



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013**

On this 18th day of June 2013 at 5:30 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 with the following members present:

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

Also present: Rey Garcia, IT Director; Bret Mann, Finance Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Jeff Underwood, Planning & Code Enforcement Director; David Arce, Parks & Recreation Director; David Salinas, Public Utilities Director; Police Chief Michael Kelly; Fire Chief Santiago Cuellar; Arnold Becho, Library Director; George Garrett, Airport Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer; 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, June 14, 2013.
- B. Invocation.
Reverend Rosalio Martinez, Primera Asamblea de Dios Templo, delivered the invocation.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance; Mayor Pro-Tem recited the Texas flag.
- D. Roll Call.
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioner Noriega. Commissioner Fox arrived at 5:45 p.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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discussed separately unless requested by one commission member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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

- A. Approval of the following Minutes:
 - 1) Regular Meeting of June 4, 2013;
 - 2) Special Meeting of June 11, 2013.(Requested by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment.

- B. Acceptance of a reimbursement check from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance program in the amount of \$760.00 for Training Tuition – Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. (Requested by Fire Department.) Attachment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with non-substantive changes to the minutes of June 4, 2013. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

III. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2013-56 to fill the unexpired term of one member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Possible action. (There was no action on this Resolution June 4, 2013; Requested by Parks & Recreation Department.) Attachment.

Mayor Pro Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Resolution 2013-56 appointing Mr. Oscar Caballero to fill the unexpired term of one member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, Resolution 2013-56 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board pursuant to Section 17-17 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for three years; however, following the restructuring of this Board to consist of seven members, this term shall be assigned for two years so that terms are staggered such that no quorum of members expires simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Oscar Caballero is appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the term will begin on June 18, 2013 and expire on September 20, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of June 2013.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2013-59 confirming the appointment by the City Manager of a member to an expired term on the Civil Service Commission as per Local Government Code §143.006. Possible action. (Requested by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated currently Chief Juan Gonzalez serves as member on the Commission and he remains interested in serving. It is the prerogative of the City Manager to make an appointment and after reviewing the applications, the City Manager recommends Deanna Martinez.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Resolution 2013-59 confirming the appointment by the City Manager of Ms. Deanna Martinez as a member to an expired term on the Civil Service Commission as per Local Government Code §143.006. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

For the record, Resolution 2013-59 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE WESLACO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Weslaco Civil Service Commission pursuant to Chapter 143 of The Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of this board are for 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Board members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT it consents to the appointment of Deanna Martinez on the Civil Service Board and the term will begin on June 19, 2013 and expires on June 18, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of June 2013.

/s/ Miguel D. Wise, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ramon Vela, CITY ATTORNEY

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to extend the current policies or to authorize the solicitation of proposals for Basic Life, Accidental Death, and Dismemberment Insurance, Commercial Insurance Package, and Workers' Compensation Coverage. Possible action. (Requested by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) for use of the City Public Works Facility and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Possible action. (There was no action on this item May 7, 2013; Requested by Public Facilities Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated this helps co-locate the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) 911 Addressing Division and the Mid Valley Regional Communications Corporation (MVRCC), which will centralize dispatching for Donna, Mercedes and Weslaco public safety and emergency response. The City Manager proposes a ten (10) year lease of the City's Public Works Facility, with rents paid and utilities prorated. The City will be leveraging \$800,000 of in-kind contributions in terms of equipment and improvements; staff recommends approval.

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

- C. Discussion and consideration to authorize the transfer of \$10,000.00 from General Fund Account 01-526 (Street Lights) to General Fund Account 01-510 (Maintenance – Vehicle) and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. Possible action. (Requested by Public Facilities.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated this adds funding for vehicle maintenance; staff recommends approval.

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

- D. Discussion and consideration to authorize the transfer of \$21,000.00 from the General Fund Account 01-504 (Elections) to the General Fund Account 01-510 (Maintenance – Facilities) and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. Possible action. (Requested by Public Facilities.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated this addresses two unexpected contingencies, including to repair the roof at historic city hall and to improve security at city hall.

