A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 5:33 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

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Jose "J.P." Rodriguez
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Sonia Flores, Interim Finance Director; Olga Garza, Interim Parks and Recreation Director; Leo Gonzalez, Information Technology Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director and City Engineer; Tony Lopez, Fire Chief; Joel Rivera, Police Chief; Andrew Munoz, Airport Director; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, September 28, 2018.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Robin Wiley, First Baptist Church, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

D. Mayoral Recognition.

None.

E. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance and a quorum present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Weigel Ortiz voiced her objection to New Business Item B stating curbside pickup of debris is still needed; Lupita Perez, District Commander Veterans' Foreign War, requested support in locating a home for the organization; Alicia Rodriguez voiced concerns with her neighbor; and Alfredo Aguilar, Cornerstone Subdivision, voiced concerns with drainage problems on Chrysolite Street.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it had been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote. Possible action.

A. Approval of the following:

1) Record of Workshop on September 18, 2018;
2) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2018;and
3) Minutes of the Special Meeting on September 25, 2018. (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.)

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

1) Ordinance 2018-34 rezoning 1901 Maria Isabel Drive, also being Lot 24, San Francisco subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. Three-fourths vote required. (First reading held September 18, 2018; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

2) Ordinance 2018-36 rezoning 2500 E. Expressway 83, also being a 2.59 acres out of Farm Tract 18, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas from R-1 One-family dwelling District to B-2 Secondary highway business District. (First reading held September 18, 2018; staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Authorization to accept funds from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) as awarded to continue enhancing Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) operations. (Staffed by the Police Department.)

D. Ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04444 to contract Moore Land Surveying, LLC. for the repairs and engineering services of the water line at the Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of $82,725.00, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works.)

E. Ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04502 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions for emergency repairs of a collapsed manhole located at 18th & 22nd St., in the amount not to exceed $120,500.00, authorize a budget amendment as may be required and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works.)

F. Approval of renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between Weslaco Fire Department and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) program to provide personnel to serve in TX-TF1 as determined by TEEX and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Fire Department.)

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve consent agenda items A, B, C and F, withholding consent agenda items D and E as requested by Commissioner Muñoz. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

D. Ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04444 to contract Moore Land Surveying, LLC for the repairs and engineering services of the water line at the Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of $82,725.00, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works.)

Mike Perez, City Manager, stated this was an emergency repair to a line leading to the Water Treatment Plant. Four (4) bids were received with the most advantageous respondent being Moore Land Surveying LLC.; work has begun and should be completed by next week.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, staff will be in discussions with the irrigation district concerning wooden posts that may disrupt the clay liner and flow. In response to Commissioner Muñoz, monies will come out of the water and sewer fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04444 to contract Moore Land Surveying, LLC. for the repairs and engineering services of the water line at the Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of $82,725.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

E. Ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04502 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions for emergency repairs of a collapsed manhole located at 18th & 22nd St., in the amount not to exceed $120,500.00, authorize a budget amendment as may be required and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Public Works.)

The City Manager stated the vendor is on contract through Buyboard to provide repairs needed to one of the larger manholes in the city that failed. This area had been identified by staff in workshops as one of 59 in critical condition requiring attention. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve ratification of Purchase Order No. 18-04502 to contract Southern Trenchless Solutions for emergency repairs of a collapsed manhole located at 18th & 22nd St., in the amount not to exceed $120,500.00 and authorize a budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record, the following are the ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 320 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF 1901 MARIA ISABEL DRIVE ALSO BEING LOT 24, SAN FRANCISCO SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-2 DUPLEX AND APARTMENT DISTRICT TO B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

SECTION I: R-2 Duplex and Apartment District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District being 1901 Maria Isabel Drive also being Lot 24, San Francisco Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 18th day of September, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 2nd day of October 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 320 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF 2500 E. EXPRESSWAY 83 ALSO BEING A 2.59 ACRES OUT OF FARM TRACT 18, WEST TRACT SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO B-2 SECONDARY HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

SECTION I: R-1 One-family dwelling District to B-2 Secondary highway business District being 2500 E. Expressway 83 also being a 2.59 acres out of Farm Tract 18, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 18th day of September, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 2nd day of October 2018.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

The order of the day was changed to Item VI. C New Business.

