MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

On Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:30 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. (via zoom)
	Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
	Commissioner	JP Rodriguez
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Omar Rodriguez	Asst. City Manager
	Aida Vega	Deputy City Secretary
	Benjamin Castillo	City Attorney

Also present: Antonio Lopez Asst. City Manager/Fire Chief. Rosie Cavazos, Finance Director, Rebekah De La Fuente, Planning & Code Enforcement Director, Peter Hermida, City Engineer, 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 Tuesday, July 15, 2026.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Carl Farmer, 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 — Prime South GME Consortium at Knapp Medical Center arrival of 19 new resident physicians.

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized the 2026 Prime South GME Consortium Resident Physicians to Knapp Medical Center composed of 13 internal medicine residents and an inaugural class of 6 family medicine residents for a total number of resident physicians training at Knapp Medical Center to 31 and acknowledged the Consortium and Knapp Medical Center for their commitment to graduate medical education, attracting physicians to the Rio Grande Valley, and building a healthier future for the community.

2) Recognizing the collaboration of the donation of two used police units previously deemed surplus for the WISD Criminal Justice Program.

Mayor Gonzalez along with the City Commission recognized the Joe Calvillo Jr. Career and Technology Education Complex Criminal Justice Program for providing students from Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School with hands-on training and practical experience aligned with careers in law enforcement and public safety.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Herminia Borge voiced her discontent of the road closure along Sugarcane Drive. Stated she was not against roadway improvements but her business La Casa Azul Coffee Bar, was effected tremendously because proper notifications were not given regarding timeline of the improvements that could have allowed her to adjust work schedules for her employees and customers.

III. REPORTS

A. Present dividend check received from Texas Mutual for the City's commitment to Workplace Safety.

Cecilia Flores, HR staff, presented a report noting that this was the fifth consecutive year the City of Weslaco received a dividend check from Texas Mutual Insurance. The dividend check presented was in the amount of $107,219.91, reflecting the City's strong commitment to workplace safety. Since 2022, the City has received cumulative dividend payments totaling $353,578.95.

Ramon Montalvo, representing Texas Mutual, commended the City's efforts, attributing the dividend to three key factors: the City's continued loss control program, stricter departmental oversight, and the City's choice of insurance carrier. He noted that with three months remaining in the fiscal year, the City's current loss record positions it well for an even larger dividend check in the following year. Mayor Gonzalez recognized the City's department directors and staff for their role in maintaining a safe work environment, emphasizing that the dividend was a direct reflection of their diligence. Commissioner Farias inquired whether the funds were restricted; Finance staff confirmed they are deposited back into the general fund.

B. Inframark.

Lucio Garza, Inframark, reported the North Wastewater Treatment Plant operated at 100% regulatory compliance, running at 70% capacity. Two recently completed projects were the replacement of the chlorine clarifier and installation of splash guards to protect mechanical components from sludge contamination.

South Wastewater Treatment Plant operated at 100% compliance and 65% capacity; The Headworks 90-degree elbow replacement project was successfully completed, extending the life of those pipes by approximately 20 years.

Water Treatment Plant: only plant No. 5 operated during the period due to low demand, producing 6.5 million gallons per day at 100% compliance. A chemical line replacement project was completed, improving operators' ability to make proper treatment adjustments. The technical team reported that SCADA communication for the Milano and Westgate water towers is expected to be completed by mid-August.

Reservoir Levels: Combined Amistad and Falcon Reservoir storage was reported at 27.15%, described as historically low but noted that both plants had passed a TCEQ inspection with full compliance, and that permit documents are being prepared in coordination with city engineering staff.

Upcoming Projects: The UV module installation was noted as awarded, with the contractor expected to begin work the following week and completion targeted by September 1. Capital projects included suction line replacement at the North Plant's influent well and upgrades to Lift Stations 16 and 35, with Lift Station 35 identified as the higher priority.

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 on second and final reading of the following:

1) Ordinance 2026-21 to rezone 715 N Kansas Ave. also being Lots 20-22, Block 1, B.F. White Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to T-1 Townhomes District. (First reading held July 7, 2026; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

2) Ordinance 2026-22 to rezone 1628 Canyon Dr. also being Lot 170, Westgate Village Mobile Home Ph 2 Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas from M-1 Mobile Home Subdivision to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. (First reading held July 7, 2026; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

3) Ordinance 2026-23 for the Voluntary Annexation of 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. Located Northwest of the intersection of W Mile 11 and N FM 88. (First reading held July 7, 2026; staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

B. Approval to apply to the FY26 COPS Hiring Program for an amount not to exceed $1,000,000, with a 25% matching to hire sworn police officers. (Staffed by Police Department.)

