MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

On Wednesday, May 27, 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:

PRESENT:	Mayor	Adrian Gonzalez
	Mayor Pro Tem	Pete Garcia Jr.
	Commissioner	Letty Lopez
	Commissioner	Adrian Farias
	Commissioner	Israel Gonzalez Jr.
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Xavier Salinas	City Manager
	Norma A. Cantu	City Secretary
	Benjamin Castillo	City Attorney

Also present: Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, Rosie Cavazos, Asst. Finance Director, Ray Marroquin, Asst. Fire Chief, Guillermo Fraustro, Engineer II, Eddie Serna, Parks and Recreation Director, Luz Galindo, HR Director, Robert Lopez, Police Chief, Nick Castillo, Public Works Director, David Arce, Utilities Director, Arnold Becho, Library Director, Celine Pardo, Court Clerk, Rick Mendoza, IT Director, Magaly Vega, Media Director, Krista Cheramie, Animal Care Services Director, George Quilantan and Lucio Garza, Inframark and other staff members.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Thursday, May 28, 2026.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Lee Ramirez, The Family Church led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gonzalez led the "Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag."

D. Roll Call.

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary called the roll and noted perfect attendance and a quorum present.

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Recognition of Ritmo de mi Tierra Folklorico Dance Studio

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized and honored the Ritmo de Mi Tierra Folklorico Dance Studio for its dedication in preserving and promoting the traditions of folklorico dance.

2) Recognition National Correctional Officers "Jailers Week"

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission proclaimed May 3 through May 9, 2026 as Jailers Week in the City of Weslaco, extending appreciation to all jailers for their dedication, service, and commitment and professionalism.

3) Proclamation June 2026 as Wear Orange Month

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission proclaimed June 2026 as “Wear Orange Month” in honor of victims of gun violence and encouraged residents to wear orange, participate in awareness efforts, and promote a safer future for all.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sylvia Sanchez-Garza, on behalf of the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Board, addressed the Commission and noted the presence of other board members in attendance. Expressed support for the new library and the importance and need for the rehabilitation of the Gene Braught Memorial Theater auditorium. Stated it is a distinct community asset capable of hosting approximately 178 attendees; described the high historical demand for space and stated that the community had been regularly inquiring about when the auditorium would again become available. She also referenced the adjacent courtyard as part of the broader need.

III. REPORTS

A. Report on Updates for Unified Development Ordinances and Impact Fees

Rebekah De La Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, presented a comprehensive update on the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Impact Fee initiatives as follows:

Unified Development Ordinance: Staff explained that the primary goals of the UDO are to consolidate over twelve existing ordinances into a single unified document, preserve the downtown grid and character, and encourage a broader range of housing options. New housing categories introduced include patio homes (4,000–5,000 sq. ft. lots) and narrow lots (5,000–5,500 sq. ft.), in addition to existing townhome designations, providing more affordable and varied options for developers and homebuyers. A new public service district designation was also created for schools, parks, and government buildings. Additional updates include revised building codes (advancing from 2015 to the 2024 codes), updated flood hazard prevention language aligned with FEMA requirements, a new lighting ordinance incorporating dark skies principles to protect residential neighborhoods from commercial light pollution, and improved graphical standards for clarity. The UDO is currently under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission from May 13 through June 2, with a first reading before P&Z scheduled for September 2 and a final adoption target of October 20.

Impact Fees: Staff explained that impact fees, authorized under Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code, are one-time fees levied against new development — not assessed against existing residents — to ensure that new growth pays for the infrastructure it creates. The Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CAAC), appointed by the Commission, has been working with the consultants Raftelis, Trimad and Gignac to develop the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Land Use Assumption Plan, which are currently posted on the city's website for a 60-day public review period through July 5. The first public hearing to adopt the Land Use Assumption Plan and CIP is scheduled for August 18, with a first reading of the impact fee ordinance on October 6 and final adoption targeted for October 20.