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

- E. Discussion and consideration approve Ordinance 2013-07 revising Ordinance 2011-30, the Master Fee Schedule, to identify charges for late, stolen, or damaged tablet computers checked out from the Library consistent with the Library Computer Acceptable Use Policy, Tablet Liability and Appropriate Use Agreement, and Tablet Checkout Procedures as follows: \$1.00 per hour kept over the checkout period with a maximum of \$10.00, \$25.00 for damages, and \$300.00 for a lost or stolen tablet. First Reading of Ordinance 2013-07. Possible action. (Requested by Library Department). Attachment.

City Manager stated that the Library purchased \$3,500.00 worth of tablets to offer for

check-out. In response to Mayor Wise, Mr. Arnold Becho clarified that the tablets are for in-library use only and after 10 hours the tablet would be considered stolen.

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

- F. Discussion and consideration to authorize Buy Board Contract #363-10 to purchase bunker gear equipment for the Fire Department from the best qualified, most advantageous vendor in an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00. Possible action. (Requested by Fire Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated the department is in the process of purchasing a third of the equipment every three years, so there would be a continued upgrade of their bunker gear; staff recommends approval.

In response to Mayor Wise, once it has been replaced Chief Cuellar stated the gear is used by volunteers. The department could bring before the Commission for consideration for surplus and donation. The City Attorney stated that an Interlocal Agreement could be drafted for the transfer of gear. Mayor Wise advised the Chief to change the department's donation policy.

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

- G. Discussion and consideration to declare and dispose of surplus property from various City departments through a public auction as per Ordinance No. 86-08, authorize a public auction through Valley Wide Auction Services at the Public Facilities building on July 20, 2013, and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate to recognize proceeds from the sale of assets and confiscated property from this event. Possible action. (Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated the auction is set July 20; the City has worked with Valley Wide Auction Services in the past and they would take 8% of the total revenue; staff recommends approval.

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

- H. Discussion and consideration to approve the 2013 Interlocal Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Grant No. B-13-UC-48-0501 setting the City's allotment at \$308,702.00 for activities to be carried out in the City's jurisdiction, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated the County received \$7.7 million and the City has been

allocated \$308,702.00 of those funds, which is that same amount as last year. Staff proposes that \$285,000.00 be applied to replace the water/wastewater lines, \$15,000.00 to the Library and \$3,500.00 to the Foster Grandparents Program.

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

V. REPORTS

- A. Report on Departmental Update, Financial Status, Upcoming Meetings, Appointments, and Feedback. Attachment.

The City Manager stated the Finance Department has begun the budget process for the next fiscal year and is finalizing the audit. The Planning Department installed traffic counters at Westgate Drive and has begun vector control. The Public Facilities Department has begun cleaning drainage ditches and extending electrical feed with the cooperation of AEP at the Industrial Park and the Airport.

- B. Report on 2014 Proposed Budget for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. Attachment.

The City Manager referenced the report as enclosed.

- C. Report by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco. Attachment.

Mr. Hernan Gonzales reported that the construction of Bridgestone is complete. LongHorn Steakhouse is scheduled to open July 15 they have received 500 applications for 100 spots. Edible Arrangements, Blue Wave Express Car Wash, and Arturo's Bar & Grill are scheduled to open in August. EDC Directors attended the International Commercial Shopping Center conference in Las Vegas this past month. Alfresco Weslaco is this Thursday and is featuring the group B4. The National Guard Armory was featured in an article by the EDC; the armory has a full time staff of 30 people and 500 assigned soldiers. Mr. Gonzales stated that the Sales Tax is 7% over last year and Weslaco appears the only city in Hidalgo County with a positive number this month. Hidalgo County has \$72,000,000.00 in receipts while Cameron County has only \$33,000,000.00.

Mayor Wise stated that Weslaco exceeds McAllen per capita in sale tax revenue.

- D. Report on Water Treatment Plant expansion project by Briones Engineering.

Mr. Rolando Briones reported that the plant is 17% complete and are still expecting to complete the project in the third quarter of 2014. Currently the project is \$1.0 million under budget and they have outlaid 92% of all purchasing. Mr. Briones stated that there have not been any accidents at the site. The stem for the elevated storage tank is complete and they will now begin work on the welding.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the June 18, 2013 regular 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

(absent)

COMMISSIONER, Olga M. Noriega

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Lupe Rivera

COMMISSIONER, Joe A. Martinez