**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**
**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION**
**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:00 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:

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| PRESENT: | Mayor | Adrian Gonzalez |
| | Commissioner | Letty Lopez |
| | Commissioner | Adrian Farias |
| | Commissioner | Israel Gonzalez Jr. |
| | Commissioner | JP Rodriguez |
| | Commissioner | Josh Pedraza (arrived 5:10pm) |
| ABSENT: | Mayor Pro Tem | Pete Garcia Jr. |
| STAFF PRESENT: | Xavier Salinas | City Manager |
| | Norma A. Cantu | City Secretary |
| | Alyssa Aleman | City Attorney |

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, Antonio Lopez, Asst. City Manager/Fire Chief, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Joe Pedraza, Asst. Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, Eddie Serna, Parks and Recreation Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, David Arce, Public Utilities Director, Nick Castillo, Public Works Director, Rick Mendoza, IT Director, Celine Pardo, Court Clerk, Maricarmen Garcia, Asst. Library Director, 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 Thursday, February 12, 2026.

### B. Invocation.

Pastor Tom Shidler of Crossroads Community 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 the absence of Comm. Pedraza and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. at the time of roll call and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - National Engineer's Week.

Mayor Gonzalez and the City Commission recognized and proclaimed February 22-28, 2026 as Engineer's Week.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## III. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. To solicit input on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 102 W IH 2. also being E225'-N151.31'-S421.31' FT 119 0.78AC GR 0.56AC Net, West Tract, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate at 1919 W Bus 83 also being 0.86AC-W250'-E823.79'-N150' FT 633, West Tract, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

C. To solicit input on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 3302 E Bus 83 also being Lot 1, Crenshaw Center UT NO. 3 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

No comments.

D. To solicit input on behalf of Ismael Zuniga to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 1001 Town Center Blvd. Ste. 6, also being Lot 9, Town Center Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

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. 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 Special meeting of January 8, 2026 and the Regular Minutes and Workshop record of January 20, 2026. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) Ordinance No. 2026-06 creating the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency; making findings of fact; approving bylaws of the agency; providing for the purposes, powers, and governance of the agency; approving initial directors of the agency; establishing an effective date; addressing proper notice and meeting; and setting forth other matters related thereto. (First reading held February 4, 2026; staffed by City Manager.)

C. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for South Bridge Ranchettes Subdivision being 25.45 acres out of Farm Tracts 757, Blk. 140, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the Northeast corner of Bridge and Mile 5 N. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

D. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Villas on Sugar Cane Subdivision being 2.349 acre out of Farm Tract 57, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the North side of Mile 9 North Road, approximately 500ft west of Mile 4 ½ West Road. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

E. Approval of Resolution 2026-27 to apply to the FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS) for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with no match required for overtime and purchase of equipment and tools. (Staffed by Police Department.)

F. Approval for purchase order to Republic Services for requisition no. 22541 and 22703 for a combined amount of $65,809.61 for brush, residential, and commercial disposal services for the month of January 2026. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

G. Approval of a lease agreement with Chris De Leon at Mid-Valley Airport. (Assistant City Manager.)

H. Approval of an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $2,500 from the Preservation Fund for the purchase of death and birth certificate paper for the permanent retention of vital records as prescribed by the Texas Health & Safety Code §191.0045 (h). (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Xavier Salinas, City Manager requested items B and G be withheld.  Commissioner Rodriguez requested item F.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded  by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve consent agenda withholding items B, F and G as presented.  The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

1)	Ordinance No. 2026-06 creating the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency; making findings of fact; approving bylaws of the agency; providing for the purposes, powers, and governance of the agency; approving initial directors of the agency; establishing an effective date; addressing proper notice and meeting; and setting forth other matters related thereto. (First reading held February 4, 2026; staffed by City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas invited Carlos Marin and, via Zoom, Carlos Rubenstein to address the Commission on the Public Utility Agency (PUA) ordinance.

Carlos Marin, Consultant,  provided background on the creation of the PUA, identifying the four participating cities alongside Weslaco: Mercedes, San Benito, and Raymondville. He introduced Carlos Rubenstein to explain the legal framework and the benefits of the PUA model.