Mayor Gonzalez commented that the UDO and impact fees were about responsible, infrastructure-supported growth and ensuring that developers — not existing taxpayers — bear the cost of the infrastructure demands created by development. He noted Weslaco's growing need to plan for 50- to 100-year storm events, which the engineering standards embedded in the UDO are intended to address. Commissioner Pedraza inquired about on-site detention requirements, and staff confirmed that new developments are required to detain a 50-year storm event and release at a rate equivalent to an undeveloped 10-year storm.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To solicit input on behalf of the City of Weslaco on a proposed Ordinance of the City of Weslaco, Texas extending the moratorium originally adopted by Ordinance No. 2024-26 on the acceptance, authorization, and approval of applications and plans for permits, plats, rezonings, and site plans for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, apartment complexes, and other multifamily residential developments within the corporate city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Weslaco for an additional one hundred twenty (120) days; adopting written findings under Section 212.1362(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code; adopting findings regarding the prospective application of House Bill 2559 of the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2025), under Section 311.022 of the Texas Government Code; ratifying the action of the City Commission taken on January 6, 2026; declaring the Ordinance an emergency measure under Sections 15 and 16 of the Charter of the City of Weslaco to be adopted on the day of its introduction by unanimous vote of the City Commission; providing for the incorporation of premises; providing conflict and severability clauses; and providing an effective date upon passage. (Staffed by City Manager / Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

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

No members of the public came forward to speak.

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, and the Governing Body has been furnished with background and support material and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda by the Mayor, a Commission member or the City Manager and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular and Workshop Meeting on May 6, 2026. (Staffed by City Secretary's Department.)

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

1) Ordinance 2026-12 adopting a mid-year budget amendment. (First reading held May 6, 2026; staffed by Finance Department.)

C. Approval of the lease agreement with Weslaco Youth Football League from June 1st to July 18, 2026, for the use of Harlon Block Sports Complex Park East and West fields. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

D. Approval of Resolution 2026-41 and agreement with TxDOT for the public event in the city limits of Weslaco requiring the closure of Farm to Market Rd 88 (Texas Blvd) between 2nd Street and 6th Street from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a 4th of July drone show with a fireworks' finale event on July 4, 2026, allowing public consumption of alcohol on the street from US Business 83 Highway to 6th Street; waiving fees and ordinances associated with the event; approving support by City of Weslaco, Weslaco Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS Department. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

E. Approval of six-month extension for the Final Plat for Magnolia Ridge Subdivision being 29.00 acres out of Farm Tracts 655, West and Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located on the intersection of Mile 6 ½ West and West 6th St. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

F. Approval of Inter-Local Contract No. 26-21-03 with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for a $30,000 Regional Solid Waste Grant to support improvements at the

Southside Recycle Center, including recycling compactor site preparation, electrical work, and canopy installation. (Staffed by Grant Manager)

G. Approval to ratify the First Amendment to the Agreement between the City (owner) and MOR-WIL, LLC (contractor) for the Kansas and Los Torritos Drainage Improvements Project No. 2024-25-16. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that Item G be pulled for separate discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve consent agenda, withholding item G as presented.. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzlez was present and voting.

G. Approval to Ratify First Amendment to the Agreement with MOR-WIL, LLC for Kansas and Los Torritos Drainage Improvements Project

Commissioner Rodriguez requested clarification.

Gabriel Perez, Grant Manager, clarified that this amendment does not change the substantive terms of the contract with MOR-WIL, LLC, but rather incorporates provisions and language necessary to enable the City to seek grant reimbursement upon project completion.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Following for the record are ordinance caption(s).

