MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 21, 2025

On Tuesday, October 21, 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 15, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Raja Masilamony, Seventh Day Adventists 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.

1) Recognition — Lydia Olalde, Communications Supervisor

Lydian Olalde was unable to attend until the next regular meeting.

2) Proclamation — TX1015 Sweet Onion Week

Mayor Gonzalez along with the Weslaco City Commission proclaimed October 15–20, 2025 as Texas 1015 Sweet Onion Week.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. REPORTS

A. Animal Care Services.

None.

B. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, presented September 2025 project improvement updates included the North Wastewater Treatment Plant OD RAS pump installation awarded and in progress, digester rotor blade installed, at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant UV modules received and working on installation estimates, transformers received and canopy work in progress; Water Treatment Plant had a small chemical line repair done with no disruption to service; September 2025 water flows were as follows: Water Treatment Plant was 6.6mgd, operating at 50% capacity and compliance report was good; North Wastewater Treatment Plant reported rotors 1 and 3 had additional blades installed and rotor 2 will need repairs; water flow was 2.6mgd, operating capacity at 52% and compliance report good; South Wastewater treatment Plant had new UV equipment received with inventory checklist completed; water flow was 1.67mgd, operating capacity at 67% and compliance report good.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To solicit input on behalf of Mustang Lounge Inc. to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3610 E IH 2, also being Lot 1, W.E. NO. 1 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Mustang Lounge Inc. to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3630 E IH 2, also being Lot 1, Wadoso PH 1 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

C. To solicit input in compliance with the Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development (CDBG) Urban County Program Fiscal Year 39 (2026) Needs Assessment Plan.

Annabel Zuniga, Amigos de Valle, requested $5,000 to help provide home delivered meals and activities for the elderly (60 and over). Stated currently meals are delivered to five homebound senior citizens of Weslaco and courtesy visits for 165 days. Thanked the commission for their consideration and support.

Rolando Flores, LRGVD Area Agency on Aging Services, requested $30,000 in funding; stated they assist seniors who need assistance after hospitalization or who need help around the house; other services provided is the health maintenance services, which require a prescription, and cover incontinence supplies, medications, and durable medical equipment; emphasized that all CDBG funding goes directly to consumers and that clients receiving these funds are expedited past the normal waitlist; also explained that the Aging Disability Resource Center help those under 60 who don't qualify for other programs to provide benefits counseling, housing navigation, and information referral services. Thanked the commission for their consideration and support.

Joe Garcia, Nuestra Clinica del Valle Inc., requested program funds in the amount of $5,000 to help provide services to 40 adults and children from Weslaco who are uninsured or low-income individuals; they assist with medical, dental, behavioral services and OBGYN services and stated any funding received will be for the Weslaco residents. Thanked the commission for their consideration and support.

D. To solicit comments on behalf of the City of Weslaco on a proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1.

No comments.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez 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 Workshop record and minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2025-28 amending Ordinance 2016-16 codified as Chapter 38 Cemetery General Regulations regarding monument size. (First reading was held October 8, 2025; staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

C. Approval to ratify Allowance Expenditure Authorizations 3 & 4 for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez New Library Project. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

D. Approval to accept a Grant Award from the Office of the Governor under the FY 2026 Border Zone Fire Department Grant Program in the amount of $140,507.68 for the Weslaco Fire Department, with funding to be on a reimbursed basis and no local match required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

E. Approval to ratify the submittal of an Intent to Apply Letter to the Texas Water Development Board for funding from the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

F. Approval to accept donated funds and in-kind gift donations from local vendors and/or the public in support of annual City events . (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

G. Approval of Resolution 2025-67 for closure of streets affecting state right-of-way on Texas Blvd from Pike to Sixth Street on December 13, 2025 for the annual Weslaco Lighted Christmas Parade, along with Santa Dash fun run hosted by the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; approval of the use of City Hall parking lot to stage fun run participants for start and end of run, and provision of support from Weslaco PD, Public Works, Planning and Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation Department and other related city departments; waive of appropriate fees from ordinances associated with event and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents as may be required by the Texas Department of Transportation for a proposed street closure affecting state right of-way. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

H. Approval to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement between the City of Weslaco Police Department and the City of Progreso Police Department for the use of the Weslaco Police Department's Shooting Range for Training. (Staffed by Police Department.)