Mr. Rubenstein explained that a PUA is a governmental entity authorized under the Texas Local Government Code, enabling two or more public subdivisions — municipalities, counties, or water districts — to collaborate regionally on water, wastewater, and stormwater projects of mutual benefit; emphasized key points were a regional voice for funding as funding for water projects increasingly competitive statewide, regional collaboration is a weighted scoring criterion. A PUA allows the Valley to speak collectively, improving chances of receiving state funding, no mandatory participation in projects: joining a PUA does not obligate any member city to participate in any specific project. Each city retains the right to opt in or out of individual projects, no shared debt for unrelated projects: If a project benefits only one city, only that city carries the associated debt. Proportional debt sharing applies only to jointly pursued projects, no new taxing or eminent domain authority, the PUA has no taxing power and no eminent domain authority over utility users. Existing consumer protections through the Public Utilities Commission remain fully intact, the PUA is a public governmental entity and no private entity is ineligible for membership, the PUA is subject to the same transparency and open meetings requirements as any other public body, an entity has the right to withdraw at any time: Member cities may exit the PUA at any stage — during bylaw development, during the participation agreement phase, or years later — taking with them only the debt and infrastructure associated with their individually-benefiting projects, or their proportionate share of any joint project and has no impact on bond rating with any debt issued for regional PUA projects resides on the PUA's books, not the member city's, and thus does not affect the individual city's bond rating or debt service obligations.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked whether additional entities could join the PUA after its formation. Mr. Rubenstein confirmed that any eligible public subdivision may join at any time.

Commissioner Farias raised a question about whether pursuing individual grant applications outside the PUA framework would be harmed by concurrent PUA membership. Carlos Marin and Mr. Rubenstein clarified that individual projects are not penalized but that the optimal strategy is to identify which local infrastructure improvements can be linked to the regional project — such as local pipe replacement that supports regional water efficiency — because that linkage can strengthen the case for both. They noted the Texas Water Development Board and private capital such as NAD Bank funding are also being explored.

Mayor Gonzalez expressed support for the PUA's creative, regional approach to addressing Weslaco's water and infrastructure needs, particularly in light of the City's proximity to the border and the industrial development potential it creates. He emphasized that the Commission would continue to have legal counsel review all aspects of the agreement and that the City retained the ability to exit if any terms proved unsatisfactory. Commissioner Rodriguez noted that the end goal was long-term economic development and high-paying local jobs — with water and power being an essential factor for attracting Class A industry.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 on second and final reading, creating the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>F. Approval for purchase order to Republic Services for requisition no. 22541 and 22703 for a combined amount of $65,809.61 for brush, residential, and commercial disposal services for the month of January 2026. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)</u>

Commissioner Rodriguez withdrew the item for additional information.

Xavier Salinas introduced Nick Castillo, Public Works Director, who explained that the higher cost for January resulted because of a shortfall in service coverage during the prior period, necessitating additional trips to La Feria transfer station to catch up on collection routes. He noted that La Feria facility charges $43.11 per ton, compared to $17.75 per ton at the Edinburg landfill — a significant cost differential. The decision to use the closer La Feria facility was driven by the need to reduce turnaround time and return trucks to active route coverage more quickly and commented the staffing shortfall for unfilled vacancies along with drivers being out factored into staffs using La Feria landfill. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked about the cost disparity and whether it was appropriate to combine two requisitions in a single agenda item. Rosie Cavazos stated that combining requisitions from the same vendor was permissible. Xavier Salinas stated staff would conduct a logistics cost analysis, weighing travel time, manpower, and per-ton disposal costs, to determine the most efficient approach going forward and stated would look at renegotiating the Republic Services contract rate if La Feria facility continued to be used.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve payment to Republic Services for requisition no. 22541 and 22703 for a combined amount of $65,809.61 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Approval Of A Lease Agreement With Chris De Leon At Mid-Valley Airport. (Assistant City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas requested legal consultation. There was no objection and it was deferred to executive session.

