



A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Gregg Kerr
Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Jose “J.P.” Rodriguez
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Josh Pedraza
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
Interim City Secretary	Aida Vega
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Leo Gonzalez, Information Technology Director; Joe Pedraza, Interim Planning and Code Enforcement Director, Andrew Muñoz, Airport Director; and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, January 18 2019.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

C. Roll Call.

Aida Vega, Interim City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance and a quorum present.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification of Change Order #1 from Maguire Iron Inc., for Rehab repairs to the Water Tower Project located at 8th St. & Bridge Ave., in the amount of \$24,995.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works)

Mike Perez, City Manager, stated the change order amount was within his authority to execute and recommended approval further stating any change order that increases or decreases a contract

amount needs commission action. The change order was necessary to ensure safety of the employees and contractor having to address rehab of the rails and other matters leading to the catwalk of the water tower (exterior work). Staff recommends approval and funds available.

Commissioner Muñoz seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to approve ratification of Change Order #1 from Maguire Iron Inc., for Rehab repairs to the Water Tower Project located at 8th St. & Bridge Ave. in the amount of \$24,995.00. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

B. Discussion and consideration to award contract for additional services through Buyboard vendor #504-16 to Maguire Iron Inc. for Rehab of the Water Tower Project located at 8th St. & Bridge Ave. in an amount not to exceed \$121,000 and authorize an additional 45 days for project completion and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works)

Marcelo Cosme, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated improvements to inside of the water tower are necessary. This involves being re-blasted and recoated because of corrosion; this was detected when the water tower was drained during the ongoing rehabilitation of the water tower. Staff recommends approval of Buy board vendor Maguire Iron Inc.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz; staff stated one quote from the contractor on site, who is a vendor under Buyboard, was received and is a cost savings from previous quotes received; this was not additional services but considered another contract and will be reviewed by City Attorney to reflect that. Scope of work would include support of the catwalk and interior rehabilitation of the water tower. In response to Commissioner Tafolla antennas will need to be relocated but will be done by Sprint.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez moved to award a contract to Buyboard vendor #504-16 to Maguire Iron Inc. for Rehab of the Water Tower Project located at 8th St. & Bridge Ave. in an amount not to exceed \$121,000. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:49 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pedraza, moved the special meeting to convene in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

At 7:26 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

IV. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel – Interview of City Secretary applicants as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Tafolla seconded by Commissioner Muñoz moved to confirm the appointment of Myra Garza as City Secretary. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Muñoz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY, Aida Vega

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Leo Muñoz

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