



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 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	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Eden Ramirez	City Attorney

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Eddie Gil, IT, Ludivina Cardoza, Court Clerk, Lily Alvarez, Airport Director, Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services 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, November 24, 2025.

B. Invocation.

Pastor 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) Recognition — Officer David Hernandez a recognition from Knapp Medical Center and from the Congressional Representative of Vicente Gonzalez for the officer's action in a life-threatening stroke situation.

Mayor Gonzalez and along with the Weslaco City Commission recognized Officer David Hernandez for his exceptional service, professionalism, and sound judgment displayed on November 2, 2025 regarding a medical emergency.

Officer Hernandez was also recognized by Knapp Medical Center and Congressman Vicente Gonzalez's office.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated Commissioner Pete Garcia Jr. was next in line to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and requested formal action to memorialize the appointment.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to appoint Commissioner Pete Garcia Jr. as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Event Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, CEO, reported for November 2025 expenditures for the destination marketing report totaled \$19,857; visitors report included 537 visitors, facility usage 8 and door traffic 2,620; monthly activity included three ribbon cuttings and one ground breaking event; workshops and events included a networking lunch, Leadership Mid-Valley class retreat, Weslaco Tree Lighting and Market event had a record number of nearly 70 vendors and "Shop Local" Small Business Saturday campaign with cash prizes promoted November 28-30; reported 378,000 impressions through various media outlets promoting Weslaco done in November; upcoming events included a networking lunch, Weslaco Royal Pageant, a pageant scholarship check presentation honoring Laryssa Rodriguez (a court member who passed away in October), and the Weslaco Las Posadas Christmas parade with over 110-120 floats registered.

B. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Jorge Lozano, EDC, reported plans for an upcoming workshop to align the city's vision with EDC's economic strategies being worked on; staff looking to do a proposed downtown revitalization study to examine better uses for buildings like the current library, old city hall, and PNC building to enhance downtown walkability and support small businesses; current projects

included Palm Plaza phase one parking lot completed and building facelifts underway, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for mid-February, Mid Valley International Industrial Park land sales reaching 53% (65 acres sold, 57 acres remaining), Shops at Westgate progress had Weslaco Auto Mart's \$2 million investment on the east side, Al Fresco Weslaco continuing for three more months with 6,000-8,000 attendees per month and 800 vendors in their database competing for 130 spots, Sam's Club construction proceeding on schedule with many local subcontractors involved. Extended an invitation to the commission to the upcoming Christmas mixer the following Wednesday and expressed appreciation for the commission's continued support.

Mayor Gonzalez noted they were preparing dates for a joint workshop between the City and EDC in early January to continue their shared vision. He remarked positively on the development progress around the city, particularly the improvements to Palm Plaza, noting its historical significance as an area where many grew up.

C. Street Paving Committee

Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, stated the committee had met and was composed of Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr., Commissioner Pedraza, himself, David Arce and Peter Hermida.

Commissioner Pedraza explained the committee focused on developing a process to prioritize streets needing attention. He emphasized the need to move away from subjective opinions about which streets need work and instead rely on engineering expertise and proper metrics. The committee wanted to utilize the specialized engineers the city had brought on board to evaluate streets using factors such as sidewalks, curbs, pedestrian safety, traffic control devices, drainage, and flood performance.

Omar Rodriguez stated in August, David Arce had presented a list of over 11 miles of streets that had been identified, exceeding the current repaving budget. He explained that the city was bringing in 18 engineers to develop scopes for various projects, including a street assessment study to evaluate the initial list of streets; noted some streets might need simple resurfacing while others could require concrete work or drainage improvements. The committee agreed that Railroad Street between Texas and Republic needed immediate attention due to high traffic from people attending various meetings, as did Fifth Street from Kansas to Gray/Gary in alignment with the library opening and to improve transparency information about street projects, costs, and progress was being worked on to make it readily available on the city website through the GIS program. He added they were collecting data going back to 2016 to show all completed work, not just future projects, and were developing a pavement management program to ensure longevity of repaired streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. confirmed the committee agreed to continue paving Railroad Street and Fifth Street while waiting for the prioritized list to be approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sebastian Cuellar, President of the Student Council Dr. Armando Cuellar Middle School, stated the students were doing a donation drive collecting jackets, clothes, sweaters, pants, and other items for less fortunate peers. He explained that donations would help those foster children of Hidalgo County and invited everyone to spread the word and donate.

