



**RECORD OF WORKSHOP
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026**

On this the 6th day of January 2026 at 4:08 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
	Mayor Pro Tem	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias (arrived 4:36 p.m.)
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez (arrived 4:11 p.m.)
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza (arrived 4:29 p.m.)
ABSENT:	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Benjamin Castillo	City Attorney

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Works Director, Arnoldo Becho, Library Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Celine Pardo, Municipal Court; Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Director; Magali Vega, Media, 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 Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

B. Roll Call.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and presentation on the Kansas Los Torritos Project. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, stated the Kansas Los Torritos project was ongoing and the contractor was Mor-Will LLC Construction and Halff and Associates as the Engineer of Record.

The project will benefit approximately 816 homes by removing them from the 50-year floodplain. Staff stated key updates included 1) the construction continuing along Agostadero Street with installation of two 8'x6' concrete drainage culverts, approximately 150 linear feet away from reaching Bridge Avenue, 2) excavation of the Mayor Pablo Pena Park Regional Detention Facility is about 60% complete, 3) temporary parking areas have been designated to maintain safety and residential access, and chain link fence barriers are being moved as work progresses to prevent access to excavation areas, 4) mailboxes have been relocated and mail delivery temporarily diverted to cluster boxes provided by the contractor, allowing uninterrupted service for residents, 5) a 16-inch waterline located along Bridge Avenue, which feeds a nearby water tower, is being carefully coordinated for potential relocation and the contractor is currently field verifying the line to ensure proper planning. Stated staff is proactively planning for the imminent closure of Bridge Avenue, which will require a detour plan. The closure is estimated to take place in about a month and will last approximately 2-3 months.

The Commission discussed the need for comprehensive public outreach to inform residents about the upcoming Bridge Avenue closure. Multiple communication strategies were suggested including creating periodic video updates (every two weeks), using social media and the city's website, including information in water bills, reaching out to local churches and the faith-based coalition, notifying the school district regarding bus routes, engaging local radio stations and other media outlets and posting notices at city facilities.

B. Discussion and presentation on Boys & Girls Club by ERO. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Brian Godinez, ERO Architects, along with Project Manager, Maritza Cardenas, presented an update on the Boys & Girls Club that is almost ready for bidding; went over the status of the project as follows; the project was originally designed at 12,160 square feet with a budget of \$2.6 million but had to be reduced in size due to increasing construction costs, the revised design is now 10,755 square feet (a reduction of 1,405 square feet), with an estimated construction cost of \$2.8 million. Brian Godinez stated the design team worked to maintain the same overall look and functionality despite the size reduction, removing one office and reducing some program spaces. Reported that the Boys & Girls Club currently has \$1.7 million in grant funding, creating a funding gap of approximately \$1.1 million; design documents are nearly complete, with 100% construction documents expected by January 9, 2026, or the following week at the latest. The tentative bidding schedule would be January 31, 2026, with bid submission by March 6, 2026.

The Commission discussed concerns about the funding gap and who would be responsible for securing the additional \$1.1 million needed. Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, explained that the Boys & Girls Club would be responsible for raising the additional funds. He noted that putting the project out to bid would provide a firm price that could help with fundraising efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. expressed concern about preserving trees and a pavilion (Pavilion #24) at the construction site. Brian Godinez indicated that only two small oak trees would need to be removed, and both trees could be transplanted.

Xavier Salinas, City Manager, suggested scheduling a joint meeting with the Boys & Girls Club board to discuss the funding strategy and expectations.

At 5:08 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to convene the workshop into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

III. 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.

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

At 5:33 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 Rodriguez moved to adjourn the workshop meeting of January 6, 2026, at 5:34 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**