C. Approval to apply to the FY26 School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant for an amount not to exceed $500,000 with a 25% match. (Staffed by Police Department.)

D. Approval to ratify the submission of a grant application to the Knapp Community Care Foundation in the amount of $150,000 to extend the Community Health Officer Program with no local match required. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

E. Approval to submit a grant application to the Leary Firefighters Foundation in the amount of $25,000. Funding will be used to support training, equipment, and related needs for the Weslaco Fire Department. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

F. Approval to submit a grant application to the LCRA Community Grant Program in the amount of $76,800 for the purchase and installation of water monitoring stations and related equipment with local matching funds in the amount of $19,000 (20%) of the total project cost of $96,000. (Staffed by Grant Manager.)

G. Approval to ratify Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization #12 in an amount not to exceed $1,830 for work related to Head Detail at Curtain Track for the new Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library Project. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

H. Approval to ratify Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization #13 for work related to signage letters in an amount not to exceed $1,373 for the new Mayor Joe V Sanchez Library Project. (Staffed by Asst. City Manager.)

I. Approval of the landowners' petition from Jose A. Flores and Norma A. Buenrostro for the release of property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction described as all the South 5-acres of land out of the North 10-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 92, The West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

J. Approval of Resolution 2026-60 to apply for the Texas Wildlife Parks Grant in collaboration with the LRGV Storm Water Taskforce for Playground Equipment not to exceed $500,000 with a 50% match. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 715 N KANSAS AVE. ALSO BEING LOTS 20-22, BLOCK 1, B.F. WHITE SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, AND TEXAS FROM R-1 ONE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO RT-1 TOWNHOMES DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF REZONE 1628 CANYON DR. ALSO BEING LOT 170, WESTGATE VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PH 2 SUBDIVISION, WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, AND TEXAS FROM M-1 MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION TO B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23

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 37.887 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 on Resolution 2026-55 appointing members to the Board of Adjustments Appeals—Bldg Codes. (Staffed by City Secretary Department/PCE Department.)

Aida Vega, Deputy City Secretary, presented three reappointments for consideration: Mr. Lonnie Berry was nominated by Mayor Gonzalez, Noe Villarreal was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem

Garcia Jr., and Fidencio Alvarado was nominated by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. All three members indicated their willingness to continue serving. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve R2026-55 reappointing Lonnie Berry, Noe Villarreal and Fidencio Alvardo to the Board of Adjustments Appeals—Bldg. Codes as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-56 appointing a member to the Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board. (Staffed by City Secretary Department/Airport Department.)

Aida Vega presented one reappointment for consideration. Raul Cabaza was nominated by Mayor Gonzalez. The member has indicated his willingness to continue serving. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve R2026-56 reappointing Raul Cabaza Mid-Valley Airport Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-57 appointing members to the Recycling Committee (Staffed by City Secretary Department/Sanitation Department.)

Aida Vega presented two reappointments for consideration to the Weslaco Recycling Committee: Ignacio Cavazos was nominated by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. and Ms. Gail Weigel Ortiz was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. Both members indicated their willingness to continue serving. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve R2026-55 reappointing Ignacio Cavazos and Gail Weigal Ortiz to the Recycling Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

D. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-58 appointing a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an unexpired term ending November 19, 2027. (Staffed by City Secretary/PCE Department.)

Aida Vega stated this was a new appointment and would fill an unexpired term ending November 19, 2027. Amado C. Sanchez submitted his Board Application for consideration as was being nominated by Commissioner Farias. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve R2026-58 appointing Amado C. Sanchez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an unexpired term ending November 19, 2027 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

E. Discussion and consideration on Resolution 2026-59 appointing a member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. (Staffed by City Secretary/Parks & Recreation Department.)

Aida Vega stated that the previous member had not sought reappointment and an appointment was needed. Mr. Alejandro Martinez submitted a board application for consideration and was nominated by Mayor Gonzalez. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzalez took a moment to thank all outgoing board members for their service, making mention of a departing member whose family was present, expressing appreciation for the time he contributed to the City.