ORDINANCE 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-19, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, FINDING NEED TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; TO WIT; GENERAL FUND, $1,796,835 IN EXPENDITURES & $1,302739, IN REVENUE; WATER/WASTER NET COMBINED, ($123,052) IN REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES; SOLID WASTE FUND BY $928,712 IN EXPENDITURES AND $855,000 IN REVENUE; AIRPORT BY $4,900 AND $54,500 IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE RESPECTIVELY; BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FUND INCREASE REVENUE BY $50,142 AND $50,475 IN EXPENDITURES; CIP FUND $0 IN REVENUES, AND $195,000 IN EXPENDITURES; ARPA FUND $0 IN REVENUES AND $0 IN EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-42 appointing member(s) to the City Secretary presented the application of Leticia Gonzales Aleman, nominated by Commissioner Lopez, to serve on the Weslaco Recycling Force. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated a board application was received from Leticia Gonzalez-Aleman for consideration to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force and was nominated by Commissioner Lopez to serve on the Weslaco Recycling Task Force.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2026-42 appointing Leticia Gonzales Aleman to the Weslaco Recycling Task Force as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve a contract with Inframark for operations and management of the City of Weslaco Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plants, and Lift Stations, following the award of RFP No. 2025-26-15. (This item was tabled May 6, 2026; Staffed by City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas, City Manager, reported staff were still in negotiations with Inframark.

Benjamin Castillo, City Attorney, indicated that all substantive matters have been agreed upon and that the remaining open items relate to baseline operating conditions and requested the Commission approve for the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the agreement, estimating completion within a few days.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the contract with Inframark as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration on first and final reading of proposed Ordinance 2026-13 of the City of Weslaco, Texas extending the moratorium originally adopted by Ordinance No. 2024-26 on the acceptance, authorization, and approval of applications and plans for permits, plats, rezonings, and site plans for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, apartment complexes, and other multifamily residential developments within the corporate city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Weslaco for an additional one hundred twenty (120) days; adopting written findings under Section 212.1362(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code; adopting findings regarding the prospective application of House Bill 2559 of the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2025), under Section 311.022 of the Texas Government Code; ratifying the action of the City Commission taken on January 6, 2026; declaring the Ordinance an emergency measure under Sections 15 and 16 of the Charter of the City of Weslaco to be adopted on first and final reading the day of its introduction by unanimous vote of the City Commission; providing for the incorporation of premises; providing conflict and severability clauses; and providing an effective date upon passage. First and final reading of Ordinance 2026-13. (Staffed by City Manager / Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente, presented the details of the moratorium extension, noting that the original moratorium was adopted on September 23, 2024. The proposed extension applies to both the City limits and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), covering the acceptance, review, approval, or rezoning of applications for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and apartment complexes, for an additional 120 days, through September 24, 2026. Confirmed the existing exemptions remain in place, including projects with no infrastructure impact, projects initiated prior to September 23, 2024, grandfathered projects, and projects under existing development agreements. Developers retain the right to request a waiver under Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Rebekah De La Fuente gave a status update on the key infrastructure and planning milestones that justified the original moratorium and continue to support the extension that included: The Mayor Pablo Peña Park RDF is approximately 90 percent complete; the Kansas–Los Torritos waterline project is approximately 50 percent complete; a study for expansion of the south wastewater treatment plant is underway by Cruz Hogan Engineers, supported by a $2 million bond; an infrastructure assessment is being conducted by Ambiotec; and the UDO and impact fee timelines are on track for adoption within the 120-day window. Staff recommended approval of first and final reading of Ordinance 2026-13.

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired whether the moratorium would be lifted beyond the extension period, particularly given the need for affordable rental housing options. Staff indicated they anticipate the moratorium will not need to be extended further, as the UDO should be ready for adoption before the extension expires, and the pace of multifamily development applications has been low regardless, due to tightening institutional financing.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved that having held the public hearing required by Section 212.1361 of the Texas Local Government Code on the proposed Ordinance extending the moratorium originally adopted by Ordinance No. 2024-26 and having considered the evidence and testimony presented by Ordinance 2026-13, find that the proposed Ordinance is an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 15 and 16 of the Charter of the City of Weslaco, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety as set forth in the recitals to the proposed Ordinance; suspend the requirement of Section 15 of the Charter that final action on an ordinance be withheld for at least two weeks after its introduction; and adopt the proposed Ordinance as Ordinance No. 2026-13 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting. Following is the caption of Ordinance 2026-13.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS ("CITY") EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 ON THE ACCEPTANCE, AUTHORIZATION, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND PLANS FOR PERMITS, PLATS, REZONINGS, AND SITE PLANS FOR DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, FOURPLEXES, APARTMENT COMPLEXES, AND OTHER MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF WESLACO; ADOPTING WRITTEN FINDINGS UNDER SECTION 212.1362(a)(2) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; ADOPTING FINDINGS REGARDING THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF HOUSE BILL 2559 OF THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE UNDER SECTION 311.022 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TAKEN ON JANUARY 6, 2026; DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE UNDER SECTIONS 15 AND 16 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WESLACO; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/Adrian Gonzalez, MAYOR