I. Approval to continue the Memorandum of Understanding between the Weslaco Police Department and the Mercedes Police Department regarding participation in Weslaco's Regional Communication Center. (Staffed by Police Department.)

J. Approval to continue with the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Marshal Service Task Force and Weslaco Police Department, and authorize the Chief of Police to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.)

K. Approval to authorize submission for a grant from OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to provide training on specialized topic areas related to investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation; no match required.(Staffed by Police Department.)

L. Approval to authorize submission for a grant from OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) for Mentoring of Youth Affected by Opiod and Other Substance Abuse to provide mentoring services as part of a prevention, treatment, recovery, and supportive approach for those youth impacted by substance use: no match required.(Staffed by Police Department)

M. Approval to authorize submission for a grant from OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) for Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence to enhance and/or develop and implement supportive services for children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities: no match required. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

N. Approval to authorize a purchase order in the amount of $700,000 for recurring commercial, residential and brush tipping fee payments to the City of Edinburg under the existing Waste Disposal Agreement approved on November 2, 2021, for Fiscal Year 2026. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

O. Approval to authorize a purchase order in the amount of $1,000,000 for recurring water purchases from the sole source vendor, Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation District #9. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

P. Approval to authorize a purchase order of $820,000 for recurring fuel delivery to Public Works and Recycle Center by PICO as budgeted in FY26 fuel budget. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Q. Approval to authorize a purchase order of $430,000 for recurring fuel delivery to Mid-Valley Airport by AvFuel Vendor as budgeted in FY26 fuel delivery budget. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

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

Following for the record is caption of ordinance 2025-28:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-16 THE CITY OF WESLACO CEMETERY GENERAL REGULATIONS CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 38 AMENDING SECTION 38-8 MONUMENTS SIZE PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission on this 8th day of October 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission on this 21st day of October 2025.

CITY OF WESLACO

/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration of a Task Order Pricing & Rotation Policy to govern the use of the City's on-call rotation lists. (There was no action on September 2, 2025; staffed by Engineering Department.)

Benjamin Castillo, Interim City Attorney, recommended no action for further review of documents.

B. 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. The item was tabled on October 8, 2025. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. made a motion to remove item B, C and D from the table. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Benjamin Castillo recommended that the City Commission authorize the assistant city managers to finalize these three de-annexation items as soon as they can locate all the documentation needed.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve B, C, and D as recommended by legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. 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. This item was tabled October 8, 2025. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

See action for B.

D. 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. This item was tabled October 8, 2025. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

See action for B.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration after the public hearing on behalf of the City of Weslaco of Ordinance 2025-29 designating certain non-contiguous geographic areas within the city as "Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 citywide and establishing a nine-member Board of Directors and creating a tax increment fund pledging fifty percent (50%) of the City's Tax Increment to the fund. First reading of Ordinance 2025-29. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Benjamin Castillo recommended the Commission approve subject to revisions with respect to the 50% of the City's tax increment to read "50% from the M&O tax rate" and to include a 25-year termination.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2025-29 designating certain non-contiguous geographic areas within the city as "Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 citywide and establishing a nine-member Board of Directors and creating a tax increment fund pledging fifty percent from the M&O tax rate and to include a 25-year termination as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Mustang Lounge Inc. to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3610 E IH 2, also being Lot 1, W.E. NO. 1 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated eight property owners were notified and no objection received and advised this was the existing Mustang Lounge that has changed ownership. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval of the conditional use permit with the condition that they have security during late hours operation.

