



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
Thursday, September 13, 2012**

On this 13th day of September at 5:30 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 "Jerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe V. Rivera
Commissioner	Joe A. Martinez
City Manager	Leonardo Olivares
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Ramon Vela

Also present: Gloria Givilancz, Assistant Finance Director; David Salinas, Public Utilities Director; Assistant Fire Chief Rudy Garza; Interim Police Chief Michael Kelley; Martin Mata, Assistant Library Director; Rosa Huerta, Court Administrator; 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 Monday, September 10, 2012.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioner Garza.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. To solicit input regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for the City of Weslaco for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to open the public hearing as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

Ms. Gloria Givilancz stated there is a slight increase in property tax values anticipated with sales tax revenue projected to continue strongly. She noted the

budget as presented includes a total of 292 employees and \$9.7 million in capital outlay as requested by the department directors.

The City Manager recommended not to adopt this budget as proposed as need clearly exceeds capacity; instead he recommended to adopt the current operation budget which continues to prioritize infrastructure. He stated the organization is about where it needs to be in size of personnel, though there are some strong cases for some increases, but the City needs to avoid creep and assert growth of the reserve fund. The Mayor noted that 2009 only looked good because other funds were raided, like the utility account; without that voodoo accounting, the City would have had a deficit.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to close the public hearing as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2012-23 adopting a Municipal Budget for the City of Weslaco for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013. First reading of Ordinance 2012-23. Possible action. (Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated first hearing had been held today with the second hearing expected September 27, 2012. He again recommended approval of the current operational budget with no additional staff.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve item as recommended. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

- B. Discussion and consideration after public hearings September 5 and September 11, 2012 to approve Ordinance 2012-24 adopting an ad valorem property tax rate, assessed at the same rate as last year, \$0.6967/\$100.00 valuation, pursuant to §26.05(d) of the Texas Tax Code on all taxable property within the City of Weslaco, Texas for the Tax Year 2012, fixing the tax rate for the use and support of the general government and for the interest and sinking fund for the redemption of bonds and other indebtedness of the City of Weslaco, providing for the assessment of annual occupation taxes provided by law, and fixing a lien on all taxable property. First reading of Ordinance 2012-24. Possible action. (Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager recommended maintaining the current tax rate as it is competitive.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but

not voting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the Mayor announced the regular meeting to convene in Executive Session.

At 6:22 p.m., the Mayor announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

**VI. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Contract Negotiations – Discussion with the City Manager and City Attorney relating to the City’s rights, duties, privileges, and obligations in connection to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF-WFFA Local 3207 as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Contract Negotiations – Discussion with the City Manager and City Attorney relating to the City’s rights, duties, privileges, and obligations in connection to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Weslaco Municipal Police Association as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- C. Pending Litigation – Discussion with City Attorney regarding Cause No. 2201-11-I Pascual Hernandez and Maria Luisa Hernandez v. The City of Weslaco, Texas pursuant to §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:23 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the September 13, 2012 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

COMMISSIONER, Olga M. Noriega

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Lupe V. Rivera

COMMISSIONER, Joe A. Martinez