



**RECORD OF WORKSHOP
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

On this 21st day of October 2025 at 4:12 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 (arrived 4:24 p.m.)
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza (arrived 4:27 p.m.)
	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
	Benjamin Castillo	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, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Rick Mendoza, IT Director, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Ludivina Cardoza, Court Clerk; 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. Roll Call.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and presentation regarding the City's Project Update. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

Mayor Gonzalez introduced the item and stated this was an update on city projects that had been discussed in past meetings.

Staff presented an overview of the Weslaco bond projects for 2025, that included Paisano Drainage project with an estimated cost of \$7,700,000; Airport improvements estimated cost \$1,000,000; Fire Station No. 4 estimated cost of \$5,200,000; baseball complex LED lighting retrofit project estimated cost of \$1,000,000; 10 playscapes for two parks Harlon Block and Mayor Pablo Pena estimated cost of \$1,500,000; Villa Verde Park development estimated cost of \$1,000,000; Bridge water line replacement project estimated cost of \$3,500,000; Dolores Huerta sewer manhole project estimated cost of \$2,500,000; new belt press for South Wastewater Treatment Plant estimated cost of \$1,000,000; street improvements for Sugarcane Road estimated cost of \$500,000, 18th St. (Bridge to Border) estimated cost of \$500,000, Pike Blvd (Airport to FM 1015) estimated cost of \$5,000,000 and Mile 10 North Phase IV estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

A summary of the projects were as follows: airport project would require matching funds to leverage \$26 million in funding from the Governor's office plus a separate TxDOT grant; proposed Fire Station 4 would be located on property formerly owned by the school district and this was "cash ready" for this project and working with the school district to move forward. Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, noted the current response time to this area is 15 minutes, and the new station would reduce it to 3-5 minutes, cutting response times in half. The station would cover approximately 6-7 schools including Weslaco High, the stadium, middle schools, elementary schools, and Montessori school, as well as the HEB warehouse. It would provide quick access to the expressway for major accidents. This proposed fire station would be a substation with a fire truck and ambulance, not a full station and staff in place.

The Baseball Complex LED Lighting Retrofit project would retrofit old lighting replaced that would utilize existing arms and poles and install new LED lamps, resulting in energy cost savings and remote-control capabilities and staff would be looking at upgrading lighting around the trail as well, noting the streetlights and floor lights are obsolete.

The 10 Playscapes Neighborhood Park project for Harlon Block Park and Mayor Pablo Pena Park would completely redo approximately 10 playgrounds, starting with those two parks first. They plan to use pour-in-place surfacing and inclusive equipment that allows wheelchair access.

The Villa Verde Park development included land donated by a developer as part of parkland dedication. The plan includes adding a walking trail, playground, picnic units, and making it a viable neighborhood park and solar lighting for the trail being looked at.

The Bridge Waterline Replacement project would be in phases that would replace the waterline on Sugarcane Drive and the request for qualifications for an engineer for the design would be the next step.

The Dolores Huerta Sewer Manhole project would upgrade or install a new lift station or a bigger sewer line. Currently a manhole in this area gets overwhelmed when it rains because multiple lift stations flow to this area before heading north to the sewer plant.

The Screw Press Addition to the Southwest Water Treatment Plant proposed for new equipment to mechanically process waste, doing "10 times more" than what 1-2 operators that do it manually. The equipment will operate in all weather conditions, unlike drying beds which rely on hot, sunny days and take about two weeks to dry.

Street improvements project included Sugarcane Road, 18th Street from Bridge to Border, Pike from Airport to FM1015 and Mile 10 N Phase IV.

Discussion about school traffic congestion took place, with Mayor Gonzalez recommending staff arrange a joint meeting with the school district to address traffic flow, vehicle queuing, and sidewalk concerns.

B. Discussion and presentation providing an update on the City's Geographic Information System(GIS) program, including current capabilities, ongoing initiatives, and future development plans. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:13 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to convene the workshop into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

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.

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

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.

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

At 5:40 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the workshop as open to the public.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the workshop meeting of October 21, 2025, at 5:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**