**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**
**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION**
**MARCH 4, 2026**

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 5:03 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 |
| | Mayor Pro Tem | Pete Garcia Jr. |
| | Commissioner | Letty Lopez |
| | Commissioner | Adrian Farias |
| | Commissioner | Israel Gonzalez Jr. |
| | Commissioner | JP Rodriguez |
| ABSENT: | Commissioner | Josh Pedraza |
| STAFF PRESENT: | Xavier Salinas | City Manager |
| | Norma A. Cantu | City Secretary |
| | Shellie Smith | 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, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Krista Cheramie, Animal Cares Services 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 26, 2026.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Raja Masilamony, Seventh Day Adventists 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 at the time of roll call and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation - National Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission proclaimed and recognized March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

2) Proclamation — Albert Hernandez Cavazos and Marcelina Terrazas Cavazos (70th Wedding Anniversary)

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission honored Alberto Hernandez Cavazos and Marcelina Terrazas Cavazos for their 70th wedding anniversary.

3) Proclamation - Tim Smith, National Weatherperson of the Year

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized Tim Smith, KRGV-TV Chief Meteorologist, on his distinguished award of National Weatherperson of the Year.

4) Recognition - Weslaco High School Wrestling State Qualifiers

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized Allison Salaya, Melanie Avila and Janelle Ramirez for their outstanding achievements as State qualifiers for Weslaco High School Wrestling team.

5) Recognition - 2025 Weslaco Royal Court

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized the 2025 Weslaco Royal Court members Matilda Rose Olivarez, Jaden Daniel Gutierrez, Violet Kerr, Avianna Noelia Cavazos, Isabella Rose Alvarez, and Kennedy Morgan Carrillo for their year of service representing the community with poise, integrity, and professionalism.

6) Recognition - Captain Maria Dolores Salinas Retirement

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized Captain Maria Dolores Salinas for her distinguished 24-year service with the Weslaco Police Department and wished her well on her retirement.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## III. REPORTS

A. Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Event Center.

Barbara Jean Garza, CEO, thanked the commission for recognizing the 2025 Weslaco Royal Court; stated destination marketing expenditures for the month of February totaled $29,428.87; went over ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings and stated the network lunch mob at Oak Texas Bar and Grill had nearly 50 attendees, a record number. Highlighted on the upcoming Texas Onion Fest preparations, noting the festival had grown tremendously with 37,000 attendees last year (not including children) and stated challenges was the horse show venue, as the current property may not be accessible next year due to growth; extended an invited to the commission to participate in the onion eating contest, which this year will include a mega champion full onion consumption. Reported on the Visitors Center activity that had 380 visitors, 15 facility reservations and 4,550 for door counts.

B. Weslaco Economic Development Corporation.

Maria Cisneros, Weslaco EDC, reported on recent activities, including participation in the ICSC trade show in San Antonio where their booth attracted strong attention with added lighting and sponsorships. At the Mid Valley International Industrial Park, 23 acres went under contract with a company that has a 90-day feasibility period and anticipates beginning construction in July; Alfresco season ended in February with over 7,000 attendees at the final event and more than 40,000 people throughout the entire season and introduced their new administrative and finance coordinator, Jacqueline Hernandez.

## 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 Regular and Workshop Meeting on February 4, 2026. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

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

1) 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 and Code Enforcement Department.)

2) 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 and Code Enforcement Department.)

C. Approval to continue the Interlocal agreement 2026-2027 between the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District 9-1-1 and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) for 9-1-1 Service. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to accept the 2025 Racial Profiling Report submitted by the Weslaco Police Department to the State of Texas. (Staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval to accept additional grant funding of $51,933.51 with no match required under the FY23 Operation Stonegarden Grant #3173409 for the purchase of a watch tower surveillance trailer. (Staffed by Police Department.)

F. Approval of Resolution 2026-29 to accept FY25 Operation Stonegarden Grant 3173411 for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with no match required for overtime, equipment, vehicles, and supplies. (Staffed by Police Department.)

G. Approval of Resolution 2026-30 to apply to the FY26 State Homeland Security Program – Competitive National Priority Area Projects (SHSP-NPA) Grant #5887701 for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with no match required to pay for overtime, equipment and supplies. (Staffed by Police Department.)

H. Approval of Resolution 2026-31 to apply to the FY26 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Grant #5888001 for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with no match required to pay for overtime, equipment, and supplies. (Staffed by Police Department.)

