



**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2011**

On this 5th day of April 2011 at 6:00 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in Regular Session at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	Miguel D. Wise
Mayor Pro-Tem	J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar
Commissioner	Robert J. Garza
Commissioner	Rene Rodriguez, Jr.
Commissioner	Gerardo "Gerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe V. Rivera
Commissioner	Joe A. Martinez
City Manager	Leonardo Olivares
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Ramon Vela

Also present: Rey Garcia, IT Director; Bret Mann, Finance Director; David Salinas, Public Utilities Director; Veronica Ramirez, Interim Human Resources Director; Police Chief Juan Sifuentes; Fire Marshal Jimmy Cuellar; Jim Cathey, Parks Recreation Specialist; George Garrett, Airport Director; Elvia Rios, Sponsored Projects Manager; and several other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call/Establish a Quorum.
Mayor Wise called the meeting to order. Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll; a quorum was established.
- B. Certification of Public Notice.
Mayor Wise certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, April 1, 2011.
- C. Invocation.
Dr. Akram Rana, president of the RGV Islamic Center gave the invocation, first in Arabic then translated in English.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag.
- E. Mayoral Proclamations.
The Mayor recognized the Office of the Fire Marshal as recipients of the Jack Sneed Award for South Texas Arson Response, Miss Weslaco 2011, Holy Family Services, National Crime Victims Rights Week, and Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it had been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote. Possible action.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 11, 2011. Attachment.
- B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2011. Attachment.
- C. Approval of the annual lease agreement with the Weslaco Little League through July 31, 2011 to continue providing organized recreational activities at Isaac Rodriguez Park Minor Field and Harlon Block Sports Complex Field #1 and concession stands. Attachment.
- D. Approval of the request by Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) for use of the Harlon Block Sports Complex pavilion #34 on Saturday, April 16 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. to celebrate “Deaf Awareness Month” and waive all fees associated with the event. Attachment.
- E. Approval of the request by H.E.B. Grocery Warehouse and the Transportation Department to use all of the Isaac D. Rodriguez Park Area (Ball Fields, Service Center and Swimming Pool) to host their Annual Partner Picnic on Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. and the pool area from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. with the assistance of the Parks and Recreation Department and to waive all fees associated with the event. Attachment.
- F. Approval of a request by Fenix Autism Awareness to close 320-feet of Plaza Los Encinos Drive south from Expressway 83 frontage for a Fun Run Bike Rally and Cook Off on Saturday, April 9 and waive all fees associated with the event. Attachment.
- G. Approval of Resolution 2011-20 endorsing the Valley Metro Job Access and Reverse Commute grant application to expand service on Saturdays, close gaps in service weekdays, extend daily operating hours to 7:00 p.m., re-align routes to improve efficiency and effectiveness, and add route service in key locations, including Weslaco. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla requested Items C, E, and F be withheld for consideration. Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, moved to approve items A, B, D, and G of the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, the Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS SUPPORTING A VALLEY METRO JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of Weslaco, Texas currently provides local funding match for a regional

public transportation system managed by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) under the Valley Metro name; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Weslaco, Texas supports Valley Metro's intent to match local funds with federal JARC funds for improvement to current service and future service; and

WHEREAS, Valley Metro's JARC project will increase mobility and access for local residents who desire to use the bus to reach employment, workforce assistance, training, education, child care, and other work-related destinations throughout Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Valley Metro intends to expand service on Saturdays, close gaps in service during the day, extend daily operating hours to the evening, re-align routes to improve efficiency and effectiveness, and add route service in key locations; and

WHEREAS, this project will assist welfare recipients, low-income individuals, colonia residents, and other transit-dependent populations in utilizing much-needed social services and jobs by connecting them across urban areas and from rural to urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Valley Metro has coordinated planning with the City of Weslaco to ensure that the project successfully achieves its goals;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT THE CITY OF WESLACO FULLY ENDORSES VALLEY METRO'S JARC PROJECT.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2011.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