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

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

B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Summerlin Phase 1 Subdivision being a 31.943-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 245, West & Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente stated this was a proposed 107-lot subdivision located outside the city limits and subject to annexation per existing development agreement. The subdivision will be served by water and sewer by the city; developer requested variances that were previously approved as part of the development agreement. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval at its May 6, 2026 meeting. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Final Plat for Summerlin Phase 1 Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat for Bridge Heights Subdivision being a 11.327-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 758, West & Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. Located approximately 110ft East of South Bridge and Mile 5 N Rd. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente stated this was a proposed 62-lot townhome development located inside city limits; serviced by water and sewer by the city; developer requested a variance from the City's connectivity requirement to an existing county road to the north of the property that was never completed and remains unimproved. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the final plat and the variance. Staff recommended approval of the plat but denial of the variance, citing compliance with the connectivity ordinance. Staff confirmed that the development meets all fire access and cul-de-sac requirements as approved by the Engineering Department.

Xavier Salinas clarified that the administration's recommendation would be as recommended by staff to approve the plat and deny the variance and developer would need to provide the required connectivity opening to the unimproved county road.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Final Plat for Bridge Heights Subdivision and deny the variance request. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration on Ordinance 2026-14 to schedule the meeting time for the Regular City Commission to be at 5:00 p.m. beginning June 2026 on the first and third Tuesday of the month. First reading of O2026-14. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Xavier Salinas introduced Ordinance 2026-14, which would formalize the return of regular City Commission meetings to Tuesdays beginning in June 2026. Mayor Gonzalez expressed appreciation to the Commission for having accommodated the Wednesday schedule and for the time change to 5:00pm.

A discussion followed regarding the time for both the workshop and the regular meeting. The Commission agreed that workshop meetings would begin at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to have the meeting time of workshop to begin at 4:30 PM and regular Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month beginning June 2026. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration to solicit proposals from qualified insurance carriers for employer-paid Group Life and AD&D Insurance. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo, Human Resources Director, explained that the current employer-paid group life and AD&D insurance is under a three-year guaranteed rate agreement expiring at the end of fiscal year 2025–26. Staff requested approval to solicit competitive bids for a new three-year guaranteed rate agreement to align with the renewal terms of all Section 125 cafeteria products. Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve and solicit proposals for employer-paid group life and AD&D insurance as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lopez left the meeting prior to discussion and vote.

F. Discussion and consideration to solicit proposals from qualified insurance carriers for a Fully Funded plan to include Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Workers’ Compensation Insurance, and Property & Casualty Insurance. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo stated the health insurance, workers' compensation, and property and casualty agreements are currently on a one-year term and expiring at the end of fiscal year 2025–26. Staff requested approval to solicit competitive bids, with a contingency on the health insurance component pending the outcome of an ongoing negotiation with the incumbent carrier. Staff recommended approval.

Xavier Salinas noted that due to very high claims activity, an initial renewal increase of over 40 percent had been projected. Staff has been in discussions the past month and a half with the current carrier and the increase has been substantially reduced, though the City remains a few percentage points away from its target rate. The Commission was asked to allow approximately one additional week to attempt to reach the target before potentially proceeding to a full market solicitation. Commissioner Farias inquired if options were being explored as a potential cost-saving measure if services were combined; benefits consultant Roger Garza confirmed that all options remain under consideration and would be presented to the Commission upon completion.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve soliciting proposals for fully funded plan including EAP, workers' compensation, and property and casualty insurance, with a contingency on health insurance pending final negotiations as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to solicit proposals from qualified insurance carriers for 125-Cafeteria plan to include supplemental insurance products (dental, vision, short/long term disability, cancer, accident, hospital indemnity, critical illness, basic life & AD&D, and flexible spending account) for the City of Weslaco Employees at no cost to the City. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Luz Galindo stated the Section 125 cafeteria plan products were awarded under a three-year guaranteed rate agreement now expiring. One renewal proposal was received from Colonial Insurance for cancer and group accident products; however, to maintain consistency in renewal terms across all products, staff requested approval to solicit competitive bids for all cafeteria plan products. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve soliciting proposals for Section 125 cafeteria plan insurance products to include supplemental insurance products (dental, vision, short/long term disability, cancer, accident, hospital indemnity, critical illness, basic life & AD&D, and flexible spending account. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of a Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW) with a three-year subscription and support service from vendor, Sequel Data Systems Inc., not to exceed $81,989.00 under TIPS-USA Contract #260105. (Staffed by IT Department.)