Anna Pena, resident at 2301 E. 12th Street, voiced concerns on the lack of her street being swept and trash pickup.

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 and Record of the Regular and Workshop on November 4, 2025. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2025-30 authorizing and allowing under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System to adopt Updated Service Credits, transfer updated service credits and an annuity increase referred to as a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees and their beneficiaries; establishing an effective date. (First reading held November 4, 2025; staffed by Human Resources Department.)

2) Ordinance 2025-31 to rezone 720 N International, also being the southeast 3.98 acres of Farm Tract 1030, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex & Apartment District to B-2 Secondary & Highway District. (First reading held November 18, 2025; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

3) Ordinance 2025-32 to rezone 905 N Texas Blvd, also being 1.03 acres out of a 5.20-acre tract of Farm Tract 120, Block 162, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One-Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary & Highway District. (First reading held November 18, 2025; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to ratify the acceptance a Grant Award from the Knapp Community Care Foundation in the amount of \$50,000. Funding will be utilized to establish a Community Health Officer Program to support community health initiatives and assist Weslaco's most vulnerable populations. In-kind contributions will be provided to further support the implementation of this program. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

D. Approval to Ratify the Submission of a grant application to the Texas A&M Forest Service under the Watershed Protection Plan Implementation Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000. Funding will be utilized to support the implementation of watershed protection initiatives benefiting the City of Weslaco and its surrounding areas. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

E. Approval on Resolution 2025-76 authorizing the filing of an application with the Texas Water Development Board for Rider funding in the amount of \$8,000,000 to support the relocation of a drainage canal at the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport. (Staffed by Airport Director)

F. 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 Christmas in RGV event on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. (Staffed by City Manager.)

G. Approval to apply to the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance is opening the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 with a 50% match for the purchase of bulletproof vests for peace officers. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval to renew annual software support and maintenance of the ERP Pro 10 (Incode) system from Tyler Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$75,117.18 as budgeted. (Staffed by Information Technology Department.)

I. Approval to solicit bids for maintenance on all 3 Digester Blowers for the Southwaste Water Treatment Plant. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

J. Approval to extend contract of professional services with AIMS GIS, LLC for citywide Geographic Information System (GIS) support services for an additional one-year term. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested item I be withdrawn from consent agenda for separate consideration.

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

I. Approval to solicit bids for maintenance on all 3 Digester Blowers for the Southwaste Water Treatment Plant. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested clarification of the item.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, stated this was a solicitation for maintenance; there are three digest blowers that inject air during the sewage treatment process and require preventive maintenance. Stated this was only for the required maintenance needed and not for any repairs of a malfunction. The blowers have been in service for 25 years and are currently working. Preventive maintenance such as greasing and changing filters would add to the lifespan of the equipment. The estimated

cost would be over \$100,000, requiring a proper bid process with results to be brought back for commission approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve solicitation of bids for maintenance on all three digester blowers as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Following for the record are the ordinance caption(s).

ORDINANCE 2025-30

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY OF WESLACO'S TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS ADOPTING: (1) UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS AND TRANSFER UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS; AND (2) AN ANNUITY INCREASE, ALSO REFERRED TO AS A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR RETIREES AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 720 N INTERNATIONAL, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST 3.98 ACRES OF FARM TRACT 1030, WEST TRACT SUBDIVISION, WESLACO HIDALGO COUNTY, R-2 DUPLEX & APARTMENT DISTRICT TO B-2 SECONDARY & HIGHWAY DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-32

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CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2025-34 on the appointment of a City Manager and setting a salary in accordance with the Weslaco City Charter Section 20. (Staffed by City Attorney.)

