



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013**

On this 11th day of March, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in Special Session at City Hall in the Legislative Chambers, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	Miguel D. Wise
Mayor Pro-Tem	J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar
Commissioner	David R. Fox
Commissioner	Olga M. Noriega
Commissioner	Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe V. Rivera
Commissioner	Joe A. Martinez
City Manager	Leonardo Olivares
City Secretary	Elizabeth M. Walker
City Attorney	Ramon Vela

Also present: Bret Mann, Finance Director; Erasmo Lozano, Public Facilities Director; Police Chief Michael Kelly; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer; Albert Canales, Grants Coordinator; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resource Director; Rey Garcia, Information Technology Director; and several 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, March 8, 2013.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call.
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to extend the term of the existing 125 Cafeteria Plan, optional/voluntary supplemental insurance, vision, dental, life, cancer, and long-term care, for an additional year at no cost to the City effective April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Possible action. (Requested by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated that this item was for an extension of the 125 Cafeteria Plan, which consists of all local vendors including, Humana, ING, Allstate, Lincoln, and New York Life; staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; as the Mayor stepped away from the dais, Mayor Pro Tem Cuellar was present, but not voting.

- B. Discussion and consideration to confirm the removal of all Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco (EDC) holding such office prior to the effective date of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the EDC as set forth in Resolution 2013-34 adopted on February 19, 2013 and the confirmation of the appointment of seven (7) Directors for the EDC in accordance with the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the EDC as set forth in Resolution 2013-34 adopted on February 19, 2013 and effective as of February 20, 2013. (Requested by Office of the City Manager.) Attachment.

The City Attorney stated that under Roberts Rules of Order the appointment of a new member to a committee implies the removal of another. However, the attorney for the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Mr. Richard Talbert recommends the Commission reconfirm its action, since there was no motion on the removal of the members. Mayor Pro Tem Cuellar stated that there have been two meetings posted for the EDC and despite the all members being present, Mr. Talbert had not permitted the board to meet because he had doubts that the Commission action had been done properly.

Following an inquiry from Commissioner Noriega, the City Attorney clarified the EDC Articles of Incorporation state board members serve at the will of the Commission, which may remove those members at any time. This item was not to remove members but to confirm the Commission's previous action as a matter of housekeeping to accommodate Mr. Talbert; the City Attorney sought guidance on this item from Jessie Harvey of the Texas Attorney General's Office. Mr. Hernan Gonzalez confirmed Mr. Talbert is comfortable with the agenda language.

Mayor Pro- Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the item as presented. Commissioner Noriega opposed. The motion carried (5-1); as he had returned to the dais, Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Ferrell with residence at 706 South Louisiana and business at 2112 West Business Highway 83 stated he was annexed into the City four years ago and wants to know when sewer service will be extended to this property.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the March 11, 2013 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

COMMISSIONER, David R. Fox

COMMISSIONER, Olga M. Noriega

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Lupe V. Rivera

COMMISSIONER, Joe A. Martinez