



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026**

On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:45 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  | Josh Pedraza        |
|          | Commissioner  | JP Rodriguez        |

ABSENT: None

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| 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, Peter Hermida, City 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, Magali 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 Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

**B. Invocation.**

Father Francisco Solis, of Saint Joan of Arc Church, led the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

D. Roll Call.

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

E. Mayoral recognition.

1) Proclamation — Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission proclaimed June 2026 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”.

2) Recognition — Palacio de Destinee Event Center

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized Roberta Reyes Ramos as a Women of the Year Award recipient and thanked her and her husband, Art Ramos, as business owners of Palacio de Destinee Event Center, Kings Royal Court, and the Gardens in the city.

3) Recognition — Weslaco Media Department

Mayor Gonzalez stated will be recognized at the meeting of July 7, 2026.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. To solicit input on behalf of Jose Luis Garcia to rezone 2813 W Bus 83, also being West Tract an IRR TR E88'-W712.10'-N513.91' FT 626 1.00AC GR0.80AC NET, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary & Highway District.

No comments.

B. To solicit input on behalf of Jesus and Maricela De Leon to rezone 2629 N Westgate also being a 1.091 acres tract of land, more or less, out of Farm Tract 143, Block 180, The West and Adam Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary and Highway Business District.

No comments.

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 01, 2025 through March 31, 2026, by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Kelly Salazar, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented the semiannual delinquent tax collection report. She noted that the firm's approach prioritizes individual taxpayer outreach before resorting to litigation. During the period, the firm completed three mailings to over 2,000

delinquent taxpayers, made or received 651 phone calls, conducted 76 door-to-door contacts, established 20 payment agreements, and received 107 payoff requests. Thirty-four lawsuits were filed, 13 were disposed of, and 123 lawsuits remain pending, representing over \$432,000 in delinquent taxes, penalty and interest. Total collections for the period exceeded \$334,000, including over \$231,000 in base taxes, \$19,000 in penalty and interest, and \$83,000 in additional collections — an improvement over the prior year's combined collections from two law firms. The representative highlighted a digital outreach program utilizing text messaging that allows taxpayers to pay directly from their mobile devices.

B. Discussion and presentation on Project Board updates. (Staffed by Engineering City Engineer)

Peter Hermida presented an update on the City's active projects (43) for civil, wastewater, water, traffic, and mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) categories. Key highlights included:

Civil Projects: Sugarcane Drive Reconstruction Project a pre-construction meeting was being scheduled with the contractor; Cottonwood Drainage Project design is complete and is proceeding to a request for bids; Pike Street reconstruction plans are 60% complete; 18<sup>th</sup> St. re-paving project design plans 90% complete; Fire Station #4 project is under data topography gathering; Kansas & Los Torritos RDF 90% complete, construction of new trunkline is 50% on hold due to utility conflicts; Cornerstone Drainage Project is 90% complete, with only minor staking remaining; Westgate Village Drainage design is 55% complete; Pedestrian Connection 2022 notice to proceed issued pending proposal for retainage walls; Paisano Drainage Improvements project survey is on hold pending direction from FEMA on funding; Pleasantview Drive Repaving Project deliverables are 100% complete; Border Headwall Project is undergoing redesign to incorporate pedestrian-friendly accessibility features; PD Shooting Range Project geotechnical study underway; Pleasantview Drainage Improvements design options will be sent to engineers for cost proposal; 12 St. Drainage Improvements scope of work provided and pending engineer's proposal; Bridge St. Improvements (Sugarcane & Bridge Ave.) is a redesign of the area and provide additional drainage improvements; PD Police Shooting Range presented a preliminary design and waiting for proposal for master development; Mayor Pablo Pena RDF minor dirt being moved for proper sloping and no more dirt to be removed.

Wastewater & Water Projects: Citywide infrastructure assessment proposal was received and under staff review. The South Wastewater Plant sludge management analysis complete with engineers' recommendations for a screw press or volute-style press. Lift Station 20 and 21 Rehab design proposal from engineer is under staff review. Bridge Water Tower assessment pending engineer's revised proposal. The North Water Plant Reservoir Rehab design is 60% complete. Lift Station 12 construction near 100% and in punch list phase. Manhole Rehab S Border Street project award letter received today and preconstruction meeting to be held. Lift Station 26 Rehab coordination with LG Concrete is still underway to address some issues. Lift Station 10 Rehab is 100% complete pending punch list items. The bar screen installation is 60% complete but faces a

significant equipment lead time delay. Repair of Altitude Valves 100% complete; SWWTP the Influent and Eff Elbow repair 100% complete; maintenance and repair of blower 25% complete; UV module equipment rehab and baffle rotor replacement projects both received contractor notices of award; Lift Station 39 & 16 pump design pending scope

Traffic & Environmental: Citywide street assessment CPI proposal received and under staff review; 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Westgate intersection study 100% complete; Pike and Vo-Tech roundabout design complete pending city direction and grant funding; 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Milano's intersection study 50% complete; Airport Drive and 6<sup>th</sup> signal improvements contractor notified to commence work pending repairs with subcontractor doing work on 18<sup>th</sup> and Bridge; Westgate Traffic Signal Improvements is an HSIP funded project receiving \$600,000 funds from TxDOT and pending AFA deliverables with letting of project to next year and expressway lighting maintenance project is pending scope of work.