In response to the commission, staff stated two security officers is the standard requirement; armed or unarmed of the security officers was at the discretion of the commission. The Commissioners expressed desire to require armed security guards.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3610 E IH 2 with armed security officers as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Mustang Lounge Inc. to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3630 E IH 2, also being Lot 1, Wadoso PH 1 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated nine property owners were notified and no objection received; explained this was for the vacant lot immediately next door to the Mustang Lounge, to be used to host special events. Staff stated conditions to the request would be they are not allowed to put a permanent building under this conditional use permit, they need to come back to renew the permit if they want a permanent building, they must pull a separate special event permit for each event, and they must have armed security guards licensed by TCLOE. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval as presented.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit and Live Music, at 3630 E IH 2 with conditions as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>D. Discussion and consideration to award RFP No. 2024-25-48 for EMS collections and revenue recovery services to the most qualified, responsible responsive, proposer to Cedars stated eight property owners were notified and no objection received Business Services and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement. (Staffed by Fire Department.)</u>

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, stated three proposals were received; one proposal was withdrawn, and the two remaining proposals were evaluated. Staff recommended approval to start negotiating with the vendor Cedars Business Solutions, incorporating Commission parameters such as considerations for veterans and disabled individuals. Staff clarified this was strictly for collections, not billing.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve to negotiate with Cedars Business Services for EMS collections and revenue recovery services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>E. Discussion and consideration on the purchase of a new Fire Apparatus 1000 Gallon Pumper from US Fire Pump Company, LLC under HGAC Contract # FS12-23 not to exceed $900,000 through Texas dealer Coward and Associates, LLC. (Staffed by Fire Department.)</u>

Antonio Lopez explained this purchase was approved in the current budget and requested permission to order a new fire apparatus with a 1,000-gallon pumper and 2,000 GPM pump to replace an older truck in the fleet; the truck has a 160–180-day delivery time, which would bring delivery around spring and much faster than other trucks that can take 2-4 years to arrive. Staff recommended approval.

In response to the commission, this allowed staff to begin the design phase of the equipment and stated this vehicle could potentially be picked up by the leasing company if the city decides to go that route for financing.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a new Fire Apparatus 1000 Gallon Pumper from US Fire Pump Company, LLC under HGAC

Contract # FS12-23 not to exceed $900,000 through Texas dealer Coward and Associates, LLC as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to approve the remount of a 2016 ambulance for remount and refurbishment 2025 chassis and body refurbishment from vendor Medic Built H-GAC Contract No. AM10-23 for an amount not to exceed $218,280. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez stated this was a remount of a 2016 ambulance to include a new chassis, full rehab, paint job, graphics, and AC systems; is a cost-effective approach as a new ambulance would cost $350,000-$400,000, while this remount costs about $218,280. Staff added that this would be the fifth ambulance to undergo a remount project, and they've seen benefits from this system. The boxes are well-built and can typically be remounted up to three times, with this being the second remount for this vehicle. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzales asked if they had experienced any issues with previous remounts, to which staff confirmed they had not had any problems and explained the boxes get recertified under the manufacturer and that this approach extends the life of the ambulance at about 50% of the cost of a new one.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Medic Built H-GAC Contract No. AM10-23 for an amount not to exceed $218,280 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to award the top-ranked and most qualified and responsive firms and entering into fee negotiations for Various On-call Engineering Services / RFQ No.: 2024-25-40. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

No action.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve and adopt the updated City of Weslaco Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, explained that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board require public water suppliers to prepare and adopt water conservation and drought contingency plans every five years. The city's current plan is due for renewal, and the Engineering Department has coordinated the review and update of the existing plan to reflect current water use data. Stated they had received some minor comments from the Texas Water Development Board that day, including a reference to the city engineer being placed on the plan instead of Inframark. Staff recommended approval subject to revisions noted from the TWDB be incorporated.