Rick Mendoza, IT Director, stated the City's current firewall has fulfilled its planned operational use and will be at the end of service (manufacture support and licenses) June 2026. Three proposals were solicited and evaluated, and SQL Data Systems, Inc. was identified as the best overall competitive pricing response. Staff recommended approval of the purchase of a Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall with a three-year subscription and support service, not to exceed $81,989.00, under TIPS USA Contract No. 260105. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the purchase of the Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall from SQL Data Systems, Inc., not to exceed $81,989 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending March 31, 2026. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, reported that total invested funds as of March 31, 2026 were approximately $87.4 million; year-to-date interest earned was $1.6 million, with $799,544 earned during the quarter, of which $223,786 was allocated to the General Fund. With the remaining interest distributed to the respective project and fund accounts. Staff recommended acceptance and filing and noted all investments remain in full compliance with the City’s Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2026 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration to accept and file the Financial Reports (unaudited) as of March 31, 2026, for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos presented the financial reports for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Airport Fund as of March 31, 2026 as follows:

General Fund: A positive change in fund balance of $7.33 million. Revenues of $26.2 million represented approximately 68 percent of the projected budget. Sales tax collections of $8 million are on track. The City maintains approximately 180 days of operating reserves, well above the targeted 90-day threshold. Ad valorem tax collection stands at 93.18 percent.

Water and Wastewater Fund: A negative revenues-over-expenditures position of $560,204, with approximately 20 days of working capital. Staff noted the impact of bond payments issued in February and indicated the fund will be monitored throughout the year.

Solid Waste Fund: A negative change in fund balance of $65,902 after transfers out, with 87 days of working capital. Staff indicated revenues continue to cover routine expenditures but those transfers out will need monitoring.

Airport Fund: A negative net change of $329,000, continuing to reflect negative working capital days.

Staff recommended approval to accept and file. The financial reports as of March 31, 2026.

Xavier Salinas noted that overall, the City's financial position remains strong with 180 days of operating reserves.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to accept and file the financial reports as of March 31, 2026 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to ratify the purchase orders issued to Texas Machine Shop and KOPPL Pipeline Services, Inc. for contract services associated with the emergency repairs to the Bridge Elevated Storage Tank. (Staffed by Utilities Department.)

David Arce, Utilities Director, stated on April 7, 2026, a significant leak was identified at the Bridge Elevated Storage Tank involving the valve area below the elevated tower. Given the immediate risk to the water distribution system, the City Manager authorized emergency repair. Texas Machine Shop was contacted and repaired the affected valve with replacement parts ordered from Houston and San Antonio. Further evaluation showed an unsafe line pressure required the services to insert a valve to reduce pressure. Staff contacted KOPPL Pipeline Services that inserted a valve to reduce pressure and repairs were completed on April 15. Staff stated emergency repair costs was KOPPL Pipeline Services in the amount of $24,000 and Texas Machine Shop were $69,679 (including parts). David Arce stated other costs included $15,659 for materials (concrete, valves, pipe, couplers, city inventory) and a perimeter fence was installed at a cost of $77,000, for a total of $109,338 in ratified costs. Staff recommended approval of the expenditures.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to ratify the purchase orders associated with the emergency repairs to the Bridge Elevated Storage Tank as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase and installation of new overhead doors for Fire Station No. 3 from Overhead Doors of South Texas to not exceed $69,900. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department)