MEP Projects: Fire Station No. 3 automatic transfer switch and generator design is underway. The Harlon Block Sportsplex survey is in progress. The North Wastewater Treatment Plant generator scope is pending.

Peter Hermida noted that, since 2018, the City has increased its stormwater detention capacity by approximately 1.1 million cubic yards — the equivalent of roughly 700 acre-feet, or approximately 228 million gallons of stored water.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked what the Cornerstone Drainage project entailed and did it have any other improvements being made. Peter Hermida stated the project was widening the drainage ditch and staff were looking at expanding the scope of improvements such as pipe upsizing and going further east and west of the area.

Following the presentation, a discussion arose regarding the severe flooding that had occurred the previous day, described by the National Weather Service as rivaling the 2015 rain event. Commissioner JP Rodriguez raised concern about recurring flooding specifically in Gabriela Subdivision, Cornerstone, Silva Drive, Southland Heights, Quail Hollow, and the 4th and 5th Street intersection with South Border as areas that flood repeatedly during significant rain events. Commissioner Rodriguez requested that these five neighborhoods be formally added to the Project Board and receive regular progress updates.

Commissioner Rodriguez also expressed concern that some stormwater pumps were not operational until late in the evening during the storm and called for stronger preventative maintenance protocols and public communications showing routine maintenance activity

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. described a monitoring sensor just south of Quail Hollow that had reached full capacity by 7 AM during the storm event, with water not visibly receding until approximately 11 PM. He acknowledged the ongoing work being done, including the recently completed 20-acre retention/detention facility (RDF) adjacent to Villa Verde, built in coordination with the county and a private developer, which he noted provided meaningful relief to the area.

Omar Rodriguez stated areas which previously flooded repeatedly are no longer flooding because of completed projects. He also noted that the Harlon Block Drainage Project is in the planning stages, with Halff & Associates working on grant applications for additional RDFs in the area.

Commissioner Farias emphasized that all commissioners are deeply committed to resolving these issues. Commissioner Lopez echoed this sentiment and specifically requested that staff increase public communications around progress being made on Westgate to Border frontage road drainage, an area generating high call volume.

Mayor Gonzalez requested for staff to analyze drainage flows in the neighborhoods and social media regularly document routine maintenance work so residents can see that staff efforts are ongoing year-round. He also noted that the City is pursuing a PIR (Project Implementation Request) with TxDOT regarding drainage conflicts at the frontage road and emphasized the importance of acquiring pumps that are operationally effective and would be a priority during budget discussions.

Peter Hermida stated that the identified neighborhoods voiced by Commissioner Rodriguez would be formally added to the Project Board. He also briefly showcased a smart drainage sensor (Rion node) installed near Quail Hollow, which provides real-time ditch level data for use in post-storm assessments.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Workshop and Regular Meeting of May 27 and June 2, 2026. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

B. Approval to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$9,000. (Staffed by Police Department.)

C. Approval to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture funds (Fund 201) for Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer overtime, not to exceed \$4,000. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to accept the FY2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Regular Fund Grant for \$8,766.54, with a 50% match to purchase bulletproof vests for first responders. (Staffed by Police Department.)

E. Approval to accept FY25 Operation Stonegarden (Grant# 3173411) funding for the amount of \$284,266. No match required for overtime, equipment, vehicles, and supplies. (Staffed by Police Department.)

F. Approval to submit a Grant Application under the FY 2025 FEMA SAFER solicitation for six firefighter positions in the amount of \$814,572, with a required City match of approximately \$548,894, for a total project cost of \$1,363,466. (Staffed by Grants Manager.)

G. Approval to solicit Requests for Bids (RFB) for the Cotton Estates Drainage Project. (Staffed by the Engineering Department.)

