



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 20, 2026**

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Omar Rodriguez	Asst, City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Shellie Smith	City Attorney

Also present: Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Eddie Serna, Parks and Recreation 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, Lucio Garza and George Quilantan, 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, January 14, 2026.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Lee Ramirez, Family 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 — Stalking Awareness Month

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission proclaimed the month of January as Stalking Awareness Month.

2) Recognition of San Juana Ramirez 105 birthday celebration.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized and honored Mrs. Maria San Juana Ramirez on the 105th birthday.

3) Recognition - Finance Department - Excellence Award in Financial Report fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized and congratulated the Weslaco Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association for the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. This marked the ninth consecutive year the department has received this prestigious recognition.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

A. To solicit input on behalf of La Ola del Pacifico LLC to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit, at 1311 W IH 2 Ste G, also being all of Lot 1, Weslaco Plaza Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL Omar Cano to rezone 320 S Pleasantview Drive. Also being Lots 1-85 Pleasantview Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/Condominium District.

No comments.

C. To solicit input on behalf of Sylvia F. Gonzales to rezone 414 E 18th St., also being 1.14 acres out of Farm Tract 751 and 752, Lot 3, Blk 140, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District.

No comments.

D. To solicit input on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL Omar Cano to rezone 2823 S Bridge Ave., also being 11.327 acres of land out of Farm Tract 758, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/Condominium District.

No comments.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, reported ongoing projects were progressing smoothly with most either being completed or awarded to contractors; the replacement of a bearing for the oxidation ditch rotor at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant done; the North Wastewater Treatment Plant was operating at 52% capacity for December, while the South Wastewater Treatment Plant was at 60% capacity, down from its usual average of 68% and everything in compliance parameters; reported at the Water Treatment Plant three chemical skids were replaced the plant operated at 50% capacity in December and passed all compliance parameters; reported the lift station rehabilitation completed for Lift Station #2 on Texas Boulevard, ongoing work at Lift Station #12 on Baltic Street awaiting electrical connection, and Lift Station #10 on Illinois Street pumps are expected to arrive the following week.

B. Animal Care Services.

Marco Perez, Animal Care Services, reported for the month of October 83% live release rate with 394 animals intake, 177 rescued/adopted/claimed, and 180 sick/injured/aggressive; November: 58% live release rate with 247 animals intake, 107 rescued/adopted/claimed, and 64 sick/injured/aggressive; December: 74% live release rate with 420 animals intake, 227 rescued/adopted/claimed, and 112 sick/injured/aggressive; activities included a presentation to Weslaco Police officers about canine behavior to better prepare them for encounters with animals when entering homes or properties; hosted an animal cruelty certification class in partnership with the Texas Animal Control Association; 319 animals transported to rescue organizations over the past three months; shared success stories of a French bulldog with spine issues that was accepted by a rescue organization for surgery, and a poodle with a fractured leg that made a full recovery and was adopted by a family in Michigan and announced an upcoming rabies clinic scheduled for January 31st at Moreno's Feed Store from 9-11 AM.

C. Engineering Winter Internship Report.

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, introduced the interns Marina Alviso (a Junior at UTRGV) and Lexi Robles (a Senior at UTRGV), who presented their Cemetery Culvert Crossing Improvement Plan.

Mayrin Alvizo and Lexie Robles stated that the Weslaco Cemetery was experiencing a collapsed culvert crossing that posed a safety hazard. Their design proposal included repairing the concrete pipe, expanding the width of the road, and adding a metal guard beam fence. They showed current site conditions, including a 4-inch gap where the concrete reinforced pipe was splitting and the ground was collapsing; described their experiences visiting various subdivisions and capital projects with city inspectors during their internship, which informed their design approach; studied site inspections, soil testing, utilities installation, compaction testing, and coring tests and went over their proposed design featured a 12-foot drivable area with an expansion to 18 feet, metal guard beam fencing meeting TxDOT standards, a headwall to prevent erosion, and metal grates to protect from pollution. They presented cost estimates for the reinforced concrete piping and railing.

D. Operation Clean Sweep.

Mr. Jose Diaz presented a report on Operation Clean Sweep, introducing his team members Jose Gonzalez, Bo Soria, and John. He summarized the recent Holiday Clean Sweep event, noting that it had gotten "out of hand" this year and would require changes for future events.

The event was held at the Business 83 and Bridge location and collected 60 tons of trash and debris over two weeks. Mr. Diaz reported some issues, including people from out of town participating and safety concerns with people going through debris while children were popping fireworks nearby.