Eddie Serna, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the existing doors have become unreliable due to age and wear, creating maintenance concerns and the potential to impact emergency response operations. Staff recommended approval to purchase and install new overhead doors at Fire Station No. 3 from Overhead Doors of South Texas in an amount not to exceed $69,900. Staff also confirmed that floor replacement — the final interior renovation item — is expected to be complete by end of the week, with a Monday inspection planned and personnel anticipated to return to the station thereafter. Remaining phases for Station No. 3 include the garage doors, generator, and front facade improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase and installation of new overhead doors for Fire Station No. 3 from Overhead Doors of South Texas, not to exceed $69,900 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration on Amendment No. 6 to the Professional Services Agreement with BSG Architects Inc. for $13,313 related to site design for the location of alternate street lighting for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Project. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Omar Rodriguez explained that the amendment in the amount of $13,313 was for Architects compensation related for site design for an alternate street lighting solution and for electrical engineering design services by Halff Associates for electrical engineering design that included new poles, lighting fixtures, and power routing, and to accommodate minor sidewalk design modifications needed prior to concrete pour. Staff stated this alternate approach; the City will own and maintain approximately eight poles along Kansas Avenue and will be responsible for associated AEP meter charges. The change order is necessary to avoid delivery timeline of one year for AEP-to furnish street light poles for the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library project compared to a three-month timeline by doing the alternate approach. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Amendment No. 6 to the Professional Services Agreement with BSG Architects Inc. in the amount of $13,313 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration on HVAC Assessment Report for the Gene Braught Memorial Theater prepared by Halff Associates. (Staffed by Assistant City Manager.)

Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, stated Halff Associates had presented the HVAC Assessment Report for the Gene Braught Memorial Theater that included an overview of the existing equipment condition, its functionality, code-related considerations, and system limitations affecting comfort, ventilation, and reliability. Staff requested direction on how the commission wished to proceed. The commission requested staff work with Halff Associates to evaluate options and return with cost estimates and a range of alternatives for consideration.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve staff work with Halff Associates for HVAC options for the Gene Braught Memorial Theater and returning with recommendations to include cost estimates. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>O. Discussion and consideration of a Collaboration Agreement between South Texas Health Systems Emergency Medicine Residency program and the City of Weslaco Fire/EMS, including resident ride-outs and longitudinal EMS training opportunities. (Staffed by Fire Department.)</u>

Ray Marroquin, Asst. Fire Chief, stated the collaboration agreement between the City of Weslaco Fire/EMS and the South Texas Health Systems Emergency Medicine Residency Program allowed emergency medicine residents to conduct ride-along with Weslaco paramedic crews for observation and potentially assisting with patient care from the point of scene to the emergency room. This provides the medical residents with firsthand exposure to pre-hospital care and field operations they would not otherwise experience until patients arrive at the ER. In exchange, South Texas Health Systems will provide continuing education sessions (2–4 hours each) for Fire/EMS personnel, which will count toward their recertification requirements. Staff recommended approval. The agreement was reviewed by legal and includes appropriate liability protections for the City.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve the Collaboration Agreement with South Texas Health Systems Emergency Medicine Residency Program as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

<u>P. Discussion and consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Knapp Medical Center and City of Weslaco through its Fire Dept./EMS for the development and implementation of the Community Healthcare Program. (Staffed by Fire Department.)</u>

Ray Marroquin stated the Memorandum of Agreement with Knapp Medical Center would formalize a Community Health Care Program made possible by a grant from the Knapp Medical Center Foundation. The grant will offset funds for overtime for off-duty personnel to conduct weekly patient visits — two to three times per week over a one-month period — providing assessment and treatment to high-utilization patients. Knapp Medical Center would have a dedicated case manager to handle case management, referrals, and patient discharge coordination. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Knapp Medical Center and the City of Weslaco Fire Department/EMS for Community Healthcare Program Development as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2025-26-30 for the Sugarcane Drive Re Paving Project to Elite Paving and Grading, LLC in the amount of $408,345.50 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Guillermo Frausto, Engineering Department, stated staff and SAME Engineering reviewed and evaluated the three bids received for the Sugarcane Drive Re-Paving Project. The scope of work includes milling, base repair, HMAC placement, prime coat application, concrete work, and traffic control. Elite Paving and Grading LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid at $408,345.50. Staff recommended approval to award Elite Paving and Grading LLC and stated project carries a 60-day construction period.