VI. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

<u>C. Discussion and consideration to approve an interlocal agreement with Weslaco Independent School District for the employment and shared expense of the First Offender Program case</u>

manager as identified in the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police.)

Commissioner Kerr abstained from discussion and vote.

Joel Rivera, Police Chief, stated this program will allow rehabilitation as a first alternative and help defendants avoid the full effects of criminal conviction on class A&B Misdemeanors; the program would be the first in eastern Hidalgo County. Staff recommends approval.

In response to Commissioner Rodriguez, parental involvement and community service are outlined in the program. The school district is a partner to identify at-risk students and is paying half the cost of a case manager.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, moved to approve interlocal agreement with Weslaco Independent School District for the employment and shared expense of the First Offender Program case manager as identified in the proposed FY 2018-2019 as presented. The motion carried with Commissioner Kerr abstaining; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2018-51 appointing a member to the Citizen's Drainage Committee and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (There was no action on September 18, 2018; Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

In response to Mayor Suarez, David Menchaca and Fred Perez expressed interest.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, moved to approve Resolution 2018-51 appointing David Menchaca and increase the membership not to exceed ten approving the appointment of Fred Perez. The motion carried; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record, the resolutions of appointment are as follows, with the resolution increasing membership of the Committee to be presented at the next meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC CITIZENS' COMMITTEE THAT SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE WESLACO DRAINAGE CITIZENS' TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, This Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizens' committee to solicit suggestions, make recommendations, and review progress toward the planning and implementing of infrastructure improvements for City-wide detention and drainage of floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, as it is intended to serve ad hoc, the work of this Committee shall be limited to one year from establishment; and

WHEREAS, there shall be seven (7) members in the Weslaco Drainage Citizens' Task Force who shall be nominated one by each Commission member and approved by the whole Weslaco City Commission; and

WHEREAS, members shall be residents of the City of Weslaco, serve without compensation, and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT David Menchaca is appointed to serve on the Weslaco Drainage Citizen's Task Force and the term will expire on the 7th day of August 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of October 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC CITIZENS' COMMITTEE THAT SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE WESLACO DRAINAGE CITIZENS' TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, This Commission finds merit in establishing an ad hoc citizens' committee to solicit suggestions, make recommendations, and review progress toward the planning and implementing of infrastructure improvements for City-wide detention and drainage of floodwaters; and

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WHEREAS, there shall be seven (7) members in the Weslaco Drainage Citizens' Task Force who shall be nominated one by each Commission member and approved by the whole Weslaco City Commission; and

WHEREAS, members shall be residents of the City of Weslaco, serve without compensation, and may be eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Fred Perez is appointed to serve on the Weslaco Drainage Citizen's Task Force and the term will expire on the 7th day of August 2018

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of October 2018.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to select an engineering firm from short list for Civil Engineering Services from the Request for Qualifications #2017-18-21 for consulting services to prepare a Stormwater Improvements Plan and prepare any applicable grant applications for funding. Possible action. (There was no action on this item September 18, 2018; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

The City Manager instructed the Commission to rank each of the firms with one being the best; Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, calculated the rankings and announced Halff Associates Inc. as top ranked.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to select Halff and Associates for Civil Engineering Services from the Request for Qualifications #2017-18-21 for consulting services to prepare a Stormwater Improvements Plan and prepare any applicable grant applications for funding. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve payment to Republic Services in the amount of $104,113.40 for flood debris removal for total payment to date in the amount of $442,211.09. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.)

Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer/Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, stated the invoice covers debris removal for the end of July through August with a running total of $42,211.09; there are more invoices pending. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve payment to Republic Services in the amount of $104,113.40 for flood debris removal as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to discontinue debris pickup from flood event of June 20 effective October 12, 2018 at 5 p.m. and authorize continuance of construction debris disposal at the City Shop until November 16, 2018. Possible action. (Staffed City Manager's Office.)

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to discuss.

The City Manager stated debris removal has been ongoing since June but dwindled since September; he recommends effective October 12 to discontinue curbside pickup of debris and effective November 16, 2018 discontinue all flood debris disposal at the Public Works building.

Mayor Suarez recommended renting a cherry picker to allow City staff to pick up debris curbside, which may be more cost effective. In response to Commissioner Muñoz, debris and brush should be collected monthly, however, staff is getting complaints that brush is not getting picked up.