He detailed the ongoing neighborhood sweeps program, where staff targets specific subdivisions each month and distributes flyers in English and Spanish to inform residents. Recent sweeps included Bel Air Subdivision in November, with upcoming sweeps planned for Special Heights and other areas. They also provide assistance to low-income residents who can do cleanup work but lack means to dispose of debris.

The Commission discussed ways to better control the Clean Sweep program to ensure it primarily benefits Weslaco residents. Suggestions included checking addresses, implementing a permit or sticker system similar to what the county uses, and possibly having reserve police officers monitor the site. Commissioners emphasized the importance of continuing neighborhood-focused clean sweeps which are easier to control while addressing beautification needs throughout the city.

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 of the Workshop of December 2, 2025, Regular and Workshop Meeting of December 16, 2026. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.)

B. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Ramos Estates Subdivision being 5.00 acres out of Farm Tracts 1038, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 1,700 feet North of the Intersection of FM 1015 & Pike Blvd. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Weslaco Police Department regarding the License Plate Reader (LPR) Information. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to accept funds in the amount of \$20,882.36 from the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service, for overtime operations by the City of Weslaco Police Department pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding. (Staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$15,000. (Staffed by Police Department.)

F. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Department of Public Safety and local entities for mutual aid in response to an active shooter incident, set by the Uvalde Strong Act (Texas House Bill 33). (Staffed by Police Department.)

G. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Coast Guard when responding to their facility located at 2611 Vo-Tech Drive, Weslaco, TX. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval of a purchase order to Republic Services for requisition No. 22243 and No. 22416 for a combined amount of \$91,527.45 for brush, residential, and commercial disposal services for the month of December 2025.

I. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the use of Harlon Block Park Sport Complex for the Weslaco Little League program from February 1, 2026 - August 1, 2026. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation.)

J. Approval on the renewal of a Land Lease Agreement beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 1, 2026, with Dustin Dickerson for property described as 33.38 acres more or less out of Farm Tract 59, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, (Staffed by City Manager.)

K. Approval of Resolution 2026-08 amending R2025-78 authorizing the sale of certain city-owned real property located at 2703 Suarez Drive, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that Item E be withdrawn for separate consideration.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve consent agenda withholding item E as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Approval to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$15,000. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez asked if this was a common practice, expressing concern that it might become a primary method to address the overtime budget.

Robert Lopez, Police Chief, stated the request to transfer \$15,000 from asset forfeiture funds to the department's overtime budget was for a project called Operation Clean Case; explained that the funds would be used to pay overtime to investigators to clear pending cases that had accumulated during the COVID pandemic and staffing shortages in recent years. With recent hires approved by the Commission, the department was now able to address the backlog.

Robert Lopez further clarified that asset forfeiture funds are specifically designated for law enforcement projects and also be used for special needs of the department not covered in the regular budget, such as training, overtime, or personnel costs not initially budgeted.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-02 appointing a member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term. (Staffed by City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated Scott McFarland was an applicant to fill an unexpired term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The vacancy occurred when a previous board member resigned and was nominated by Commissioner Israel Gonzalez Jr.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 appointing Scott McFarland to fill the unexpired term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-04 appointing members to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu stated there were two nominations for the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee: Leroy Moreno was nominated by Commissioner Adrian Farias and Juan Vega was nominated by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 appointing Leroy Moreno and Juan Vega to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-05 for the appointment of a member to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two City of Weslaco. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, stated an appointment was still needed for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two.

Mayor Gonzalez recommended Commissioner Farias be appointed

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2026-05 for the appointment of Commissioner Farias to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two City of Weslaco. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2026-01 to reduce a 10-foot utility easement to a 5-foot utility easement located on the West property line at Pleasant View Village Subdivision, Lot 21, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading of Ordinance 2026-01. (There was no action on January 6, 2026; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Planning & Code Enforcement Director, stated the owner had requested to reduce a 10-foot rear utility easement to a 5-foot utility easement to allow for future development. There was no objection from the utility companies and letters were on file. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01 to reduce a 10-foot utility easement to a 5-foot utility easement located on the West property line at Pleasant View Village Subdivision Lot 21. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of La Ola del Pacifico LLC to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit, at 1311 W IH 2 Ste G, also being all of Lot 1, Weslaco Plaza Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated seven property owners were notified with no objection received; location was previously a seafood restaurant and ownership has changed. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit, at 1311 W IH 2 Ste G as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL Omar Cano on Ordinance 2026-02 to rezone 320 S Pleasantview Drive. Also being Lots 1-85 Pleasantview Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/Condominium District. First reading of Ordinance 2026-02. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated twenty-six property owners were notified and no object received; applicant proposed a one hundred and sixty-nine (169) subdivision for townhome use and requested a change of use for the entire property from R-2 apartment and duplexes to a RT-1 Townhomes/Condominiums District. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the surrounding land use.