Commissioner Pedraza asked about enforcement of the water conservation plan during drought conditions. Staff confirmed that code enforcement officers would be responsible for enforcement if water restrictions were implemented.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to approve the updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan with revisions as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>I. Discussion and consideration to approve the proposal from L&G Engineering for the Vo-Tech & Pike Project in the amount of $52,746.00. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)</u>

Peter Hermida stated the proposal would authorize services for geotechnical engineering services for the Vo-Tech & Pike Project. Previous commission approved a single lane roundabout traffic control improvement for the intersection of Vo-Tech Drive and East Pike Boulevard. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve L&G Engineering for the Vo-Tech & Pike Project in the amount of $52,746.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>J. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2024-25-49 for the installation of Traffic Signal Lights on Westgate Drive to Austin Traffic Signal Construction Co, LLC in the amount of $31,725.00 as the sole responsible and responsive bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)</u>

Peter Hermida stated only one response was received to the solicitation of bids. Austin Traffic Signal met all bid requirement. Staff recommended approval to award Austin Traffic Signal Construction Co. LLC and noted they have successfully completed previous projects similar in scope and scale.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, staff stated the installation was for the signal at Westgate and Sugarcane and explained the poles were found to be rotted at the bases and had to be removed for emergency purposes. The poles were under warranty from the supplier and provided for free; the city is only paying for installation.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Austin Traffic Signal Construction Co, LLC in the amount of $31,725.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>K. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of Flygt components and Amwell replacement chains for Water Treatment Plant No. 2 basins not to exceed $300,000.00 as a sole-source procurement. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)</u>

Peter Hermida stated Water Treatment Plant No. 2 utilizes Amwell manufactured equipment as part of its sedimentation and filtration system. The components, including chains, drives, and associated replacement parts, were specifically engineered for the existing Amwell system. According to the sole source letter provided by Amwell, these replacement parts and engineering designs are proprietary and exclusive to Amwell. These components cannot be obtained through alternative vendors without compromising the system's integrity or warranty. Staff recommended approval of the purchase of Flygt components and Amwell replacement chains not to exceed $300,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the purchase of Flygt components and Amwell replacement chains not to exceed $300,000.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2024-25-50 for the Installation of AB Bar Screen and Control Panel for North Wastewater Treatment Plant to 2LG Construction, LLC in the amount of $135,250.00 as the sole responsible and responsive bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida reported only one bid received and was reviewed by staff and Inframark for completeness and responsiveness. 2LG Construction LLC met all requirements and submitted the appropriate bid bond. Staff recommended approval to award 2LG Construction LLC in the amount of $135,250.00 as the sole responsible and responsive bidder.

Mayor Gonzalez asked if they were comfortable with the contractor. Staff noted it was discussed with Inframark, George Quilantan, and agreed with recommendation that the bid was appropriate.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve 2LG Construction, LLC in the amount of $135,250.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to exercise the final one-year extension option from RFB 2022-23-25 with Pavement Markings for Pavement Marking Improvements. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated previous commission awarded for pavement marking improvements, which included an original one-year term with two optional one-year extensions contingent on mutual agreement on pricing. The contractor has agreed to maintain the same prices from two years ago. The contractor provides striping, pavement markings, and other related improvements for overlay projects and maintaining safe roadways. Staff recommended approval of the final one-year extension option with Pavement Markings.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, staff stated for upcoming street paving projects, striping was already included in those project budgets and would not take away from the yearly allocation of funds for striping improvements and in-house equipment had been updated in recent months to do the smaller striping jobs.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the final one-year extension option with Pavement Markings as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration on the proposed Eighth Amendment letter to the Inframark Water and Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance Agreement, impacting the FY 2025-2026 budget. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated the Eighth Amendment increased two items in the agreement: it raises the chemical cap from $1 million to $1.3 million and increased the sludge hauling expense from $140,000 to $150,000, for a total increase of $310,000 annually. Staff recommended approval and noted the amendment included the approved CPI increase into the base fee previously approved and term remains unchanged through September 30, 2026.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Eighth Amendment letter to the Inframark Water and Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration to authorize the Assistant City Manager to coordinate with the City's existing professional service providers, including Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, to prepare and submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program for Fiscal Year 2026, in the amount of $33,000,000, with all related expenses to be paid by the City with no reimbursement. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated the city received an invitation to apply for a $33 million loan/grant from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), with the application due by December 4. Stated a criterion on the application is to provide proof of qualifications or procurement for a financial adviser and bond counsel services. Staff advised since the city has not procured these services since the late 1990s, they would not be able to get reimbursed for these expenses and if they followed the normal RFQ process it would require a minimum of 30 days. Staff recommended approval to use the current financial adviser, Hilltop Securities, and bond counsel to work on the application to secure the $33 million in funding for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant and estimated the cost at less than $100,000 for both financial adviser and bond counsel services.

