



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

On this 12th day of September 2011 at 6:15 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in Special 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	Olga M. Noriega
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: Bret Mann, Finance Director; David Salinas, Public Utilities Director; Police Chief Juan Sifuentes; George Gonzalez, Planning Director; Elvia Rios, Interim Human Resources Director; Juan Salas, IT; and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Certification of Public Notice.

Mayor Wise called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, September 9, 2011.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting Commissioner Garza as absent.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance No. 2011-26 authorizing the City of Weslaco to self-insure and establish a proprietary network for Workers' Compensation coverage effective October 1, 2011. First reading of Ordinance No. 2011-26. Possible action. Attachment.

The Mayor explained that the state permits through the Texas Insurance Code that political subdivisions, like the City of Weslaco, may choose to self-fund worker's compensation coverage, adding that the proposed action today would put the mechanism in place to self-insure if the Commissioner determines later to adopt that policy. Finance Director Bret Mann stated the City of Edinburg reduced such associated expenses by 40% by electing to self-fund. Following some questions by

the Commission, Human Resources Interim Director Elvia Rios announced that 30 City employees currently have workers' compensation claims filed for a range of injuries. Mr. Mann clarified that exceeds ten percent of the City's workforce at a cost of \$520,000.00 this year. The City Attorney clarified that all workers' compensation laws remain applicable through a self-fund program and a third party administrator determines fair compensation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments received.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the September 12, 2011 Special 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

(absent)

COMMISSIONER, Robert J. Garza

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