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**WESLACO CITY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 at 6:07 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 and the following members were present.

**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.

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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, Bernard Rodriguez, Interim Planning and Code Enforcement Director; and several staff members and citizens. Mayor de la Rosa called the meeting to order, a quorum was established and the following proceedings were held.

Pastor Miguel Escamilla, from Iglesia Cristiana Bethel 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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separately unless requested by one commission member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.

Mayor de la Rosa moved the order of the agenda and proceeded with the following item under New Business, V., H.

- H. Discussion and consideration to approve the Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat of the One Westgate Ltd. previously presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission as International Bank Subdivision. Possible action.

Bernard Rodriguez, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, stated the proposed two lot subdivision was located inside the city limits on Westgate Drive and Expressway 83. He pointed out the property would be used for commercial and the city would provide the water services. Mr. Rodriguez stated the property was in a Flood Zone "X", an area outside the 500-year flood plan. He added the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 20, 2009 approved the plat and change of the subdivision name. Mr. Rodriguez indicated this was part of the widening of Westgate Drive and recommended approval of the plat.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the preliminary and final subdivision plat as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor de la Rosa proceeded with the regular order of the agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Regular Meeting of September 1, 2009
- B. Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2009-23 amending the Zoning Map of the City of Weslaco to change the zoning of Lots 1 & 2, Mid Valley Industrial Park #8, at 3300 E. Sugarcane Drive from "R-1" Single Family Dwelling District to "I" Industrial District. Possible action.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

For the record, Ordinance No. 2009-23 read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 320 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF LOTS 1 & 2, MID VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK #8 AT 3300 E SUGARCANE DRIVE, FROM "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO "I"

INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

CITY OF WESLACO  
/s/ Buddy de la Rosa, R. Ph.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Amanda C. Elizondo, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public or the governmental body may make comments on subjects for which notice has been given and which are on the agenda Section 551.042, Texas Open Meetings Act. Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no comments from the audience.

**III. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Announcement of a grant award in the amount of \$17,135.00 from the Department of Justice/Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to provide Weslaco Police Officers with the necessary equipment to accurately document traffic stop information and citizen complaint resolutions.

Mr. Castellanos stated the city received notification from Congressman Ruben Hinojosa that the city was awarded \$17,135.00 for the Police Department to purchase equipment for police units. He added there was an item under New Business to officially accept the grant.

- B. Announcement of the Reimbursement Request No. 1 and Final for period covered 1/12/07 – 8/31/09, Project No. RT-0638 in the amount of \$41,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in connection with the City Park Trail.

Mr. Castellanos stated this item was in relations to the City Park Trail. He pointed out the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was reimbursing the city's share of \$41,000.00 and the funds would be deposited in the general fund.

#### IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Notification of changes to Time Warner Cable Programming in your community.

Mayor de la Rosa stated the city received an announcement from Time Warner regarding the channels that were available to the citizens. He added the Time Warner Report would be available at the City Secretary's Office.

- B. Announcement of the National Night Out scheduled for October 6, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the City of Weslaco, City Hall Parking Lot located at 255 South Kansas Avenue.

Jose Perez, Chief of Police, stated the City of Weslaco and the Police Department would be hosting a block party at the City Hall parking lot. He pointed out the goal was to promote drug and crime prevention awareness and general support and participation in local anti-crime efforts. Chief Perez invited the City Commission and other elected officials, high school bands, city employees and officials from the different agencies. He mentioned this was the only educational and disseminated information of crime prevention.

- C. Report on the US Census Count Committee

Mayor de la Rosa reported the Census Committee had met for the first time and the local Chairman of Hidalgo County and a representative from the federal government had made a presentation on how the city should conduct the census count. He added the City of Weslaco was required to have a committee consisting of 25 members. Mayor de la Rosa stated the committee had elected a chairman and a vice chairman and set the dates of the meetings. He pointed out Mr. Mike Wise; former State Representative was elected as Chairman and Martha Noell, Executive Director of Weslaco Area chamber, as Vice-Chairman. Mayor de la Rosa stated the City of Weslaco was under counted and it affected the city with representation in congress, state, local and federal level.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration of the Accomplishments and Budget for The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco for the 2009-2010 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009. Possible action.