H. Approval to solicit bids for the Influent Pump Suction Line Replacement. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

I. Approval of Ordinance 2026-14 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 3921 E IH 2 described as ADAMS TRACT AN IRR TR N479-24'-E205.38'-W827.55' EXC S167.4'-N479.24'-E114.5'-W827.55' FT 1100 1.64AC NET, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2026-14. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

J. Approval of Ordinance 2026-15 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 4007 E IH 2 being Lot 8, Dellinger Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2026-15. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

K. Approval of Ordinance 2026-16 for de-annexation request from the property owner of 4015 E IH 2 being Lot 7, Dellinger Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. First reading on Ordinance 2026-16. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

L. Approval of the lease agreement with Weslaco Boys & Girls Club for the use of Harlon Block Sports Complex Park for the upcoming youth baseball league season from July 6th to August 16, 2026. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguz requested B and H be withheld for separate discussion.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve consent agenda withholding items B and H as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Approval to use and transfer State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$9,000. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested clarification.

Robert Lopez, Police Chief, stated prior Commission action approved an initial use of asset forfeiture funds to address a backlog of approximately 9,000 open and pending CID cases. That overtime effort resulted in the closure of over 5,000 cases. The current request addresses the remaining approximately 4,000 cases, with the dollar amount calculated based on a cost-per-case

formula developed from the prior expenditure. Robert Lopez stated the newly assigned captain overseeing the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) would maintain case management going forward, preventing future backlogs, was the second request and not continuous and confirmed the City's asset forfeiture fund remains healthy, with over \$800,000 on the federal side and approximately \$80,000 on the state side. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the transfer of State Asset Forfeiture Fund (Fund 201) into department's overtime budget in the amount of \$9,000 as presented. The motion passed unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Approval to solicit bids for the Influent Pump Suction Line Replacement. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Commissioner Lopez inquired about which facility this would provide.

Peter Hermida and Nick Castillo confirmed the project pertains to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lucio Garza, Inframark, explained that the influent pump suction lines, which receive all flow from the north side of the city, are over 15 years old and need replacement due to corrosion. Any compromise in those suction lines would prevent the pumps from priming properly. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve to solicit bids as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS**

A. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-47 on the appointment of a member to the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board. (Staffed by City Secretary Department.)

Norma A. Cantu, City Secretary, stated Esteban Mejia was nominated by Commissioner JP Rodriguez, to continue serving on the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Resolution 2026-47 appointing Esteban Mejia to the Citizens Drainage Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2026-17 for the Voluntary Annexation of McDonald's 42-3818 Weslaco Subdivision— being a 2629 N Westgate also being a 1.091 acres tract of land, more or less, out of Farm Tract 143, Block 180, The West and Adams Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, and Texas. Located approximately 265ft Northwest of W. Sugarcane Dr. and Westgate Dr. First reading of Ordinance 2026-17. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, stated the property is outside city limits and will be the new site of the proposed McDonalds; serviced by water from North Alamo Water Supply and sanitary sewer by the city. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval as the annexation is contiguous to the city limits.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-17 for the Voluntary Annexation of McDonald's 42-3818 Weslaco Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Jose Luis Garcia on Ordinance 2026-18 to rezone 2813 W Bus 83, also being West Tract an IRR TR E88'-W712.10'-N513.91' FT 626 1.00AC GR0.80AC NET, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary & Highway District. First reading of Ordinance 2026-18. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente stated seven (7) property owners were notified with no objection received and proposed use is an event center. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval based on the use is consistent with the 2040 Land Use Map.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve Ordinance 2026-18 to rezone 2813 W Bus 83 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Jesus and Maricela De Leon on Ordinance 2026-19 to rezone 2629 N Westgate also being a 1.091 acres tract of land, more or less, out of Farm Tract 143, Block 180, The West and Adam Tracts Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary and Highway Business District. First reading of Ordinance 2026-19. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah De La Fuente stated ten (10) property owners were notified with no objections received. The rezone was the new site of the proposed McDonald's at Sugarcane and Westgate. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Ordinance 2026-19 to rezone 2629 N Westgate. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and the City of Progreso, Texas, regarding the housing of prisoners in the City of Weslaco municipal jail. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Robert Lopez, Police, explained that the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Progreso established protocols for the housing of prisoners at the Weslaco Municipal Jail when needed, such as during staffing shortfalls. The charge would be \$50 per day per inmate and Robert Lopez

clarified that Weslaco is responsible only for housing; all paperwork, arraignments, and case processing remain with the City of Progreso. In the event an inmate becomes violent or suicidal, the City of Progreso is required to retrieve the individual within a set timeframe; this arrangement has been utilized five times in the past year, the City of Weslaco has never reached jail capacity, and the city would only house prisoners if space is available. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Interlocal Agreement for the housing of prisoners in the City of Weslaco municipal jail. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2026-48 requesting the Federal Aviation Administration approve an official name change of the Weslaco airport from Mid-Valley Airport (KTXW) to Mid-Valley International Airport. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Randy Summers, Airport Advisory Board Chairman, stated on behalf of the Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board they requested to officially rename the Mid-Valley Airport (KTXW) to the Mid-Valley International Airport. Mr. Summers explained that the airport already functions as an international point of entry, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection services in place and approximately 24 to 30 international flights arriving monthly. The Board believes the new name more accurately reflects the airport's existing capabilities and will enhance its visibility among aviation users, commercial partners, and federal agencies. The name change must receive favorable approval by the City Commission before being submitted to the FAA.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2026-48 for an official name change of the Weslaco airport from Mid-Valley Airport (KTXW) to Mid-Valley International Airport as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