I. Approval of Resolution 2026-32 to apply to the FY26 State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L) Grant #5887801 for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with no match required to pay for overtime, equipment, and supplies. (Staffed by Police Department.)

J. Approval of Resolution 2026-33 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor (State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R), Federal Fiscal Year 2026, Grant No. 5908301; no match required; total grant amount requested: $50,000. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

K. Approval to authorize the use of the Court Technology Fund to pay Tyler Technologies for License and Maintenance Fee, Hardware and Maintenance Fee, Topaz Signature Pads, and Content Manager Annual Fees not to exceed the amount of $22,453.34. (Staffed by Municipal Court.)

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

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

ORDINANCE 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME A SERVICE ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN ISAAC RODRIGUEZ PARK AND KNAPP MEDICAL CENTER AND SOUTH OF EAST SIXTH STREET AND NORTH OF EAST EIGHT STREET

IS HEREBY KNOWN AS HOSPITAL SERVICE ROAD, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADDITIONAL TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS ON VOLUNTARY PETITION OF AREA LAND OWNER SUCH LAND BEING 3.825 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY LIMITS AND HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETINGS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

## V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-34 for the appointment of members to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force Committee. (Staffed by City Secretary.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated no action at this time.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to be granted a waiver to the water rights fee for Pena Shelton Ranch Subdivision, also being 3.4 acres out of Farm Tracts 772, Blk. 137, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the West side of S. Pleasantview Dr. approximately 384’ south of Mile 5 ½ North Road. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Joe Pedraza, Asst. Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated the applicant requested a waiver for water rights fees totaling $12,311.44. These fees were not anticipated during the development budget, and their engineer failed to inform the owner. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, but staff recommended against it, explaining that if property owners don't pay the fees, the city must pay them.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to deny the waiver to the water rights fee for Pena Shelton Ranch Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration of the upcoming streets to be paved: 8th Street from Bridge Avenue to Airport Drive, 10th Street from Utah Avenue to James Street, Esplanada Street from Texas Boulevard to Missouri Avenue, Palmas Street from Esplanada Avenue to Agostadero Street, Palmas Street from 1st Street to Llano Grande Street, Pino Street from Pike Boulevard to

Esplanada Avenue, and Pino Street from Agostadero Street to Railroad Street ; at a combined cost not to exceed $334,000 for materials. (Staffed by Public Works Department.)

Nick Castillo, Public Works Director, requested approval to proceed with paving seven street segments identified as priority locations based on pavement conditions. The proposed streets included 8th Street from Bridge Avenue to Airport Drive, 10th Street from Utah Avenue to James Street, Esplanada Street from Texas Boulevard to Missouri Avenue, Palma Street from Esplanada Avenue to Agostadero Street, Palma Street from 1st Street to Llano Grande Street, Pino Street from Pike Boulevard to Esplanada Avenue, and Pino Street from Agostadero Street to Railroad Street. Staff recommended approval not to exceed $334,000.

Mayor Gonzalez questioned why 10th Street only went from Utah to James rather than from Bridge to James. Nick Castillo commented that section had been overlooked but requested adding the segment from Bridge to Utah. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested increasing the budget to accommodate the additional work, with an amount not to exceed $350,000.

After further discussion about potential costs, the consensus of the commission was to proceed with the original proposal and include the section of Bridge to Utah and back to the commission for additional funding if required.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the upcoming street paving project as presented with the addition from Bridge to Utah and back for additional funding if necessary. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to amend the Purchasing Policy Manual to increase the City Manager's purchasing authority from $25,000 to $50,000. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, explained the amendment would bring the city manager's purchasing authority in line with current expenditures, improve administrative efficiency while maintaining all existing purchasing policy requirements and oversight. Stated would particularly help with water infrastructure purchases and routine maintenance items that currently fall between $25,000 and $50,000. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez expressed concerns about transparency and requested limitations on the scope of the increased authority. He emphasized the importance of maintaining public transparency for expenditures and noted he hadn't received specific examples of why the increase was needed. City Manager clarified that professional services would still be limited to $15,000 by state statute and that this increase was primarily for daily operating purchases.