Mayor Suarez stated there would be no action.

Commissioner Rodriguez excused himself from the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m.

D. Discussion and consideration to accept from Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division NB-National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Grant #3658001, in an amount not to exceed $904,025.00 with no match required and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Chief Rivera stated the grant was a long shot but submitted anyway and awarded. This will upgrade technology for dispatch. Assistant Chief Lopez stated previous grant notices required a 25% local match but this funding round requires none. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to accept from Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division NB-National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Grant #3658001, in an amount not to exceed $904,025.00 with no match required as presented. the motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

<u>E. Discussion and consideration to solicit Request for Proposals to provide landscape architect and engineering design services for the North Side Sports Complex and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)</u>

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to approve.

Andrew Muñoz, Aviation Director, requests approval to solicit proposals in anticipation of timelines from the Knapp Center Community Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife grant requirements. This will help expedite compliance requirements. Staff recommends approval. The City Manager clarified solicitation would need to be for qualifications not proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, withdrew his motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to solicit Request for Qualifications to provide landscape architect and engineering design services for the North Side Sports Complex as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

<u>F. Discussion and consideration to authorize the submission of a grant to the Texas Water Development Board under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)</u>

The City Manager stated this item and subsequent items G, H and I are items being prepared by staff and will be finalized by Halff Associates as part of the civil engineering services to be provided. Andrew Munoz stated proposals opened yesterday for 30 days and H2O Partners will also support the development of the grant.

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve the submission of a grant to the Texas Water Development Board under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

<u>G. Discussion and consideration to authorize the submission of a grant to the Department of Homeland Security for FY18 Flood Mitigation Assistance and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)</u>

Andrew Munoz stated staff will coordinate with Texas Department of Emergency Management on this Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant working also with Engineering and the Drainage Committee.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to authorize the submission of a grant to the Department of Homeland Security for FY18 Flood Mitigation Assistance. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to authorize the submission of a grant to the Department of Homeland Security for FY18 Pre - Disaster Mitigation and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Andrew Munoz stated grant completion will be overseen by H2O Partners and Halff Associates; potential grant awards are open amounts based on project with a 25-35% local match. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the submission of a grant to the Department of Homeland Security for FY18 Pre-Disaster Mitigation. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to authorize the submission of a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), Section 205 grant funding and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Andrew Munoz requested authorization to submit a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers which already visited Weslaco and assessed damages. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to authorize the submission of a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), Section 205 grant funding as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to authorize the 2nd Annual Community Fly-In event at the Mid Valley Airport on October 13, 2018 and authorize a fuel discount. Possible action. (Staffed by Airport.)

Andrew Munoz stated this event serves to promote aviation and related jobs in partnership with Weslaco and IDEA school districts as well as promote the airport itself as back open by hosting AOPA Rusty Pilots seminar. He requests a discount on fuel sales at $2.50 a gallon to attract pilots; the sale of air rides will offset the proposed fuel discount. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to authorize the 2nd Annual Community Fly-In event at the Mid Valley Airport on October 13, 2018 and authorize a fuel discount as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit from Navy Army Credit Union in the amount of $240,000.00 for a term of 30 months utilizing Booth Endowment Funds. Possible action. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director, recommended approval reporting the bequest from Marion Booth totaled $500,000 with staggered investments; this Certificate of Deposit will be purchased in the amount of $240,000 at a rate of return of 3.3% APY over a set term of 30 months. The Library Board and staff recommend approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to approve the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit from Navy Army Credit Union in the amount of $240,000.00 for a term of 30 months utilizing Booth Endowment Funds as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to authorize the expenditure of $3,620 of the Marion Booth Endowment fund for the expansion of the Hotspot and Tablet checkout program within the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library. Possible action. (Staffed by the Library Department.)

Arnold Becho stated upon maturity of a separate Certificate of Deposit from Capital Plains Bank, the Library Board recommends purchasing another eight (8) hotspots and five (5) tablets for the program that has been a tremendous success. Commissioner Lopez suggested more tablets be purchased instead of the hotspots since the Weslaco East High School library recently purchased 2,000 hotspots through a grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to authorize the expenditure of $3,620 of the Marion Booth Endowment fund for the expansion of the Hotspot and Tablet checkout program as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve the 2018-2019 Interlocal Agreement with County of Hidalgo for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Grant No. B-18-UC-48-0501 setting the City's allotment at $295,584.00 for activities to be carried out in the City's jurisdiction and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by the Finance Department.)

