two offers received for the sale of real property described as Lots 9-10, Block 6, Weslaco Original Townsite, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the acquisition of right of ways within the city of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize the Assistant City Manager to proceed with issuing the task order for the acquisition of right of ways as discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Economic Development - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Sweet Onion as authorized by Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to authorize the Assistant City Manager to finalize the financial offer or other incentives for Project Sweet Onion as discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of October 8, 2025, at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**