After discussions about limitations and examples noted by staff such as fuel purchases ($25,000-$30,000 per load) and infrastructure repairs, the commission agreed to limit the increased authority to maintenance and operations only.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve amendment to the Purchasing Policy Manual to increase the City Manager's purchasing authority from $25,000 to $50,000 limited to maintenance and operations. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement between HCDD1 and City of Weslaco relating to the drainage project at Mid-Valley Airport. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas, City Manager, stated the interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 would provide surveying services, environmental studies, and drainage design services for the Mid Valley Airport project. The agreement utilizes HCDD1's in-house staff at a much lower cost than outsourcing. Armando Martinez, Consultant, noted this work is funded by the $8 million legislative appropriation and that time is of the essence due to runway extension impacts. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between HCDD1 and City of Weslaco as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of $39,985 from vendor Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist under Buyboard Contract #698-23 as budgeted. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and voting.

Antonio Lopez, Fire Chief, requested approval to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) for $39,985 from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist under BuyBoard contract. The equipment is budgeted and necessary for firefighters to enter hazardous environments. Staff recommended approval. Mayor Gonzalez asked if this was an example of what would be covered under the city manager's increased purchasing authority discussed earlier. Staff stated yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lopez to approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of $39,985 from vendor Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist under Buyboard Contract #698-23 as presented. The motion passed; Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration to purchase twelve (12) bunker gear sets to replace end of life equipment at a cost of $55,393 from vendor Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists under Buyboard Contract #698-23 as budgeted. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and voting.

Antonio Lopez requested approval to purchase 12 bunker gear sets for $55,393 to replace end-of-life equipment. The gear is on a rotation schedule between shifts and must be replaced when it reaches manufacturer and state compliance limits. Staff recommended approval and stated it is budgeted.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve the purchase twelve (12) bunker gear sets to replace end of life equipment at a cost of $55,393 from vendor Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists under Buyboard Contract #698-23 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2025-26-18 for the Influent and Effluent 90-Degree Elbow Replacement Project at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services, LLC in the amount of $127,000, as the lowest responsive bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida, City Engineer, explained the city solicited sealed bids for the removal and replacement of deteriorated 18-inch, 24-inch 90-degree elbows at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two bids were received and reviewed for completeness, responsiveness and price competitiveness. The lowest respondent was from Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC at $127,000. Staff recommended approval to award Texas Machine Shop Pump Services and noted respondent met all bid requirements and successfully completed similar utility and lift station projects.

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to award Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC in the amount of $127,000 for the Influent and Effluent 90-Degree Elbow Replacement Project as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to authorize professional engineering services with Guzman & Munoz Engineering and Surveying, Inc for Bridge Water Tower Rehabilitation Project at the Bridge Water Tower under the City's on-call engineering services Work Authorization #1. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

No action.

I. Discussion and consideration to authorize professional engineering services with Hanson Professional Services, Inc for Westgate and 18th Intersection Study Project at Westgate and 18th Streets under the City's on-call engineering services contract with costs not to exceed $54,900. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated the city identified this intersection as requiring evaluation due to increased traffic volumes and operational concerns from ongoing development. The study will include traffic data collection, turning movement counts, capacity analysis, safety review and evaluation of potential improvements such as signalization, turn lane modifications, or other traffic control enhancements. The cost for these professional services will not exceed $54,900 and recommended approval to move forward with a comprehensive traffic study to support data-driven decision making for this intersection.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked about the process for negotiating pricing with on-call engineers. Staff explained they meet with engineers to discuss pricing and remove unnecessary items to achieve the best possible price while being fair to the engineer.

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Hanson Professional Services, Inc for the Westgate and 18th Intersection Study Project with costs not to exceed $54,900 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to authorize professional engineering services with Izaguirre Engineering Group, LLC for Asphalt Overlay Project on 18th Street from Bridge Avenue to Border Avenue under the City's on-call engineering services contract with costs not to exceed $68,381.58. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida requested authorization for Izaguirre Engineering Group LLC to provide design services for the asphalt overlay project on 18th Street from Bridge Avenue to Border Avenue, noting the roadway shows cracking and surface degradation. Staff recommended approval for a cost not to exceed $68,381.58, funded by the 2023-2025 bond issuance and clarified this section continues from the previously completed portion between Westgate and Border.