Upon conclusion of executive session, Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve the Lease Agreement with Chris De Leon at Mid-Valley Airport as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Following for the record is the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS CREATING THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY, INCLUDING MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; APPROVING BYLAWS OF THE AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSES, POWERS, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE AGENCY; APPROVING INITIAL DIRECTORS OF THE AGENCY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; ADDRESSING PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

## V. REPORTS

A. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, went over the status of capital improvement projects for the water and wastewater facilities; reported at the North wastewater Plant, the headworks control panel and bar screen installation had been awarded and work was in progress; rotor bearing repair had been completed and the unit returned to service; January flows had Xavier Salinas stated the aeration blower core compressor was still in transit and that potential tariff impacts under the Trump administration were a concern. Staff had been in contact with the vendor and were exploring a cost-sharing arrangement for any resulting tariffs, with further clarity expected upon the unit's arrival; Water Plant, basin components were on order, chemical skids had been installed, the altitude valve project was in progress, and a high-service gallery pipe and fitting replacement had been completed; the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, the UV module and transformer installation, lamps and blower rehabilitation, and headworks 90's replacement were all in the bid process, with a pre-bid opening scheduled for the following day. The UV canopy had been completed. Lift Station 12 rehabilitation was nearly complete, awaiting vendor startup, while Lift Station 10 rehabilitation was in process; reported all facilities were in compliance and operating within required parameters, with no violations; January 2026 water flows had the North Wastewater Plant at 4.9mgd and at 51% capacity; Water Plant flows 13mgd and at 51% capacity; Southwaste Water Treatment Plant had 2.5mgd and at 60% capacity; highlighted on several engineering priorities, including the replacement of air-contaminated chemical feed lines at the water plant, the pending installation of new UV modules at the South Plant, sludge removal operations, and the condition of Lift Stations 20, 31, 16, and 35, all of which were identified as needing structural or electrical rehabilitation.

Xavier Salinas advised Inframark staff to coordinate all water and wastewater concerns with newly appointed Utilities Director David Arce, in addition to City Engineer to ensure proper departmental alignment going forward.

<u>B. Animal Care Services</u>

Alfonso Aguilera, Animal Care Services Outreach Coordinator, reported that the live release rate for January improved to 78%, up from 74% at the end of 2025; highlighted that the shelter achieved a 100% live release rate for cats in January, attributing this to longer housing periods and expanded rescue group partnerships; presented a geographic breakdown of animal intake from the contracted entities, noting that the majority of animals were coming from within the Weslaco; the month of February had staff invited to be a judge at 1st Siesta Retirement Village Dog Show event; 98 dogs transported out of the shelter. shared on individual animal stories of adoptions; were shared that included a dog surrendered was adopted in Canada; an abandoned bulldog left tied up in a city park found a home in San Marcos; a deaf Dalmatian placed with a rescue that later found a permanent home; and a 200-pound coo hog pig ("Pearl") rehomed to a rescue ranch with approximately 20 acres; upcoming events included a participation at Knapp Medical's conference center and an adoption event at Tractor Supply with Little Miss Weslaco in attendance. The Coordinator also noted he was in active discussions with the cities of San Juan and Mercedes to host regional rabies vaccination events, leveraging the City's veterinary partnership to assist neighboring communities that lack on-site veterinary resources.

## <u>VI. APPOINTMENTS</u>

<u>A. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-28 for the appointment of members to the Citizen's Drainage Advisory Board. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)</u>

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated members of the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board were needed. Lucas B. Garcia was nominated for reappointment by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr.; new appointments for consideration were Noe Mendoza nominated by Commissioner Pedraza and Pedro M. Zamorano Jr. nominated as by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked the outgoing members who had served on the board without compensation, acknowledging their volunteer service to the residents of Weslaco.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve Resolution 2026-28 appointing Lucas B. Garcia, Noe Mendoza, and Pedro M. Zamorano Jr. to the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 102 W IH 2. also being E225'-N151.31'-S421.31' FT 119 0.78AC GR 0.56AC Net, West Tract, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Director of Planning & Code Enforcement, stated six property owners were notified with no objection received. Staff stated this request along with the following two items were required to have a conditional use permit for compliance with TABC regulations for the Stripes Stores that would permit the installation of alcoholic vending machines. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 102 W IH 2 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate at 1919 W Bus 83 also being 0.86AC-W250'-E823.79'-N150' FT 633, West Tract, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza stated eight property owners were notified and no objection was received. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval and the location was the Stripes west of Westgate on Business 83.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate at 1919 W Bus 83 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Tim Llaoa to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 3302 E Bus 83 also being Lot 1, Crenshaw Center UT NO. 3 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza stated eight property owners were notified and no objection was received. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval and the location was the Stripes at 10th and Business 83.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit at 3302 E Bus 83 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Ismael Zuniga to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 1001 Town Center Blvd. Ste. 6, also being Lot 9, Town Center Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza stated nine property owners were notified and no objection received. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval and this location was the new Costa Mesa restaurant.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Permit On-Premises, at 1001 Town Center Blvd. Ste. 6 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Joy Subdivision being a 2.08-acre plat consisting of all of Lot 3, Block 1, Ro- Ellen Addition No. 3, and all of Lot 3, Ro-Ellen Addition Unit No. 2, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 50ft Southeast of 10th Street & James. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.