Sonia Flores, Interim Finance Director, reviewed 2018 proposed activities with $2,881.00 allocated for general program administration and $287,703.00 for water/sewer improvements. Mardoqueo Hinojosa noted Cruz-Hogan Associates was approved as the engineering firm by Urban County to oversee projects including: alley between Kansas Ave. and Illinois Ave. (from 4th St. to 8th St.); alley between Illinois Ave. and Iowa Ave. (from 7th St. to 8th St.); South Side of Central Middle School (alley between Tennessee Ave. and Oregon Ave. to alley between Oregon Ave. and Florida Ave. then south to 8th St.); 8th St. (from Texas Blvd. to the alley between Iowa Ave. and Tennessee Ave.).

Commissioner Pedraza, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to approve the 2018-2019 Interlocal Agreement with County of Hidalgo for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Grant No. B-18-UC-48-0501 setting the City's allotment at $295,584.00 for activities to be carried out in the City's jurisdiction as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to approve the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco annual budget and work plan for fiscal year 2018-2019. Possible action. (Requested by Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.)

Marie McDermott reported this year 266 jobs and $31 million investment in local industry created. The EDC will continue to support financially airport improvements and hotel and sports complex; marketing and recruitment outside of the Rio Grande Valley; revitalized downtown and AlFresco. She confirmed the workplan includes a $140,000.00 payment to the annual debt issuance for drainage improvements. In response to Mayor Suarez; there is about 4% increase for employees.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to approve the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco annual budget and work plan for fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. REPORTS

A. Report by Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce.

Doug Croft, Chamber of Commerce CEO, reported Weslaco advertising initiatives at airport baggage claims; estimated 11,000 visitors because of the on-site Disaster Recovery Center; met with RV Park Mangers forum October 17.

B. Report by Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco.

Marie McDermott, Economic Development Director, reported UTRGV-CIC is pending final completion of four to five items with landscaping to be done this week. University Apartments has seventeen (17) units leased. Alfresco was held September 20 and a delegation traveled to Texas A&M University at Kingsville to revisit with the Dean of Engineering about programs in the Mid Valley area.

C. Report by Planning and Code Enforcement.

Mardoqueo Hinojosa reported project completions for Midway Mobile Home Subdivision, King Estates and Villa Verde Estates. The Pleasantview Sewer line project remains ongoing and the water line at the water treatment plant should be completed next week. He noted this is his final meeting.

D. Report by Inframark.

George Quintana, Inframark, reported 5.83 million gallons of water treated and 2.48mgd of wastewater treated in September; there was an alleged violation noted for rotor #5 but was already under repair.

E. Report by Public Works.

There was no report as Pete Garcia was dismissed from the meeting to address an ongoing water break.

F. Report by Siemens Technologies on Performance Contracting Agreement.

Zach Grindle, Siemens Technologies, reported that lighting retrofits and HVAC and HVAC Armor are complete; traffic signals have started with completion by next week; 10,171 water meters installed to date.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:34 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to convene the regular meeting in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 9:11 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced 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 §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action.

B. Personnel - Discussion with the City Manager regarding employment of a City Engineer as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved to appoint an interim City Engineer effective Friday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. authorizing the City Manager to negotiate terms with Randy Winston. The motion carried; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

C. Contract Negotiations – Discussion with the City Manager and City Attorney 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) as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action.

D. Legal Consultation - Seek City Attorney opinion relating to the mediation with CDM as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action.

E. Real Property – Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase of real property legally described as Chelsea Park W6.83AC GR 5.22AC Net on Border Avenue as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

There was no action.

F. Real Property – Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase of real property legally described as West Tract W3.67AC-S10AC-N20AC FT 685 at Dawson and Oregon Streets as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

There was no action.

G. Economic Development – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Economic Development incentive programs related to Project Catherine as authorized by §551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to proceed with negotiations regarding Economic Development incentive programs related to Project Catherine as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

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MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

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MAYOR PRO-TEM, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

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COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

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