Hernan Gonzalez, Economic Development Director, presented the EDC's accomplishments and stated Lowes' Grand Opening would be on September 24, 2009. He added Lowes would be hiring 107 employees. Mr. Gonzalez indicated J.C. Penney would open on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and would be hiring 125 employees. Mr. Gonzalez highlighted the following report:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2009  
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2008 — SEPTEMBER 2009

1. SDI/Lowes/JC Penney Development – were scheduled to open in October. The projects totaled to \$2.3 million and were a great stimulus to the local economy.

Mr. Gonzalez stated construction would continue on the west side of Bridge St. and was expected to be completed by September, 2010. He mentioned the Appraisal District Office had appraised these properties including the building and inventory at 25 million dollars.

2. DPS Regional Headquarters - The DPS Regional Headquarters would relocate to Weslaco on 2010; the construction budget was reported to be \$23 million and was expected to have 200 plus employees, plus a crime lab, helicopter, task forces, administrative offices, motor pool and room for expansion. Mr. Gonzalez stated the DPS Regional Office would be located on the corner of Mile 9 and FM 1015.
3. Mid-Valley Airport Hangar – A hanger consisting of 8,000 square feet had been constructed and leased to Praat Flight School. This was a Mexico City based flight school that brought students to Weslaco for flying lessons and basic training was done in Mexico City through simulators.
4. Customs Facility - Designation was received for the On-Call Customs at the Mid-Valley Airport. The construction documents had been received and bids would be awarded by mid September, 2009.

Mr. Gonzalez stated the Mid Valley Airport would be designated as an On-Call Landing Rights Airport that would allow clearing international flights. He added the city would have to contact the officials from the Progresso Bridge for clearance to divert aviation traffic from general aviation to use the city's airport. Mr. Gonzalez stated no other entities in the region had on-call customs. He pointed out this was good for the future economic development. Mr. Gonzalez stated the contract had been finalized, but was pending final review by the attorneys and architects and an award of a contract would be made by the end of Friday.

5. Maverick Industrial Services - Maverick had relocated to 1905 Joe Stephens Drive and a loan of \$125,000.00 had been provided to them with credits for capital investment and equipment upgrade.

Mr. Gonzalez stated Maverick would upgrade from a 20,000 ft. to 50,000 ft. facility within a minimum of a five year lease.

6. Mountain Glacier/Ozarka - Distribution Center to the Mid-Valley Industrial Park and an incentive of \$75,000.00 had been provided to them to relocate to Weslaco and create additional jobs.

Mr. Gonzalez stated Mountain Glacier/Ozarka would be located north of FM 88. He added this was a building that was previously occupied by Pike Electric and the incentive was payable over the next year and a half.

7. Border Patrol Station - \$75,000.00 incentive was provided to extend and upgrade the sewer service to accommodate the remodeling of the former Coors Distribution Center appraised at approximately \$15,000,000.00.
8. Mid-Valley Terminal - The Terminal Portico was redone, the parking lot was re-stripped. The interior of the terminal was being upgraded to create a good impression of the airport and city.
9. Mid-Valley Industrial Park - Oswalt Valley Construction had purchased Lots 1 and 2. The first 15,000 square foot distribution center was being constructed for Bimbo/Mrs. Baird. The completion date was expected at the end of October.
10. Gran Café De La Parroquia - Gran Café purchased a lot at the Industrial Park for a U.S. Distribution Center. The two hundred year old Vera Cruz Company would construct a 3,000 square foot distribution center with the possibility of producing other investors from Vera Cruz in Weslaco.

Mr. Gonzalez stated the Governor of Vera Cruz attended the ceremony and the EDC was working on getting a group of local Weslaco people to go to Vera Cruz on a trade mission to work retail. Mr. Gonzalez stated Angel Fernandez Ceballos, owner of Gran Café also attended the ceremony.