Joe Pedraza stated this was a proposed 2-lot subdivision for commercial use and located inside city limits; serviced by water and sewer by the city. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Final Plat for Joy Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2026-08 to approve the naming of a service road located between Isaac Rodriguez Park and Knapp Medical Center as Hospital Service Road. First reading of Ordinance 2026-08. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza stated the purpose of this ordinance was to consolidate conflicting naming such as Google Earth lists it as Knapp Medical Boulevard, 911 Addressing records it as S. Utah, and the Appraisal District identifies it as Hospital Drive; the service road is located between Isaac Rodriguez Park and Knapp Medical Center. The road would be formally named "Hospital Service Road" and designated as a private road, meaning the city would not be responsible for its maintenance. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2026-09 for the annexation of a portion of Mile11 between N. Texas Blvd & N Mile 5 1/2 West Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2026-09 for the annexation of a portion of Mile11 between N. Texas Blvd & N Mile 5 1/2 West Road pursuant to SB 374 for the future annexation of Gilberto Subdivision located on the north side of Mile 11 North Road. First reading of Ordinance 2026-09. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza explained that this ordinance annexes only the roadway on Mile 11 between North Texas Boulevard and Mile 5½ West Road in order to establish City connectivity to an adjacent property — the future Gilberto Subdivision — located to the north. Staff clarified that the property itself would be voluntarily annexed at a future date once development proceeds, and that this action solely annexes the roadway to provide access.

In response to Commissioner Farias, staff stated the condition of the road was in good condition without plans for widening at this time.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-09 for the annexation of a portion of Mile11 between N. Texas Blvd & N Mile 5 1/2 West Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to submit a $600,000 USDOT BUILD Grant application for planning and design for the Weslaco Mid-Valley Industrial Park project. No local match is required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gaberiel Perez, Grant Manager, recommended approval to submit a $600,000 grant application under the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD solicitation. The funds would be used for planning and design of reinforced concrete roadways along Sugarcane Drive, Joe Stephens Avenue, and a connecting segment returning to Vo Tech Drive. Staff noted no local match was required under this solicitation.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to submit a $600,000 grant application to USDOT BUILD for planning and design for the Weslaco Mid-Valley Industrial Park project to as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to accept an EMS supply vending machine from the Mission Fire Department. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, presented the item, explaining that the Mission Fire Department — which also operates EMS services — offered to transfer four EMS supply vending machines to the City of Weslaco Fire Department at no cost. Each machine carries an estimated retail value of approximately $20,000, making the total donation valued above the $5,000 threshold requiring Commission approval. Staff recommended approval.

In response to the Commission, Antonio Lopez described the machines as high-tech, code-secured dispensing units designed to track individual paramedic supply usage of items such as bandages, IV fluids, medications, and syringes. The system would allow crews at satellite fire stations to restock after calls without returning to the downtown station, improving efficiency and reducing response time impacts.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to accept an EMS supply vending machine from the Mission Fire Department as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2025, for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, reported the General Fund had a positive change in fund balance of $3.1M; revenues collected to date total $8.6M, representing approximately 22% of the proposed budget; sales tax performance remains strong, with collections of $3.9M, which is on track with the projected budget; interest earned to date is $228K and the City's financial position remains strong, with 131 days of operating reserves with 43.19% of ad valorem taxes collected for the year. Water and Wastewater fund had a positive revenue over expenditures of $1.5M; maintains141 days of working capital based on regular operating costs and upcoming $4M bond debt payments in February will significantly reduce available cash; operations remain stable, liquidity will tighten after the debt payments, and the fund does not have enough flexibility to absorb large obligations without careful cash flow management. Sanitation Fund had reflected a negative change in fund balance of $139,718, and the working capital reserve went down to 74 days of operations primarily because of a heavy debt service quarter, in which approximately 65% of annual debt obligations were paid; operationally, revenues continue to cover routine expenditures, however, large scheduled debt payments materially impacted quarterly liquidity. Airport Fund had a negative net change of $153,228 and continues to operate with a negative number of working capital days. Staff recommended approval to accept and file.