Mayor Gonzalez asked about the grant portion of the funding. Staff indicated they were looking at potentially $10 million in loan forgiveness (grant) with the remaining $23 million as a low-interest loan and in response to Commissioner Farias the final approval of the grant/loan would come back to the Commission with detailed numbers.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the city's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, to prepare and submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program for Fiscal

Year 2026, in the amount of $33,000,000, with all related expenses to be paid by the City with no reimbursement as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel services. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos requested approval to solicit RFQs for financial advisers and bond counsel to satisfy procurement requirements for future federal funding applications. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez, staff stated the revised purchasing policy adopted stated contracts would not go past 5 years, including renewals, so every 5 years they would need to solicit qualifications for services.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel services as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to authorize additional Aeration Brush repair work at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant to Texas Machine Pump in an amount not to exceed $42,000.00, which exceeds the City Manager's purchasing authority. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated this was related to the aeration brush repair that Inframark presented in their report. Staff solicited three quotes that ranged from $42,000 to $46,250, with Texas Machine Shop providing the lowest quote. Staff recommended approval to award Texas Machine Shop not to exceed $42,000.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Texas Machine Pump in an amount not to exceed $42,000.00 for additional Aeration Brush repair work at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration on renewing an agreement for Municipal Court Judge Samuel Sanchez. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Mayor Gonzalez stated the item was for renewal for Municipal Court Judge services. Benjamin Castillo stated the agreement was for a two-year term (2025-2027) with a 30-day termination clause. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve renewing an agreement for Municipal Court Judge with Samuel Sanchez as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2025-68 for the sale of City-owned real property being described as Lots 9-10, Block 6, Weslaco Original Townsite Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas (118 S. Liberty) and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary for the sale of real property. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas recommended approval of the resolution to allow sale of real property owned by the city to the highest offer received of $47,000.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2025-68 for the sale of City-owned real property being described as Lots 9-10, Block 6, Weslaco Original Townsite Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

T. Discussion and consideration regarding Gibson Park Community Garden project. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Interim Asst. City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, stated Valley Nature Center had presented a project to the Parks Board to build a community garden where the swimming pool was formerly located. Their plan included fencing the area and building 28 raised beds for people to grow vegetables. The Parks and Recreation Board and staff recommended approval.

Mr. Franco Salinas from the Valley Nature Center was present and offered to answer questions. Commissioner Farias expressed support for the project, noting he had visited the site and spoken with Hollie Johnson, Executive Director, who mentioned that it would help address issues with a damaged restroom in the area and that the Rotary Club and others made donations for fences.

Commissioner Pedraza also supported the project and expressed gladness that the currently unused space would be repurposed.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Gibson Park Community Garden project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

U. Discussion and consideration to award bid for Audio Visual Equipment and Installation (AV) for the new Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director and Bob Simpson, Architect, presented the item. Stated three bids for AV equipment for the new library had been received and evaluated; one bid was significantly higher than the others, and the remaining two were close in price but only one submitted a complete bid. Based on this, the recommendation was to award DISYS Solutions as the provider for the AV equipment, was within budget and legal reviewed and the recommendation was in order.

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

VIII. 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.

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 — Consultation with the City Attorney to discuss and review applications for City Manager as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the City Attorney to schedule interviews with candidates as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to reject the proposed agreement as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Legal Consultation – Discussion and consultation regarding City Attorney services as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Garcia Jr. moved to appoint Benjamin Castillo, O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo Law Firm as City Attorney for legal services. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Cause No. CL-25-1534-I, Maria E. Garcia vs City of Weslaco as authorized by Section $551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

<u>F. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Liquid Environmental as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.</u>

No action.

<u>X. ADJOURNMENT</u>

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez Jr. moved to adjourn the regular meeting of October 21, 2025, at 7:45 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**