F. Discussion and consideration of the Cooperation Agreement with Hidalgo County to continue participation with Urban County as a Unit of General Local Government for a three-year period (UCP funds 2027-2029). (Staffed by Finance Department.)

Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, explained that Hidalgo County has initiated a requalification process for the Urban County Program (UCP) for fiscal years 2027 through 2029 and is requesting that participating municipalities execute new cooperation agreements. Staff noted that the City receives approximately \$275,000 annually through this program and recommended approval.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the Cooperation Agreement with Hidalgo County for the Urban County Program for FY 2027–2029 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

G. Discussion and consideration to approve a change order with Merit Construction for Park Improvement at Mayor Pablo Pena Park in the amount of \$61,250.80. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna, Parks and Recreation Director, stated two unforeseen conditions necessitated the additional scope: first, a sewer sleeve and manhole were required to protect an existing sanitary sewer line and accommodate future utility crossings, requiring additional excavation, materials, labor, and restoration work; second, after consultation with the Fire Marshal, an emergency medical services turnaround was required to provide adequate access and maneuverability for emergency response vehicles, involving additional grading, base preparation, and paving not included in the original plans as presented. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve the change order with Merit Construction for the Mayor Pablo Pena Park improvements project in the amount of \$61,250.80. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of three new play-scapes from Exerplay for Harlon Block Sports Complex Park and Mayor Pablo Pena Park not to exceed the amount of \$999,988.30. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna explained that this purchase utilizes the Allied States cooperative purchasing membership previously approved by the Commission; purchase includes three playscapes: two for Mayor Pablo Pena Park totaling \$490,063 — comprising a mild-to-moderate mobility-challenge inclusive playscape and a toddler playscape for ages 2–5 and one for Harlon Block Sports Complex Park in the amount of \$509,925. Staff emphasized that the playscapes represent a move toward fully inclusive recreational facilities, with accessible surfacing (poured-in-place rubber, not mulch or turf) that accommodates wheelchairs and walkers. Staff noted this would be among the first of its kind in the Rio Grande Valley. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. inquired about the surface material and whether it would be a turnkey installation, and staff it would be and recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Farias moved to approve the purchase of three playscapes from Exerplay, not to exceed \$999,988.30 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to award RFP No. 2025-26-27 for the Boys & Girls Club Center expansion construction project and authorize staff to negotiate the best and final offer if awarded. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated eight proposals were received in response to the request for proposals, which was structured as a ranked evaluation combining bid price and contractor experience and qualifications. After review, staff recommended accepting the base bid and Alternate 1 only. Alternate 1 removes the parking lot addition from scope, which would have required demolition of the existing pavilion and removal of trees in the area. Staff recommended awarding the project to EB Merritt Construction, the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, in the amount of \$2,958,412. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. asked to be involved in discussions regarding the placement and layout of the expansion building to ensure no trees or the pavilion would be

impacted, which staff confirmed that under the recommended scope of work the pavilion and trees would not be impacted. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve EB Merit Construction, as recommended, was made by Commissioner Farias and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Discussion and consideration to award RFB No. 2025-26-28 for the Isaac Rodriguez Park Pickleball Court project to Synth Construction not to exceed the amount of \$221,778. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna recommended Synth Construction be awarded in an amount of \$221,778 for the Isaac Rodriguez Park Pickleball Court project that was for the base bid without any alternates. The bid is below the budgeted amount of \$240,000 and the contractor appears to be well versed in the construction methods as detailed their qualification package. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Synth Construction for the Isaac Rodriguez Park Pickleball Court project not to exceed the amount of \$221,778 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to train and equip the selected individual for the Level III Security Guard position. (Staffed by City Manager/Police Department.)

Robert Lopez, Police Chief, stated discussions with the City Manager has been to consider to open a position for security guard at city hall. The City has registered with the Texas Department of Public Safety to allow for an armed guard Level III security officer. The individual would be required to have Level III armed guard certification and this individual would relieve the officer assigned to city hall that would have that officer back into patrol. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the training and equipping an individual for the Level III Security Guard position as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The commission did not convene into the executive session portion agenda.

## **IX. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Farias seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. moved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 16, 2026 at 7:38 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