Regarding Item C, Commissioner Tafolla inquired about the policy when volunteers wish to assist in cleaning; Commissioner Garza indicated it may be a liability issue. Mr. Jim Cathey stated the lease agreement requires liability insurance, which should cover actions of the volunteers. The City Attorney suggested section 15 of the lease be amended to include "with assistance from the League whenever possible." Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve item C of the consent agenda with the modification to the lease language as stated by the City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

On Item E, Commissioner Martinez inquired if lifeguards would be present; Mr. Cathey affirmed, clarifying that the pool would be open with lifeguards to the public in June. Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve item E of the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

Commissioner Martinez inquired which fees may be waived; the City Secretary responded that at minimum the Party Permit fee for exemption from the sound ordinance would be waived. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, moved to approve item F of the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

III. APPOINTMENTS

Standard documentation

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution No. 2011-16 and Resolution No. 2011-17 to appoint two members to the Library Board. Possible action. Attachment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-16 and Resolution No. 2011-17 to appoint Francisco Rivera and Michael Casteneda, respectively, as two members to the Library Board. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, the Resolutions read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Library Board pursuant to Section 17-17 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board members shall serve without compensation and unlimited terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Francisco Rivera is appointed to serve a two year term on the Library Board and the term will expire on May 6, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Library Board pursuant to Section 17-17 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board members shall serve without compensation and unlimited terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Michael Casteneda is appointed to serve a two year term on the Library Board and the term will expire on May 6, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April 2011.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution No. 2011-18 and Resolution No. 2011-19 to appoint two members to the Traffic Safety Committee. Possible action.

Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-18 and Resolution No. 2011-19 to appoint Joe Garza and Freddy Flores, respectively, as two members to the Traffic Safety Committee to fill the unexpired terms of Juan Gonzalez and Adelle Valmocina. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, the Resolutions read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Traffic Safety Committee pursuant to Section 134-4 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for three years; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Joe Garza is appointed to an unexpired term on the Traffic Safety Committee. Your term will begin on April 6, 2011 and end on June 6, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Traffic Safety Committee pursuant to Section 134-4 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for three years; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Freddy Flores is appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Traffic Safety Committee. Your term will begin on April 6, 2011 and end on October 16, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April 2011.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to reconsider Resolution No. 2010-20 to include a uniform attendance policy, establishing three consecutive absences from any board or committee

as appointed just cause for removal and replacement. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to reconsider Resolution No. 2010-20 to include a uniform attendance policy, establishing three absences from any board or committee as appointed just cause for removal and replacement. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, the Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCREENING, APPOINTMENT, CONFIRMATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR SERVICE ON CITY OF WESLACO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco has Standing Committees, Boards, Authorities and Commissions (hereafter called "Boards") that assist and recommend to the Weslaco City Commission programs and projects that benefit the citizens of Weslaco; and

WHEREAS, The Weslaco City Commission (hereafter called "Commission") also periodically creates *Ad Hoc* Boards to assist the City of Weslaco in addressing unexpected issues, projects or concerns; and

WHEREAS, The Commission desires the best qualified individuals on these Boards to represent a diverse cross section of the citizens of Weslaco.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Weslaco City Commission hereby adopts the following Policy for the screening, appointment and confirmation of individuals to serve on the various Boards.

A. Screening

Interested individuals shall submit to the City Secretary a Board application which will contain: 1) contact and demographic data; and 2) educational, professional, civic and other relevant credentials.

Individuals shall confirm receipt the City's diversity, affirmative action, nepotism, ethics policies; the Board's mission, duties and responsibilities as established by Ordinance or other order; and other relevant documents. Individuals must agree to abide by Weslaco City Charter and applicable Ordinances, and state and federal laws.

B. Appointment

The City Manager may recommend the best qualified individuals to the City Commission. The Commission will attempt to appoint the best qualified individuals that will fairly represent the demographic characteristics of Weslaco.

To ensure greater public participation, individuals shall not serve concurrently on more than one Board, unless the Commission makes an exemption.