11. Rio Bank - A \$50,000.00 grant was provided to Rio Bank for the demolition, site clearing and beautification project. The bank was opened and the improvements were appraised over one million dollars. Grand opening would be September 16, 2009 at 5:00 o'clock.
12. Façade Grants were provided to the following businesses:
  - a) 340 S. Texas (Mighty Joe's Gym)
  - b) 116 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Bank)
  - c) 420 South Texas (International Fabric)
  - d) 115 N. Texas - \$10,000.00 grant for the multi-tenant building (DK III)
  - e) 413 W Pike – \$24,000.00 grant for public improvements for water and sewer lines to service a multi-tenant building at 413 West Pike. The investment on the project was \$322,177.00. (Legacy Builders)
13. STC - The trailer trucks were removed from the front original locating facing South Texas College to the Industrial Park on the corner of Mile 3 ½ and Sugarcane Road due to the landscaping project of sabal palms from Republic to Border on the public right-of-way.
14. Paso del Norte - The first phase of the landscaping at Paso del Norte was done. This included the water system and some planting and they would

continue the project until it was completed and would include a walking trail from Paso del Norte to the City Park.

Mr. Gonzalez stated they were working on the lighting at the city warehouse and highlighted the following report:

FISCAL YEAR END BUDGET 9/30/10  
EDC Expenses  
Budget

EDC Budget Expenses 2009-10	EDC BUDGET F/Y 2010
Gross Wages	187,734
Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits	39,146
Dues & Subscriptions (Rio South TX) \$10,000	16,000
Office Supplies	3,500
Office Expenses-promotions, sponsorships, contributions	15,000
Professional Fees & Other	50,000
Audit Fees	10,750
Telephone	5,512
Utilities	24,000
Repairs & Maintenance	50,000
Property Taxes	41,415
Insurance Policies	34,000
Auto Maintenance	6,000
Travel Expense	6,000
Continuing Staff Education	750
Board Meeting Expense	1,000
Debt Service - (4) Bonds	665,954
Marketing /Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce	65,000
Heart of Weslaco * Facade Improvements & Landscaping	25,000
Tanus/Woodcrafters (\$2,000,000 / 7 years)	307,132
Reyna Development - Zeke Reyna (6/18/08)	300,000
Mountain Glacier/Ozarka (8/20/08)	0.00
Customs Facility	730,000
VIDA (2/25/09)	25,000
Compass Loan P/I (June, July, Aug., Sept)	216,300
Compass Loan Swap Interest only	20,226
Weslaco Hills Apartment Complex	620,000
Opportunity Fund	307,825
EXPENDITURES	\$3,773,244

Mr. Gonzalez stated EDC had an arrangement with Woodcrafters for seven years based on performance and employee count. He added they also had an agreement with Reyna Development for a street on the northern boundary of the Home Depot Subdivision contingent on them securing additional commercial space or a hotel. Mr. Gonzalez pointed out this would give the city additional time to acquire the necessary right-of-ways from Westgate Drive to Frostproof Street. He stated the city would provide

the infrastructure on West Business 83 to the Weslaco Hills Apartment Complex for adequate water and sewer service. He pointed out the apartment complex was estimated to cost between eight to ten million dollars and consisted of 125 units. Mr. Gonzalez added this would open Westgate Drive to Milano Road for additional commercial. He indicated construction would start January 1, 2010 with an expect completion date of December 2010. Mr. Gonzalez stated \$300,000.00 were allocated in the Opportunity Fund and were not obligated, but a couple of projects along Expressway 83 would be coming to the city for consideration.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and second by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and the Weslaco Independent School District for videotaping City Commission Meetings and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Possible action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion and consideration regarding the following bids received on tax resale properties described as follows:

1. Suit No. T-140-05-E, Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, Original Townsite, City of Weslaco, Acct. No. W2300-00-003-0008-00, Location – 714 Lee Garza Street, Bid Amount - \$10,000.00. Owner: (Raul Luna) Possible action.