Norma A. Cantu stated this was first reading of Ordinance 2025-34.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-34 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2025-26-02, Repair of Altitude Valves at the Water Treatment Plant to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services, LLC in the amount of \$92,800.00, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, stated a sole bid was received from Texas Machine Shop Pump Services, LLC. Staff recommended approval as the company has worked on various projects with the city and is familiar with the altitude valves at the water treatment plant.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve Texas Machine Shop Pump Services, LLC in the amount of \$92,800.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve emergency repairs to the sewer force main between Texas Blvd. and N. Missouri Avenue, in the area of Los Torritos Street and Agostadero Street, and to authorize payment to Southern Trenchless Solutions, LLC for the quoted amount of \$57,430.00. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez and Farias abstained from voting and discussion.

Peter Hermida reported that the sewer force main between Texas Boulevard and Missouri Avenue near Los Torritos Street and Agostadero Street had experienced a structural failure and severe deterioration. The issue was discovered during construction of the lift station number two project when attempting a bypass operation. Staff received a quote from Southern Trenchless Solutions for \$57,430 was negotiated from their initial quote by removing unnecessary items and keeping only those necessary for repairing and verifying the integrity of the force main. Staff recommended approval and the timeframe for completion would be approximately one week.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve payment to Southern Trenchless Solutions, LLC for \$57,430 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Rodriguez and Farias abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration for the purchase of a Bauer Legacy Compressor from Buyboard contract# 698-23 vendor Casco Industries, Inc., for the amount of \$32,376.30. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez and Farias abstained from voting and discussion.

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, explained this was a budgeted item being brought to the commission because it exceeded \$25,000 expenditure authority for the city manager. The compressor provides

safe breathing air for firefighters' tanks when fighting fires or entering hazardous material areas and will replace equipment that is over 20 years old. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Bauer Legacy Compressor from Buyboard contract# 698-23 vendor Casco Industries, Inc., for \$32,376.30 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to purchase six 30-yard roll off bins and sixteen 8-yard containers from Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC., Sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI, in an amount not to exceed \$76,442. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce, Public Works Director, stated that the city's growth had increased demand for roll-off bins and containers. The purchase included two components: six roll-off containers for \$55,338 (three with hard covers for a specific customer project that would later be used for cardboard recycling) and sixteen 8-yard containers for \$21,104. Staff recommended approval and were budgeted items.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC., Sourcewell contract # 010825-WQI, in an amount not to exceed \$76,442 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to purchase Toter residential bins from Sourcewell contract# 120324-TOT vendor Toter LLC, in the amount of \$41,020. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

David Arce stated the purchase of residential bins are done annually in March or April, but the change to the current style of bin had decreased the inventory. Staff recommended purchasing the same black bins previously ordered that would be a total of 700 bins (635 plus an additional 65) for \$41,020.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to purchase Toter residential bins from Sourcewell contract# 120324-TOT vendor Toter LLC, in the amount of \$41,020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration of Resolution No, 2025-77 on the appointment of the Board of Directors for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Board No. 1. (Staffed by City Manager.)

No action.

H. Discussion and consideration to award and/or reject proposals for the Temporary Employment and Recruitment Services contract to the most advantageous bidder. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Homer Rhodes, Purchasing Agent, stated thirty-four proposals were received. Staff met with administration and based on review and discussions; staff recommended to reject all proposals and seek proposals from local agencies supporting local participation. The estimated cost for these

services would not exceed the threshold requiring formal solicitation and the solicitation of proposals is compliant with procurement regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to reject all proposals as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 7:19 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Manager 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) from its effective date through September 30, 2028, as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

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

No action

D. Legal Consultation – Consultation with the City Attorney regarding a TIRZ development as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Real Property - Consultation with City Attorney on the lease of real property located at Mid-Valley Airport, 1909 Joe Stephens Ave., relating to hangar construction by a private party as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve staff to move forward with the lease of real property located at Mid-Valley Airport, 1909 Joe Stephens Ave., relating to hangar construction by a private party as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of December 2, 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**