



**A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013**

On this 27<sup>th</sup> 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
Commissioner	Olga Noriega
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe Rivera
Commissioner	Joe A. Martinez
City Manager	Leonardo Olivares
City Attorney	Ramon Vela

Also present: Rey Garcia, IT Director; Bret Mann, Finance Director; Jeff Underwood, Planning & Code Enforcement Director; Fire Chief Santiago Cuellar; 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 Monday, June 24, 2013.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Wise recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call.  
Molly Vallejo, Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar and Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to take item II. B. from its posted sequence for immediate consideration. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve the interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Precinct 1 and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to fully fund engineering, environmental, survey, the acquisition of right-of-way, adjustment of utilities and construction of Mile 6 West (Westgate Drive) to widen and re-construct from Mile 9 North to Mile 11 North for an amount not to exceed 20% of the total project cost, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Requested by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Mr. Raul Lozano, representing Hidalgo County Precinct 1, explained the project is expected to commence within twenty-four months. Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer, stated that TEDSI would like to complete the environmental and schematics by August 2014; once those are complete, they can proceed with the right-of-way acquisitions before construction takes place.

In response to Commissioner Noriega, Mr. Lozano stated that the cost was broken down over three years; the City would pay annually until the construction phase begins. Mr. Lozano added that if at any point either the City or County could no longer fund the project they would be allowed to terminate the contract. Mr. Bret Mann stated the City would budget according to when the funds were needed by County.

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

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve the City of Weslaco Audit for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 presented by City Independent Auditor Manuel L. Garcia of Garcia and Pena, CPAs. Possible action. (Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

Mr. Manuel Garcia, representing Garcia & Pena CPAs, explained the audit report is divided into four parts: introduction, financial, statistical, and single audit sections. Mr. Garcia stated there is an increase in the general fund balance of \$853,360.00 in comparison to \$321,000.00 last year, giving the City a cumulative general fund balance of \$1,692,898.00, which is the highest since 2006. This is due to the reduction in expenses for the year.

The City Manager stated that the City projected a \$1.2 million surplus and ended up with a \$1.7 million surplus. Mr. Mann stated that the City is \$500,000.00 ahead what it presented to Standard & Poor's.

Mr. Garcia stated that the City had a tax collection rate of 91% on the current year and 94% overall. Mr. Garcia stated that grant administration presented the only issue with a deficiency in the documentation for one particular grant.

Mr. Mann stated that the fund balance is the second highest it has been in nine years; there have been two consecutive years of surplus balance. Mr. Mann projected a fund balance next year of \$2.7 million.

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

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments received.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:06 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the June 27, 2013 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Wise was present, but not voting.

**CITY OF WESLACO**

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**MAYOR**, Miguel D. Wise

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY SECRETARY**, Elizabeth M. Walker

(absent)  
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**MAYOR PRO-TEM**, J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar

(absent)  
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**COMMISSIONER**, David R. Fox

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**COMMISSIONER**, Olga M. Noriega

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**COMMISSIONER**, Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla

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