Agustin Hernandez, Attorney for Linebarger, stated they received written bids for two properties that had been denied in March, 2009. He recommended approval of the bids.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tafolla to deny the bid.

Mayor de la Rosa seconded the motion to entertained additional discussion.

Mr. Hernandez stated the previous bid was for \$997.00 and was denied by the City Commission, but the amount had now double with the new bid. He mentioned the advantage of accepting the bid would be to place the property back into the tax roll.

Mayor de la Rosa asked Commissioner Tafolla if he wished to rescind his motion.

Commissioner Cuellar stated the person that wished to purchase the property was Proyecto Azteca, a non-profit organization that offered low income housing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tafolla and seconded by Mayor de la Rosa to rescind their motion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Suit No. T-1041-06-F, Lots 23 and 24, Block 5, Christensen Subdivision, an addition to the City of Weslaco, Acct. No. C4200-00-005-0023-00, Owner: Gregorio F. Quezada, Bid Amount - \$6,000.00. Possible action.

Mr. Hernandez stated the appraised value was for \$6,142.00 and recommended approval of the bid.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Request from the Weslaco Independent School District Special Education Department to use the Weslaco Municipal Pool on September 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. to conduct an Aquatics Training for the Weslaco ISD Special Olympics Coaches along with other Special Olympics coaches throughout Area 1. Possible action.

Mr. Castellanos stated the Weslaco Independent School District had requested to remove the item from the agenda.

No action was taken.

- E. Presentation by the Citizens Ad Hoc Committee for the Selection of the City Manager for the City of Weslaco.

Richard Lehman, Chairman of the Citizens Ad Hoc Committee, had worked hard for three months to submit a recommendation to the City Commission. He stated he was pleased with their commitment. Mr. Lehman mentioned they advertised the position in the Monitor Newspaper, ladder website and had received 40 applications. He stated they had reviewed all the applications and selected the top ten. Mr. Lehman mentioned the interviews were held for those individuals and selected five and then the top three applicants. He provided the information to the City Commission of the top three candidates.

For the record, Mayor de la Rosa stated they had received the applications and publicly thanked the committee for their hard work. He added the committee would not be closed and they would be inviting the individuals for an interview. Mayor de la Rosa stated they would make the selection and discuss it in executive session. He pointed out the City Commission had 30 days to choose the applicants, do a background search on all three and decide when the individual would start working. Mayor de la Rosa indicated this was top information and advise the City Commission not to show the information nor discuss any issues openly only in executive session.

- F. Discussion and consideration to award the following insurance policies to the most advantageous bidders. Possible action.

Chris Martinez, Interim Human Resources Director, handed out the information from the bidders.

Mayor de la Rosa stated the City Commission would like to have all backup information in their agenda package.

1. Group Health Insurance

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Tafolla to select Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Workers Compensation Insurance

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Cuellar to select Shepard Walton.

A brief discussion was held regarding the history of the city's cost and claims and Commissioner Garza asked if the city had a safety program in place.

Mrs. Martinez responded yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Employee Life Insurance

Mrs. Martinez recommended keeping Fort Dearborn for the employee's life insurance.

Mayor de la Rosa asked if there was a handout.

Mrs. Martinez responded she did not have a handout and she only had a letter indicating the premiums. She added the bid packages all came from Dearborn, but submitted with the package through Humana and one package through Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mrs. Martinez stated she could provide the letter to them, but it was in her office.

Commissioner Cuellar recommended postponing this item until the end of the meeting to allow Mrs. Martinez to get the information.

Mayor de la Rosa proceeded with following item.

4. Commercial Package Policies

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Cuellar to approve the bid with Montalvo Insurance Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Discussion and consideration to approve the Annual Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant between the City of Weslaco and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation Division for fiscal year 2010 and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents related to the grant. Possible action.