Commissioner Rodriguez seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve R2026-58 appointing Alejandro Martinez to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No.1 for the Rafetlis Financial Consultants, Inc. contract for Engineering / Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Water, Wastewater, and Roadway Impact Fee Study in the amount not to exceed $12,500. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement, explained that Rafetlis Financial Consultants, Inc. was awarded the original contract in April 2025 to conduct impact fee feasibility studies. The additional cost arises from a greater number of meetings required beyond what was originally anticipated. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Farias, staff stated the impact fee studies pertain to new neighborhood and development projects.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. moved to approve Change Order No.1 for the Rafetlis Financial Consultants, Inc. for a Water, Wastewater, and Roadway Impact Fee study in the amount not to exceed $12,500. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No.1 for the Rafetlis Financial Consultants, Inc. contract for Engineering / Planning Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumption Plan and to Update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances in the amount not to exceed $12,500. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.)

Rebekah de la Fuente stated the change order of $12,500 was similar to the previous item presented. The change order allowed for additional meetings beyond the original scope of work for the Capital Improvement Plan, Land Use Assumption Plan, and Unified Development Ordinance update. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Change Order No.1 for the Rafetlis Financial Consultants, Inc. for the Feasibility Studies for Capital Improvement Plan and Land Use Assumption Plan and to Update the City's Subdivision, Zoning and Building Ordinances in the amount not to exceed $12,500. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

C. Discussion and consideration to award RFP #2025-26-36 for the Employee Group Health Insurance to the best qualified, most advantageous respondent. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

Omar Rodriguez, Asst. City Manager, requested no action for items C, D and E to allow the Consultant and insurance committee to review the proposals before a recommendation is brought forward to the Commission.

No action.

D. Discussion and consideration to award RFP #2025-26-40 for the Employer Paid Group Term Life & AD&D Insurance to the best qualified, most advantageous respondent. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

No action.

E. Discussion and consideration to award RFP #2025-26-37 for the Workers Compensation Insurance to the best qualified, most advantageous respondent. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.)

No action.

F. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance 2026-24 amending the Weslaco Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50 Fire Prevention and Protection, creating Article VII Section 50-82 to 50-101 —Fireworks Ordinance prohibiting the sale, exhibition and possession of fireworks. First reading of Ordinance 2026-24. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

No action requested by staff.

G. Discussion and consideration to have Weslaco Fire Department register as DBA as "City of Weslaco Fire Department EMS" and "Weslaco Fire Department EMS" listed on the Texas EMS license. (Staffed by Fire Department.)

Antonio Lopez, Asst. City Manager/Fire Chief, stated this was a housekeeping measure driven by federal Medicaid/Medicare compliance requirements. He explained that the State of Texas requires all EMS providers to align their licensed names with updated federal guidelines, and that this is statewide correction affecting many agencies. The change would allow the Fire Department to submit its renewal license application to Medicaid. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Weslaco Fire Department register as DBA as "City of Weslaco Fire Department EMS" and "Weslaco Fire Department EMS" as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

H. Discussion and consideration to award RFP No. 2025-26-41 for Aviation Mechanic for On-Call Services to South Texas Aviation Services, LLC. in the amount not to exceed $25,000 per fiscal year. (Staffed by Airport Department.)

Omar Rodriguez stated only one proposal was received and was from Jose Vallejo DBA South Texas Aviation Services. He explained that the on-call mechanic service is intended for transient aviators who land at Mid-Valley Airport and require mechanical assistance — similar in concept to a full-service gas station. The City would collect fees from customers based on a schedule of rates established under the contract, retaining a percentage markup, and in turn pay the mechanic for services rendered. Requested to remove the "not to exceed $25,000 per fiscal year" cap, because this is a revenue-generating contract, capping the amount would unnecessarily limit the City's potential earnings.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve to South Texas Aviation Services, LLC, with the removal of the $25,000 annual cap as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

I. Discussion and consideration to purchase various sizes of water meters from Core & Main in the amount of $145,744.50, the City's sole source vendor for water meters. (Public Utilities Department.)

David Arce, Public Utilities Director, presented a request to purchase Neptune water meters from Core & Main in the amount of $145,744.50. He explained that the City standardized on Neptune meters in 2018, and Core & Main is the authorized sole-source distributor in the area. The order includes 155 standard 5/8-inch residential meters, 30 one-inch meters, and a quantity of 2-inch, 3-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch commercial meters. The Neptune 360 smart meter system allows staff to remotely monitor usage. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve the purchase of various sizes of water meters from Core & Main in the amount of $145,744.50 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

J. Discussion and consideration regarding approval of legal services agreement to assist the City to participate in the National PFAS Phase 2 Settlement Program, review of eligibility status, authorization to collect and submit required system information, and preservation of all rights available under the court-approved PFAS settlements before the July 31, 2026, deadline. (Staffed by City Manager.)

