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**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2009**

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009 at 6:00 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.

**NOTE:** If any accommodation for a disability is required, notify the City Secretary's Office at (956) 968-3181, Ext 3101 prior to the meeting date.

**NOTE:** If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the City Commission will convene in such executive or closed session whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez called the meeting to order. The following city officials were present, a quorum was established and the following proceedings were held.

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| Mayor          | Buddy de la Rosa        |
| Mayor Pro-Tem  | Rene Rodriguez, Jr.     |
| Commissioner   | Robert J. Garza         |
| Commissioner   | J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar   |
| Commissioner   | Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla |
| Commissioner   | Lupe V. Rivera          |
| Commissioner   | Patrick B. Kennedy      |
| City Manager   | Francisco Castellanos   |
| City Secretary | Amanda C. Elizondo      |
| City Attorney  | Ramon Vela              |

Also present: Omar Gonzales, Finance Director; Pete Garcia, Parks & Recreation Director; Gloria Sepulveda, Purchasing Director, Jose Perez, Jr., Police Chief and several other staff members and citizens.

Reverend Howard Bloomquist, from the Central Christian Fellowship Church of Weslaco, gave the invocation. Mayor de la Rosa recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez proceeded with the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. To discuss the tax rate. take record vote and schedule public hearings for September 3, 2009 and September 8, 2009. Possible action.

Omar Gonzales, Finance Director, highlighted the City of Weslaco Projected Revenues & Tax Rates for fiscal year 2009/2010. He mentioned staff was recommending the same tax rate of

0.6967 which was less than the effective tax rate. Mr. Gonzales stated that based on staff's recommendation no public hearing were required.

**CITY OF WESLACO  
PROJECTED REVENUES & TAX RATES  
9/30/2009**

YEAR	TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY	PROPERTY TAX VALUE @ 92%	MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS		DEBT SERVICE		TOTAL	
			ACTUAL		ACTUAL		ACTUAL	
			RATE	REVENUE	RATE	REVENUE	RATE	REVENUE
2008-2009	\$ 1,255,860,429	\$ 1,155,391,595	0.5210	\$ 6,019,590	0.1757	\$ 2,030,023	0.6967	\$ 8,049,613
2009-2010	\$ 1,255,435,560	\$ 1,155,920,715	0.5152	\$ 5,955,304	0.1815	\$ 2,097,998	0.6967	\$ 8,053,300

**DESCRIPTION OF TAX RATE**

Effective Tax Rate *	0.7136
Rollback Tax Rate	0.7598
Last Years Tax Rate	0.6957
Proposed Tax Rate	0.6967

\* The Notice and Hearing Limit is the highest tax rate that may be adopted without notices and a public hearing. It is the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate.

A brief discussion was held and Mayor de la Rosa asked by adopting the proposed tax rate and with the estimated total value of property would the city be collecting less taxes or more.

Mr. Gonzales responded the city would collect less taxes approximately \$60,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to accept the tax rate of 0.6967. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor de la Rosa adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**CITY OF WESLACO**

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**MAYOR, Buddy de la Rosa**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY SECRETARY, Amanda C. Elizondo**

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**MAYOR PRO-TEM, Rene Rodríguez, Jr.**

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