Commissioner Gonzalez seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-02 to rezone 320 S Pleasantview Drive. Also being Lots 1-85 Pleasantview Terrace Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/Condominium District as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Sylvia F. Gonzales on Ordinance 2026-03 to rezone 414 E 18th St., also being 1.14 acres our of Farm Tract 751 and 752, Lot 3, Blk 140, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. First reading of Ordinance 2026-03. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated fifteen property owners were notified and no objection received; currently the property is vacant, and the applicant requested the rezone to align with the surrounding land use. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the 2040 land use map.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-03 to rezone 414 E 18th St. from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Supreme Engineering, PLL Omar Cano on Ordinance 2026-04 to rezone 2823 S Bridge Ave., also being 11.327 acres of land out of Farm Tract 758, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to RT-1 Townhomes/Condominium District. First reading of Ordinance 2026-04. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated thirteen property owners were notified and no objection received; applicant proposed a sixty-two (62) subdivision for townhome use and requested a change of use for the entire property from R-2 apartment and duplexes to a RT-1 Townhomes/Condominiums District. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the surrounding land use.

E. Discussion and consideration to be granted a waiver to the moratorium for 1015 W 6th St., also being E112.1 of Lot 7, FT671, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 820ft west of South Border Ave. on the south side of 6th St. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated with the moratorium in place, a property owner is required to submit a waiver before a rezone for multifamily use can be considered and stated the subject property is currently zoned R-1 One-Family Dwelling District.

The property owner previously requested a zoning verification form, and based on the official zoning map, the property was identified as being zoned R-2 Apartment/Duplex District and relied on this information and proceeded with hiring a designer and engineer to prepare plans for the development of five (5) duplexes.

Rebekah de la Fuente stated in early December a surrounding property owner questioned the zoning designation and stated that a rezoning request submitted in 2003 had been withdrawn by the property owner. Staff researched the City's archives and confirmed that the rezoning request had been withdrawn, and the property was never rezoned to the R-2 Apartment/Duplex District.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval as the zoning map was inaccurate and the property owner has already incurred costs. Staff recommended denial.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to grant a waiver to the moratorium for 1015 W 6th St., also being E112.1 of Lot 7, FT671, West Tract Subdivision as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and interview of firms and possible selection and approval for staff to negotiate a contract for RFQ No. 2025-26-11, Financial Advisor Consulting Services. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Homer Rhodes, Purchasing Agent, stated five responses were received to the request of qualifications solicited for a Financial Advisor Consulting Services; staff reviewed and evaluated the submissions in accordance with the criteria outlined in the RFQ, including firm capability, proposed approach, project milestones, and anticipated outcomes related to the provision of financial advisory services; firms were shortlisted to three to participate in interviews with the City Commission who were PFM Financial, Estrada Hinojosa and Hilltop Securities. The order of presentation was determined by staff that had Estrada Hinojosa first, PFM Financial Advisors second and Hilltop Securities third.

Each firm presented their qualifications, experience with the different bond transactions, team members, clients, and locations.

A brief Q&A followed with each firm responding to their approach to alternative financing mechanisms, and their commitment to education and simple language explanation of complex financial instruments.

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated upon calculations of the scores, the rankings had Hilltop Securities ranking first followed by TRB Capital Estrada Hinojosa ranking second and PFM Financial ranking third. Staff recommended authorization to negotiate a contract with Hilltop Securities.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve to negotiate a contract with Hilltop Securities as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration of the purchase of a Gorbelt 4-Post Workstation with manual chain hoist and installation from Ace Industries in an amount not to exceed \$42,000. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, stated Inframark LLC, had recommended the purchase of a Gorbelt 4-Post Workstation with manual chain hoist, that included installation. Three quotes were evaluated and staff recommended Ace Industries with the lowest quote of \$38,482.30 but did not include freight cost. Staff confirmed that sufficient funding is available within the approved budget to accommodate the purchase, including anticipated freight costs. Staff recommended approval of the purchase from Ace Industries.