Mayor Gonzalez stated management should schedule regular meetings with each department director to review budget status. He noted that expenditure rates were running slightly above the expected 33% threshold for some departments and cautioned that budget surpluses from vacant positions should not be treated as discretionary funds, as those positions still need to be accounted for in the overall budget.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of December 31, 2025, for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2025. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos stated as of December 31, 2025, the City's total invested funds were $85,255,858 diversified among authorized depositories of Lone Star National Bank (LSNB), TexPool; interest earned $826,101 of which $228,335 was allocated to the General Fund, with the remaining interest distributed to the respective project and fund accounts based on their proportional cash balances.

All investments remain in full compliance with the City's Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act, emphasizing safety, liquidity, and competitive yield. Staff recommended acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2025 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-24 expressing its nomination for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. (There was no action on February 4, 2026, staffed by City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas introduced Chief Appraiser Orlando Garcia of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District, who explained that a vacancy had arisen on the Board of Directors following the untimely passing of board member Eddie Betancourt. Per the Tax Code, eligible taxing entities may each nominate one individual, and the current Board — composed of eight remaining directors — will select a replacement to serve the unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. The selection is scheduled for the Board's May 14 meeting.

Mayor Gonzalez stated that David Hernandez had submitted an application and expressed interest in the position, and no other candidates were on file. Mayor Gonzalez recommended nominating David Hernandez.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2026-24 nominating David Hernandez to the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of Glock Gen5 9mm (G45 and G43X) with optics for all peace officers from GT Distributors with BuyBoard Contract #698-23 for the amount of $61,370.80. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and vote.

Robert Lopez, Police Chief, requested to purchase Glock Gen5 9mm handguns — specifically the G45 and G43X models from GT Distributors under BuyBoard Contract No. 698-23 for a total amount of $61,370.80. Staff noted that an alternative lower-cost vendor could not fulfill the order until 2027, whereas the current vendor could deliver within 120 to 150 days of purchase order issuance. The vendor was also crediting the department $11,700 for trade-in of existing weapons and approximately $11,000 for existing sights. Staff clarified that officers would have the option to separately purchase their issued weapons through a licensed dealer; that transaction would be entirely between the officer and the vendor, with no involvement from the Police Department. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the purchase of Glock Gen5 9mm (G45 and G43X) with optics for all peace officers from GT Distributors with BuyBoard Contract #698-23 for the amount of $61,370.80.as presented. The motion carried; Commissioners Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to authorize professional engineering services with B2Z Engineering Inc. for the Pike Road Repaving from Airport to FM1015 under the City's on-call engineering services contract with costs not to exceed $166,550.80. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, requested authorization for professional engineering services with B2Z Engineering Inc. for the repaving of Pike Road from Airport Drive to FM 1015, under the City's on-call engineering services contract, with costs not to exceed $166,550.80. The project is funded through 2025 bond proceeds. Staff stated the roadway has experienced significant surface deterioration and structural wear and serves as a key connector to the City's industrial district; scope includes roadway evaluation, pavement design, construction plans and specifications, and construction administration and design timeline of approximately three months, with an estimated construction bid around May 14. Staff recommended approval for professional engineering services with B2Z Engineering Inc.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. noted that the road had known drainage and infrastructure deficiencies, including storm inlets that were installed out of alignment during prior construction. Peter Hermida confirmed that this project would address those drainage patterns on the east side, including reinstalling lines, evaluating drainage conveyance, and reconstructing the road at the flex base level due to the degree of structural compromise — not merely a surface repaves; the project would exclude the existing roundabout area. Mayor Gonzalez asked staff to include photographs of project conditions in future agenda packets to better contextualize the urgency of engineering items before the Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Pete Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve B2Z Engineering Inc. for the Pike Road Repaving from Airport to FM1015contract with costs not to exceed $166,550.80 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