Benjamin Castillo, City Attorney, presented this item and explained that the legal services agreement is necessary to allow the City to assess its eligibility for any settlement amounts under the court-approved PFAS Phase 2 settlements, with a deadline of July 31, 2026.

In response to Mayor Gonzalez about costs, Benjamin Castillo confirmed that the agreement is contingency based, with no upfront cost to the City.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the legal services agreement to assist the City to participate in the National PFAS Phase 2 Settlement Program as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

K. Discussion and consideration to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.012-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas for the Mid-Valley Airport project. (Staffed by ACM Omar Rodriguez.)

Omar Rodriguez stated items K through N were all related to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative that is upgrading a supply line that will ultimately serve the industrial park. The four easements (K-N) are for parcels of land identified as 0.012, 0.043, 0.26, and 0.31 acres, all out of Farm Tracts 58 and 59 of the West Tract Subdivision. The easements and right-of-way would have an electrical line to cross beneath the airport runway. Staff recommended approval of all four items to be acted on separately.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.012-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

L. Discussion and consideration to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.043-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas for the Mid-Valley Airport project. (Staffed by ACM Omar Rodriguez.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.043-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

M. Discussion and consideration to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.26-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas for the Mid-Valley Airport project. (Staffed by ACM Omar Rodriguez.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.26-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 58, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

N. Discussion and consideration to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.31-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 59, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas for the Mid-Valley Airport project. (Staffed by ACM Omar Rodriguez.)

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to grant and convey an electric utility easement and right-of-way to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. being a 0.31-acre tract of land out of Farm Tract 59, West Tract Subdivision, Hidalgo County as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

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

O. Discussion and consideration on Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County Precinct 1 and City of Weslaco for the Mile 4 1/2 West Road Project (Bridge Ave.) (Staffed by ACM Omar Rodriguez.)

Omar Rodriguez explained previous commission action approved an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Precinct 1 for this road project in April. After that approval, the County discovered that the Mile 9-to-Mile 10 road realignment projects were already identified in the MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. This amendment aligns the interlocal agreement with those existing MPO project listings and allows the project to progress. Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Farias, Omar Rodriguez stated the project scope was for road realignment needed for the extension of the airport runway, and that cost details would follow as the project advances.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County Precinct 1 and City of Weslaco for the Mile 4 1/2 West Road Project (Bridge Ave.) as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

P. Discussion and consideration of approval of the architectural program for New Fire Station #4 and authorize ERO Architecture to proceed with the next phase of design. (Staffed by Omar, Asst. City Manager.)

Omar Rodriguez and Antionio Lopez jointly presented this item. Antonio Lopez stated that ERO Architecture had presented multiple program options at a June workshop, and the Commission had directed staff to bring back Option 1 — the full design for Phase 1 of the project. Omar Rodriguez confirmed that Option 1 encompasses a total building area of 12,659 square feet, incorporating both the fire station and an administration building within the same facility. This design will also relieve the current pressure on the police station, where fire administration is currently housed.

The project is funded through the 2025 Certificate of Obligation series. Staff recommended approval to authorize ERO Architecture to proceed with design development in preparation for bidding.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve and authorize ERO Architecture to proceed with design development in preparation for bidding as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

Q. Discussion and consideration to approve the purchase of up to five new or used Police units with emergency equipment for an amount not to exceed $125,000.00 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture account. (Staffed by Police Department.)

Robert Lopez requested approval to purchase up to five police units with emergency equipment, not to exceed $125,000, funded entirely from the Federal Asset Forfeiture account at no cost to the City's general fund. He explained that the vehicles are intended for school resource officers currently driving units that have exceeded both the recommended mileage threshold of 110,000 miles and the recommended 10-year service life. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve the purchase of up to five new or used Police units with emergency equipment for an amount not to exceed $125,000 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture account as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

R. Discussion and consideration of the athletic lighting system upgrades for Harlon Block Sports Complex Park by Musco Lighting, LLC. not to exceed $664,000. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna, Parks & Recreation Director, stated improvements to upgrade to athletic lighting at Harlon Block Sports Complex was being made. The project involves retrofitting all four baseball and softball fields with Musco LED fixtures on existing poles, replacing the current HID lighting system. The upgrade also includes "ball tracker" technology to reduce glare and enhance in-game visibility for players and spectators. The contract is through the TIPS cooperative purchasing contract No. 2610401 with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC as the vendor. The total project cost is not to exceed $664,000, funded through Certificate of Obligation bond funds. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Musco Lighting, LLC. not to exceed $664,000 for the athletic lighting system upgrades for Harlon Block Sports Complex Park as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

S. Discussion and consideration to approve of selling Brick Pavers as part of the Renovations at Corporal Harlon Block Memorial. (Staffed by Parks & Recreation Department.)