Mayor Gonzalez commented on the importance of coordinating with Weslaco ISD schools and Horizon Montessori, given the school zone proximity of Sugarcane Drive. Staff indicated a preconstruction meeting would bring all relevant entities together with the contractor to work through staging and scheduling.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to award Elite Paving and Grading, LLC in the amount of $408,345.50 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2025-26-32 for the Baffle Rotor Replacement Project at the North and South Sewer Plants to Texas Machine Shop, LLC in the amount of $263,940 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Guillermo Frausto reported that one bid was received via BidNet for the Baffle Rotor Replacement Project at the City's north and south sewer plants. The scope of work includes cleaning, preparation, and installation of new stainless steel baffle systems for the brush rotor aeration units at both facilities. Staff recommended to award Texas Machine Shop, LLC as the sole responsive bid in the amount of $263,940.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to award Texas Machine Shop LLC in the amount of $263,940 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to award the South Border Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Southern Trenchless, LLC in the amount of $145,700 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Guillermo Fraustro presented the bid results for the South Border Manhole Rehabilitation Project. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of an existing 18-foot-deep sanitary sewer manhole, trench safety, bypass pumping, excavation, installation of a new fiberglass manhole, pavement restoration, and traffic control. Southern Trenchless, LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid at $145,700. Staff recommended approval to award Southern

Trenchless LLC. David Arcie, Utilities Director, noted that this is the second manhole replacement in the area along South Border and that additional manholes in the vicinity will require future evaluation.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to award the South Border Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Southern Trenchless, LLC in the amount of $145,700 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

T. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-43 authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements with TxDOT for runway improvements to the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport, with total project costs of $10,526,316 that includes a 5% local match of $526,316. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gabriel Perez, Grant Manager, stated the Resolution authorized the Mayor to execute grant agreements with TxDOT for runway improvements at Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport. Total project cost is $10,526,316, with a required 5 percent local match of $526,316 to be funded from the 2025 bond proceeds. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2026-43 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

U. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-44 authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements with TxDOT for hangar improvements at the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport, with total project costs of $8,421,053 that includes a 5% local match of $421,053. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

Gabriel Perez stated Resolution 2026-44 authorized the Mayor to execute grant agreements with TxDOT for the construction of a new hangar at Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport. Total project cost is $8,421,053, with a required 5 percent local match of $421,053 from the 2025 bond proceeds. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Resolution 2026-44 as presented. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to convene the regular meeting into executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

At 7:33 p.m. Mayor Gonzalez stated the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

X. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel — Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Manager for the City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

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

No action.

C. Legal Consultation — Consultation with City Attorney regarding Cause No. C-5173-25-L, Julissa Rodriguez vs City of Weslaco and Miguel Ortiz, Jr. as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

D. Legal Consultation — Consultation with City Attorney regarding Civil Action No. M-26-100, Angel Adalberto Alanis Jr, vs Officer Pablo Ramirez, et al. as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

E. Legal Consultation — Consultation with City Attorney regarding Cause No. C-5009-24-I; Eliana Santana vs City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

F. Legal Consultation — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Senate Bill 1851 under Local Government Code Chapter 103 as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

No action.

G. Real Property — Discussion and consultation regarding the sale, purchase, exchange, lease or value of property located in the area of Michael Street of Fresno Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas as authorized by Section §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve the sale, purchase, exchange, lease or value of property located around Michael Street of Fresno Subdivision as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Economic Development — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding financial offer or other incentives for Project Flour 2.0 as authorized by Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve financial offer or other incentives for Project Flour 2.0 as discussed in executive session. The motion carried; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to adjourn the regular meeting of May 27, 2026 at 7:34 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