The Commission shall make fair and deliberative appointments that comply with the Weslaco City Charter and applicable Ordinances, and state and federal laws.

C. Confirmation

Prior to appointment by the Commission, individuals should confirm that they remain interested in serving on a particular Board by either: 1) attending the Commission meeting which has the item on the Commission's Agenda; or 2) submitting a written statement of interest to the Mayor.

D. Attendance

Three absences, not limited to consecutive, from any board or committee as appointed is

established as just cause for removal and replacement by the Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of July, 2010.

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April, 2011 to include the attendance policy.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve Change Order No. 3 with Closner Construction Company, L.C. in an amount of \$4,449.75 to be deducted from the total contract price for the Westgate Drive improvement project. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve Change Order No. 3 with Closner Construction Company, L.C. in an amount of \$4,449.75 to be deducted from the total contract price for the Westgate Drive improvement project. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- C. Discussion and consideration to approve final pay application and certificate of completion with Closner Construction Company, L.C. in an amount of \$34,474.12 for the Westgate Drive improvement project. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, moved to approve final pay application and certificate of completion with Closner Construction Company, L.C. in an amount of \$34,474.12 for the Westgate Drive improvement project. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- D. Discussion and consideration on establishing priority infrastructure needs and authorize the preparation of interlocal agreements with Hidalgo County Precinct One. Possible action. Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

- E. Discussion and consideration on the purchase of an excavator. Possible action. Attachment.

The City Manager stated that the City has an arrangement with Hidalgo County Irrigation District #9 for the maintenance of storm drains; but as hurricane season approaches, should the City prefer to have its own excavator for drain maintenance, the cost is approximately \$175,000.00 Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to direct the City Manager to explore the purchase of an excavator and present at the next regular City Commission meeting an official quote through Buyboard or Request for Proposals. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- F. Discussion and consideration to utilize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds secured through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to pay for engineering fees in compliance with federal procurement procedures for the Flood

Drainage Improvement Project at the Las Brisas del Oro Subdivision and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. Attachment.

Following discussion on the history of this project as submitted to two funding agencies, the Mayor Pro-Tem and City Manager recommended the retention of TEDSI Engineers since that firm initiated some work on the same project under the other grantor agency. The Mayor expressed concern about the stated fees as assessed by TEDSI. Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to utilize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds secured through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to pay for engineering fees in compliance with federal procurement procedures for the Flood Drainage Improvement Project at the Las Brisas del Oro Subdivision, authorize the retention of Cruz-Hogan Consulting Engineers, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Motion carried as follows: FOR – Commissioners Martinez and Rivera; AGAINST – Commissioner Rodriguez; ABSTENTION - Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, Commissioners Garza and Tafolla (Vote 2-1). For the record, Mayor Wise voted for the item.

- G. Discussion and consideration to authorize the submission of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 for the joint administration of the Community Safe Room Operations Plan, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with IDEA Academy for the contribution of the 25% local match requirement, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. Attachment.

The Mayor Pro-Tem clarified this was separate from the Boys & Girls Club application. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to authorize the submission of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 for the joint administration of the Community Safe Room Operations Plan, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with IDEA Academy for the contribution of the 25% local match requirement, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- H. Discussion and consideration to enter into a development agreement with the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco to provide the south-half of City Hall for a new business, visitor, and event center to house the visitor center and offices for the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco. Possible action. Attachment.

The Mayor Pro-Tem read the following into the record, as published in the Mid-Valley Town Crier on April 3, 2011:



THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WESLACO

BUSINESS VISITOR AND EVENT CENTER LRGVDC RELOCATION

The recent news story regarding the relocation of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) to Weslaco was not complete. The LRGVDC is a headquarters that The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco (EDC), in partnership with the City of Weslaco, wants to relocate to Weslaco. More specifically, it is the intent to locate LRGVDC downtown.