Eddie Serna stated a letter from the Iwo Jima Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman Mark McCaleb was received that requested commission approval to raise funds through sponsorships, donations, and the sale of engraved memorial bricks to support the construction of the Corporal Harlon H. Block monument. The request stipulated that all funds raised would be dedicated exclusively to the monument's planning, design, construction, and installation, with any remaining funds reserved for perpetual care and maintenance of the monument. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Farias and Commissioner Pedraza asked about the cost of the pavers and the engraving process. Omar Rodriguez clarified that the current construction design already incorporates pavers, and that staff and the committee want to ensure any engraving or repositioning is done in a way that preserves the structural integrity of the installation and stated tonight's action as the first step to proceed with planning — with the specific fundraising methods, pricing, and collection procedures to be worked out with finance staff and brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve of selling Brick Pavers as part of the Renovations at Corporal Harlon Block Memorial as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

T. Discussion and consideration to approve amendment to the professional Work Authorization No. 1 with SWG Engineering, LLC for additional scope of work for the Water Reservoir Rehabilitation Project at Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $899,823.75(Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida explained that the City is pursuing a zero-percent match grant under House Bill 500 to rehabilitate aging raw water infrastructure at the North Water Treatment Plant. The proposed grant totals approximately $21,000,000. The amendment expands SWG Engineering's scope to include updated design services for the raw water reservoir, associated wells, and conveyance structures, in support of that grant application. The amendment amount is $899,823.75, bringing the total contract value to $1,330,251.50. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve Amendment to Professional Work Authorization No. 1 with SWG Engineering, LLC in the amount of $899,823.75 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

U. Discussion and consideration to approve final payment to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC for the Influent and Effluent 90 Degree Elbow Replacement Project in the amount of $127,000. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated Inframark verified completion of the Influent and Effluent 90-degree elbow replacement project at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. All materials, including elbows, pipe segments, and couplings, had been inspected and approved. This final payment of $127,000 to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC closes out the project. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to approve final payment to Texas Machine Shop Pump Services LLC for the Influent and Effluent 90 Degree Elbow Replacement Project in the amount of $127,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

V. Discussion and consideration to approve an amendment to the professional Work Authorization No. 1 with Urban Infrastructure Group, Inc for additional scope of work for the Sludge Study at South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of $108,000. (Staffed by Engineering Department.)

Peter Hermida stated Urban Infrastructure Group had previously been authorized to evaluate sludge handling and dewatering at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additional engineering analysis has been identified as necessary to complete the assessment and design the concrete pad for the screw press the City intends to acquire. The expanded scope includes detailed site surveys, process data collection, pad area design, and preparation of TCEQ-compliant permit submittals. The amendment amount is $108,000 and staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Lopez pressed staff on the timeline, noting the project appeared to have been moving slowly. Peter Hermida acknowledged the sludge study took time to finalize and that any changes to the South Plant must be reported to and approved by TCEQ, which adds to the timeline. He estimated that design plans would take approximately 2 to 3 months following approval, with construction and installation of the screw press projected to be complete by approximately February or March 2027.

Commissioner Pedraza seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Jr. moved to approve Authorization No. 1 to Urban Infrastructure Group, Inc for additional scope of work for the Sludge Study at South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of $108,000as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Gonzalez was present and voting.

The commission did not enter the executive session portion of the agenda.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. 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.

C. Legal Consultation – Consultation with City Attorney regarding Cause No. C-2224-26-H Christopher De Leon, DBA De Leon Aircraft Maintenance Professional vs. City of Weslaco, TX, Leonel Cantu, JR., and Alvino Flores, individually, and in their official capacities as Peace Officers for the City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

D. Legal Consultation — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding a potential claim by Maria Lorena Martinez de Martin vs. City of Weslaco as authorized by Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pedraza moved to adjourn the regular meeting of July 21, 2026 at 6:40 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