Commissioner Pedraza questioned why the freight costs couldn't be determined in advance. Rosie Cavazos stated the weight of the equipment would factor into the freight and not yet determined. Staff stated the \$42,000 was sufficient cushion based on estimated freight costs of approximately \$2,400 from other quotes. Robert Lopez stated the budgeted amount approved for this purchase was \$50,000.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve purchase of a Gorbelt 4-Post Workstation with manual chain hoist and installation from Ace Industries in an amount not to exceed \$42,000. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration of the termination of professional services provided by SWG Engineering for subdivision plan review. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida explained that after internal evaluation, staff determined that SWG Engineering's services for subdivision plan review were no longer needed under the current arrangement. Terminating the contract would allow the city to handle the subdivision review process internally. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the termination of professional services with SWG Engineering for subdivision plan review. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to approve final payment to Southern Trenchless Solutions for RFB No. 2024-25-23 Lift Station #2 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$17,220. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and vote.

Peter Hermida recommended approval for final payment of \$17,220 to Southern Trenchless Solutions for the Lift Station #2 rehabilitation project located on Texas Blvd. Staff confirmed all work had been completed and inspected satisfactorily according to contract documents.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve final payment of \$17,220 to Southern Trenchless as presented. The motion passed; Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2025-06 adopting the Work Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the Urban County Program. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated Resolution 2025-06 allowed continued participation in the Hidalgo County Urban County Program to receive Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$279,996. The proposed work plan identified Water & Sewer Improvements \$261,996, Senior Services Amigos Del Valle \$5,000 Health Service (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle) \$5,000, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (Area of Agency) \$5,000 and General Administration \$3,000.

In response to the Commission, the water line improvements were for San Joaquin Avenue between Frontage and Pike Boulevard (between Republic and Border), including approximately 1,400 feet of waterline replacement and six hydrants. The improvements would address both water pressure issues and outdated fire suppression systems. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr., staff stated the allocated funds were for water and sewer infrastructure and could not be used for storm drainage improvements.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2025-06 adopting the Work Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the Urban County Program by Commissioner Pedraza. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract awarded to TRAF-TEX under RFB 2020-21-30 Traffic Signal Improvements, in the amount of \$15,114.03, increasing the total contract amount to \$437,976.03, to allow for traffic signal

improvements at the 6th Street and Airport Drive intersection. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated the Change Order will allow completion of signal improvements at Sixth Street and Airport Drive instead of Bridge and Pike as originally intended; the cost included installation of signals, material, labor, tools and equipment. Staff recommended approval and noted a meeting with TxDOT regarding this intersection and one further north.

The Commission expressed concerns about whether the improvements would resolve the significant traffic congestion issues at that location. Peter Hermida explained that they were implementing AI-based handling for the signals and had a meeting scheduled with TxDOT that Friday to coordinate efforts, as synchronization between city and TxDOT signals was crucial for success.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to TRAF-TEX in the amount of \$15,114.03 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve Sole Source Vendor with DLX Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$34,546.03 for the purchase of Equipment/Accessories to enhance hazardous materials' response and is fully reimbursed through the FY2026 Border Zone Grant, with no local match required. (Staffed by Grant Manager/Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, recommended approval for the purchase of equipment/accessories to DLX Enterprises as the sole source vendor for \$34,546.03. Staff noted this purchase was one item with other expenditures to follow from the \$140,000 Border Zone Grant received by the city, with the specific request being for two rehabilitation tents for deployment during major incidents and the grant required no local matching funds.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the sole source vendor DLX Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$34,546.03 for the purchase of Equipment/Accessories as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-07 approving a Development Agreement by and between the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two, the City of Weslaco, Texas, and Rhodes Development, Inc. and authorizing execution of such agreement. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Benjamin Castillo, City Attorney, recommended the commission approve Resolution 2026-07 for a development agreement between Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2, the City of Weslaco, and Rhodes Development. The agreement would have development in the north part of the city that would have all on-site drainage and a 75-25 split on the M&O tax rate.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Resolution 2026-07 approving a Development Agreement by and between the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two, the City of Weslaco, Texas, and Rhodes Development, Inc.as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2026-05 adopting a Final Project Plan and Financing Plan for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two, City of Weslaco, Texas. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Benjamin Castillo recommended commission approval adopting the final project plan and financing plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2. The ordinance maintained the 75-25 split on the M&O tax rate with a financing plan period of 30 years, consistent with previous discussions.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Ordinance 2026-05 adopting the final project plan and financing plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2. on first reading. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to convene the regular meeting into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 8:06 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

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

No action.

C. Legal Consultation - Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Public Utility Agency as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. Real Property - Discussion regarding the sale, purchase, exchange, lease or value of property located at 2185 North Westgate Drive, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute agreements for the purchase of land located at of property located at 2185 North Westgate Drive as discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the regular meeting of January 20, 2026, at 8:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

Adrian Gonzalez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Norma A. Cantu, **CITY SECRETARY**