Of the options offered, the LRGVDC chose to locate in the current Business-Visitor Center. This will bring 75 individuals to the center of downtown Weslaco, bringing a major employer to the community. The contract will provide for a purchase option at Two Million Dollars, and it will be a permanent move. When the purchase option is exercised, it will provide additional revenue to continue with the redevelopment of East Business 83.

The newspaper account did not provide the plan for the Business-Visitor Center: Where would the EDC and Chamber of Commerce offices go? What does the community receive in return?

Based on the EDC Board action of March 7 and 21, the plan is twofold:

1. A permanent home for the LRGVDC.
2. A new Event Center to house the Business-Visitor Center, EDC offices, and Chamber offices.

First, the plan is that the vacant south half of City Hall be converted into a new Business, Visitor, and Event Center. The idle city asset is over 25,000 square feet. The plan is to relocate the EDC and Chamber offices as well as the Business-Visitor Center to this site.

This can be accomplished by the end of August with a very focused and deliberate plan of action. The City Commission is aware of what they have asked the EDC to do and what the EDC has requested from the City to make the plan work.

The EDC is committed to provide the community, the visitor, and the business investor with a Business-Visitor Center that is just as good as, if not better than, the current facility. The EDC also is committed to having a venue in the middle of town that will serve as an 18,000 square foot events center.

This action by the EDC board is consistent with the plan for downtown to continue to be a viable and active part of the community. It also brings a headquarters company to Weslaco, joining the Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Headquarters, the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, and the Texas Rural Aid state headquarters, and the IDEA Public Schools headquarters. These all help promote Weslaco as a business center located to serve the Rio Grande Valley market.

The end goal is to continue to reinvent Weslaco from the center, downtown. This is both the Heart and the Soul of the community. For this to happen, the EDC is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Weslaco to diversify our economy and to grow Weslaco – one impact project at a time.

Hernan Gonzalez
Executive Director

Martha Noell, CEO
Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Hernan Gonzalez, Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation, stated, "We're excited: This is a good day because finally the City of Weslaco may get an event center in downtown." The Mayor recommended, if structurally feasible, a second floor be created for storage or a meeting room to overlook the convention area. The Mayor Pro-Tem thanked the leadership of the Mayor, City Manager, and the boards of directors of the EDC and Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Rodriguez requested that bond counsel review if the Fire Department should be located there. The Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to enter into a development agreement with the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco to provide the south-half of City Hall for a new business, visitor, and event center to house the visitor center and offices for the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco with the inclusion of the Chamber of Commerce in a long-term lease. The motion

carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- I. Discussion and consideration to accept a bid received on tax resale property described as Lots 4 and 5, Block 13, L.D. Morgan's Addition, approve Resolution No. 2011-21 authorizing the tax resale, authorize a budget amendment as may be appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute the tax resale deed and any related documents. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to table this item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting. As a minute order, the Commission instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to report on federal programs to acquire and redevelop these properties.

- J. Discussion and consideration to reject the bid for Water Treatment Plant Generator project Bid No. 2010-11-05 from Metro Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$299,400.00 and to authorize the Re-Advertisement of Bids for the construction phase of the Water Treatment Plant Generator project located at 2500 N. Texas Blvd. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to reject the bid for Water Treatment Plant Generator project Bid No. 2010-11-05 from Metro Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$299,400.00 and to authorize the Re-Advertisement of Bids for the construction phase of the Water Treatment Plant Generator project located at 2500 N. Texas Blvd. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- K. Discussion and consideration to award the bid contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plat Standby Generator Set Replacement Bid No. 2010-11-04 to Holt Cat in the amount of \$235,319.83, waive the informalities of the bid, and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Possible action. Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

- L. Discussion and consideration to approve a budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$70,443.00 to increase the Police Department's general fund account, Capital Outlay 01-512-4010, for funding acquired through the JAG Edward Byrne Grant #2009-SB-B9-1377 as accepted by City Commission at the meeting of July 6, 2010 for the purchase of computer equipment (laptops and all software, etc.). Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve a budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$70,443.00 to increase the Police Department's general fund account, Capital Outlay 01-512-4010, for funding acquired through the JAG Edward Byrne Grant #2009-SB-B9-1377 as accepted by City Commission at the meeting of July 6, 2010 for the purchase of computer equipment (laptops and all software, etc.). The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- M. Discussion and consideration to utilize Federal Equitable Sharing funds by the Police

Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,995.00 to pay Court Costs for the acquisition of vehicles and the purchase of laptops and PTS software and authorize a budget amendment as needed. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to utilize Federal Equitable Sharing funds by the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,995.00 to pay Court Costs for the acquisition of vehicles only and authorize a budget amendment as needed. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- N. Discussion and consideration to select the best qualified, most advantageous proposal as vendor for Fire Department uniforms based on the results of the bid opening RFP 2010-11-06 on March 14, 2011. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by the Mayor Pro-Tem, moved to select Lone Star Uniforms as the best qualified, most advantageous proposal as vendor for Fire Department uniforms based on the results of the bid opening RFP 2010-11-06 on March 14, 2011. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- O. Discussion and consideration to select the best qualified, most advantageous proposal as vendor for Fire Department bunker gear based on the results of the bid opening RFP 2010-11-07 on March 14, 2011. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to select Casco Industries as the best qualified, most advantageous proposal as vendor for Fire Department bunker gear based on the results of the bid opening RFP 2010-11-07 on March 14, 2011. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- P. Discussion and consideration to include video of public meetings, including Regular Commission meetings, on the City of Weslaco's website for viewing and download. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to include video of public meetings, including Regular Commission meetings, on the City of Weslaco's website for viewing and download. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- Q. Discussion and consideration to utilize a paperless agenda packet for the next regular meeting of the City Commission in observance of Earth Day on April 22, 2011. Possible action. Attachment.

Commissioner Garza stated the City should move toward a paperless agenda at every meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to utilize a paperless agenda packet for the next regular meeting of the City Commission in observance of Earth Day on April 22, 2011. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- R. Discussion and consideration to implement departmental reorganization with appropriate budget amendments. Possible action. Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Report on Departmental Update, Upcoming Meetings and Appointments. Attachment.
- B. Report on Legislative Update. Attachment.
- C. Report on 2010 United Way of South Texas Sustaining Membership Certificate. Attachment.
- D. Recognition of South Texas Arson Response Team with Jack Sneed Award.

Reporting on all items fluidly, the City Manager stated 62-employees had separated from the City; following an assessment of vital vacancies, 12 were filled by external hires. Commissioner Martinez inquired how many of those reside in Weslaco and the City Manager stated he would check. The Mayor announced a letter was received from the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division declaring expansion of the runway at Mid Valley Airport. Additionally, the Mayor applauded the Police Chief for departmental changes effective Sunday to increase from 33 to 42 patrolmen on duty.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Carlos Guerra of 1205 West Fourth Street, on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Group, commended Chief Sifuentes and expressed his hope the Commission would support him; Mr. Guerra also asked the Commissioners to ask themselves, “What have I done that’s in the best interest of Weslaco?”

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Wise recessed the regular meeting to convene in Executive Session.

At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Wise announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Pending Litigation – Consult with City Attorney regarding CL-11-0877-A *Adjusters International v. City of Weslaco* pursuant to §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Consultation – Consult with City Attorney regarding the legal issues raised in connection to the agreements with Meridian Solar and Sigler Winston Greenwood & Associates on the Photo Voltaic Solar Array Project as authorized by §551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- C. Consultation – Consult with the City Manager and City Attorney regarding the possible investigation of the acts and conduct of employees in a City of Weslaco Department pursuant to Article V §19 of the Weslaco City Charter and §551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 8:38 p.m. Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, moved to adjourn the April 5, 2011 meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, Miguel D. Wise

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth M. Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, J.F. “Johnny” Cuellar

COMMISSIONER, Robert J. Garza

COMMISSIONER, Rene Rodriguez, Jr.

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