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve Izaguirre Engineering Group, LLC for Asphalt Overlay Project on 18th Street from Bridge Avenue to Border with costs not to exceed $68,381.58 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No.1 for Pleasantview Drive Re-Paving Project for the repair and installation of existing and new concrete sections to increase the total contract amount from $236,625.20 to $251,687.70. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated during construction, additional pavement sections requiring milling and resurfacing were identified to provide a continuous and uniform driving surface. Additionally, field conditions required concrete collar installations, curb and gutter work, and removal and replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter sections not originally quantified in the base bid. The change order increased the contract from $236,625.20 to $251,687.70, adding $15,062.50 for additional work that included additional quantities, including milling, hot mix asphalt concrete placement, prime coat application, concrete collars with reinforcing steel, and curb and gutter installations and replacements. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order No.1 for Pleasantview Drive Re-Paving Project increasing the contract from $236,625.20 to

$251,687.70 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No.1 for Lift Station #10 for the repair of the existing floor to increase the total contract amount from $450,000 to $487,500 reflecting adjustments. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida explained this change order reflects an 8.33% increase to $487,500 due to existing floor conditions and additional rehabilitation work discovered after removing sludge and sewage from the well. The work is necessary to create a proper smooth well base with proper grade flow to the pumps. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Change Order No.1 for Lift Station #10 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to approve the following for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Library Project: Change Order 3 extending the contract by 58 days and Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorizations 6, 7, 8, & 9 to an amount not to exceed $62,093. (Staffed by Library Department.)

Arnold Becho, Library Director, requested approval of Change Order 3 extending the contract by 58 days and approval for Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorizations 6, 7, 8, and 9 totaling $62,093. Bob Simpson, Architect, explained the expenditures cover additional storm drain piping, door hardware, lime stabilization for parking areas, and replacement of an old waterline. The change order addresses rain delays from last year and other project delays. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Change Order 3 extending the contract by 58 days and approved Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorizations 6, 7, 8, & 9 to an amount not to exceed $62,093 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration on final reading of Ordinance 2026-07 to amend Ordinance 2025-28 to increase cemetery plot fees for non-residents. (First reading held February 4, 2026; Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Xavier Salinas requested no action and stated plot sales to non-residents would be suspended until October 1st when the Master Fee Schedule is amended and allow changes to align with the new fiscal year for auditing purposes. There was no objection to the recommendation, and the commission expressed interest in reviewing all cemetery fees during budget season, noting neighboring cities charge significantly higher rates for various services.

O. Discussion and consideration to authorize the purchase of sports field lighting through BuyBoard #799-25 commodity contract from Musco Lights Co. for Isaac Rodriguez Park improvement project for an amount not to exceed $946,330. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained from discussion and voting.

Eddie Serna, Parks and Recreation Director, requested approval to purchase sports field lighting from Musco Light Company for $946,330 for Isaac Rodriguez Park improvements. The lighting will serve the multipurpose field, softball field, common area, walking trail, and new pickleball courts. Staff recommended approval and noted the expenditure is funded by the 2023 bond issuance.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Musco Lights Co. for field lighting improvements at Isaac Rodriguez Park for an amount not to exceed $946,330 as presented. The motion carried; Commissioner Farias and Rodriguez abstained; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration to approve payment of $29,166.62 to Dr. Andrew Levine for services rendered from March 2025 through September 2025 as the Emergency Medical Services Director and the Health Authority for the City of Weslaco. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez requested approval for payment of $29,166.62 to Dr. Andrew Levine for services rendered from March 2025 through September 2025 as the Emergency Medical Services Director and the Health Authority.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve payment of $29,166.62 to Dr. Andrew Levine for services rendered from March 2025 through September 2025 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration of the Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Andrew Levine for Emergency Medical Services Medical Director for an amount not to exceed $40,000 per year and appointment as the Health Authority for the City of Weslaco with the annual salary of $10,000 per year to run concurrently for a 2-year term. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez requested approval of a two-year contract with Dr. Andrew Levine for emergency medical services medical director ($40,000 per year) and health authority ($10,000 per year). Dr. Levine allows the city to operate Weslaco EMS under his licenses. This represents his third contract with the city, with no price increases from previous contracts. Staff applauded Dr. Levine's support for new initiatives including the community health care officer program. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Andrew Levine for Emergency Medical Services Medical Director for an amount not to exceed $40,000 per year and appointment as the Health Authority for the City of Weslaco with the annual salary of $10,000 per year to run concurrently for a 2-year term as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 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 7:42 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

## VII. 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 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.

C. Legal Consultation — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Municipal Court Fines and Fees as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve staff solicit for qualifications for collection services for Municipal court fines and fees as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 4, 2026 at 7:43 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**