George Garrett, Airport Director, stated the program was instituted by the Texas Department of Aviation to continue the maintenance of the ramp. He mentioned the reimbursement of \$11,000 from Texas Department of Aviation was for the improvements of the airport and recommended approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cuellar and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Discussion and consideration to amend the Articles of Incorporation to prohibit appointment of the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco Board members if they have a lawsuit against the City of Weslaco and if they had previously served as an elected City of Weslaco official within five (5) years of the date of appointment. (Requested by Commissioner Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla and Mayor Buddy de la Rosa) Possible action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tafolla and seconded by Mayor de la Rosa to approve the item.

Motion carried as follows: FOR: Mayor de la Rosa, Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez and Commissioners: Tafolla, Rivera and Kennedy. AGAINST: Commissioners: Cuellar and Garza.

- I. Discussion and consideration to approve the revised TX DOT Advance Funding Agreement #2 for the North Westgate Improvement Project escrow the city's financial portion in the amount of \$270,851.84 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Possible action.

Mr. Rodriguez stated this was the next step for the acquisition of the \$2.8 million on the construction of the Westgate Drive Project north of Expressway 83 to Sugarcane Road. He mentioned the escrow amount was 8.6% of the total amount and the cost would include the construction, engineering and contingencies. Mr. Rodriguez stated the construction plans were completed and the State had forwarded the environmental information to the Austin Office for their review and approval. He mentioned the State was scheduled to solicit bids in February, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Tafolla to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Status report on the implementation of a Drainage Clean Up Program begun as a result of the recent rains. Possible action.

Mr. Castellanos stated the discussion was related to various reports regarding the status of the drainage system due to the water usage and rain. He mentioned the city received a report that included the regulations on how to proceed with Stage 1, 2 and 3 when the city had a drought. Mr. Castellanos stated they had experienced high and low water availability in the city within the last couple of months. He added staff had continued the discussion on how to make the drainage system more efficient. Mr. Castellanos stated the application for the drainage improvements at Las Brisas Subdivision was approved by the Hidalgo County, Urban County Program. He stated the county had an engineer that had begun the work on this project. Mr. Castellanos pointed out the city had applied for other grants through the AARA; however, AARA required that no project be started prior to them funding it. He pointed out the city needed to receive the grant monies prior to starting the project, but if it was not approved, monies were allocated to do the project.

Commissioner Tafolla asked if the city was looking at other areas particularly in District No. 4.

Mr. Castellanos responded staff was looking at other areas such as purchasing the property from the Catholic Church to improve the drainage situation. He added he had received a report on how to deal with a rainfall situation and staff had requested assistance from the City of Pharr to utilize a piece of equipment that they had to clean the drainage system. Mr. Castellanos indicated staff would test the lines and later would return to the City Commission with a recommendation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tafolla and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

- L. Discussion and consideration to solicit proposals to do an analysis of water consumption and strategies to implement a Water Management Plan. Possible action. (This item was requested by Commissioner Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla and Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Rodriguez, Jr.)

Mr. Castellanos stated the city needed to do an analysis to figure out the extent of the problem. He pointed out based on the assessment; he would solicit proposals to recommend a company to develop the strategies to implement a plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tafolla and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- M. Discussion and consideration to accept the grant award from the Department of Justice/Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$17,135.00 to provide Weslaco Police Officers with the necessary equipment to accurately document traffic stop information and citizen complaint resolutions and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all related documents. Possible action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:25 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2009, Mayor de la Rosa announced the City Commission would convene in executive session to discuss the following items and recessed the regular meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2009, Mayor de la Rosa announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and declared the regular meeting opened to the public.

- A. Discussion with the City Manager regarding the land purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Possible action of what is discussed in executive session.

Mayor de la Rosa announced no action was required on this item. He stated returned to Item F. under New Business.

Mrs. Martinez stated three bids were received and all were from Dearborn. She added one was submitted through Humana and the other from Blue Cross Blue Shield. She mentioned the one that stated Fort Dearborn was the one that the employees had and the rates were guaranteed through 2010. Mrs. Martinez recommended staying with Fort Dearborn.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cuellar and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor de la Rosa adjourned the meeting.

**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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