O. Discussion and consideration for final payment to 3E Logistics in the amount of $13,500 representing completion of contracted services for the North Bridge Sidewalk project. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida reported the North Bridge Sidewalk Project had been completed in accordance with all approved plans and specifications, originally approved on June 17, 2025. Staff explained that the contractor had inadvertently failed to submit the final invoice at project closeout. The final payment of $13,500 represents the remaining balance of the original contract amount of $32,630. The project was inspected and met all City specifications. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve final payment to 3E Logistics in the amount of $13,500 representing completion of contracted services for the North Bridge Sidewalk project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration to authorize professional engineering services with Trimad Consultants for Cotton Estates for ditch widening improvements under the City's on-call engineering services contract with costs not to exceed $21,820. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida requested authorization for engineering services with Trimad Consultants for ditch widening improvements serving the Cotton Estates area, under the City's on-call engineering services contract, with costs not to exceed $21,820. The scope includes approximately 1,000 linear feet of ditch widening, survey control, easement identification, drainage pattern evaluation, and cost estimating for construction — which may proceed through a request for proposal or in-house depending on the findings. The project would benefit Silva Elementary School and the adjacent subdivision to the south, and would also address a drainage choke point at a nearby 42-inch culvert crossing. Staff identified city-owned easements along the school's fence line that had not been previously established, and coordination with the school district had begun and would continue as needed for the improvements proposed. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Trimad Consultants professional engineering services for Cotton Estates ditch widening improvements as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration of a proposal from ERO Architects for the Master Plan for the future development of a 7-acre tract city complex site located at 2110 N. Westgate Drive. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Omar Rodriguez, Assistant City Manager, requested approval of a proposal from ERO Architects to develop a master plan for a 7-acre City-owned site at 2110 North Westgate Drive; development would of the site included Fire Station No. 4 as the first major component, along with fire administration and potentially other city uses such as park amenities and a training facility. The proposal included a fixed-fee lump sum of $37,500 for the master planning phase, which will establish building placement, site layout, phasing, master studies, driveway configurations, and preliminary cost estimates. Upon completion of the master plan and cost estimation, a negotiated fee of 6% of construction cost would govern the full design and construction contract, which would be brought back to the Commission for separate authorization. The project is funded through the 2025 bond issuance, with approximately $5,000,000 budgeted for the fire station component.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve a proposal from ERO Architects for the Master Plan for the future development of a 7-acre tract city complex site s presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration for the approval of A Plus Homes L.L.C. to replace the roof for Fire Station #3 in the amount of $34,500. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that the roof replacement at Fire Station No. 3 was identified as the top priority among four planned improvements to the station. Staff stated that the roof was in dire need of repair and necessary to complete before proceeding with interior renovations for the firefighters' living quarters. Staff recommended approval for A Plus Homes L.L.C. at a cost of $34,500 and is budgeted.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve A Plus Homes L.L.C. to replace the roof for Fire Station #3 in the amount of $34,500.as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to approve Work Authorization No. 1 to Terrecon Consultants Inc. for CMT Services for various parks in the amount of $48,991.50. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna requested approval of Work Authorization No. 1 to Terrecon Consultants Inc. for Construction Materials Testing (CMT) services for various ongoing parks projects, in the amount of $48,991.50. Peter Hermida clarified that the services would include asphalt testing for roadway work at Mayor Pablo Pena Park, grout and mortar testing for concrete cylinders associated with high-rise fencing and concession stand construction, possible flex base testing, and compaction testing as applicable. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Work Authorization No. 1 to Terrecon Consultants Inc. for CMT Services for various parks in the amount of $48,991.50as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:48 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 8:29 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 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. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Cause No. CL-25-6181-F, Fernando Cavazos, Jr. vs City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Legal Consultation-Consultation with City Attorney regarding lawsuit styled Christopher De Leon d/b/a De Leon Aircraft Maintenance Professional vs. City of Weslaco Cause Number 7:22-CV-00210 pending in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of February 18, 2026 at 8:35 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**