



**A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013**

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013 at 5:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor Pro-Tem	J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar
Commissioner	David R. Fox
Commissioner	Olga M. Noriega
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; Jeff Underwood, Planning & Code Enforcement Director; Trinidad Cantu, Assistant Public Utilities Director; Police Chief Michael Kelly; Fire Chief Santiago Cuellar; Arnold Becho, Library Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer; and several other staff members and citizens.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Certification of Public Notice.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, August 23, 2013.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas flag.
- C. Roll Call.  
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting Mayor Wise as absent.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. To solicit input on the following:
1. Certificates of Obligation, Series 2003
  2. Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007
  3. Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013.

The City Manager stated that the public hearing was to discuss possible projects for unexpended bond funds and solicits comments. Currently there is \$36,000.00 remaining from 2003, \$1.9 million from 2007, and \$6.7 million from 2013.

Commissioner Fox suggested that parameters be provided for the bond issuance of each year. Commissioner Noriega asked why the ordinance from 2003 was not

included in the packet. The City Manager recommended using the 2003 funds for sidewalks since they are an eligible project.

There were no public comments received. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to close public hearing. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar was present, but not voting.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and reconsideration to elect to self-insure through TML Risk Pool, or to extend current policies or to authorize the solicitation of proposals for commercial property, contents, equipment, flooding, crime liability, and airport liability coverage policies. Possible action. (Commission elected to self-insure on August 20, 2013; Requested by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Discussion and consideration to authorize the use of unexpended funds from the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2003 for improvements to streets and sidewalks on City of Weslaco property and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. Possible action. (There was no action on this item August 20, 2013; Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated the funds are limited to \$36,000.00 and recommends using the funds for sidewalks since they are an eligible activity.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, moved to approve the item as presented.

Commissioner Noriega asked if Certificates of Obligation funds could be used for capital improvements projects and if those funds were already being used on the current sidewalk project. The City Attorney responded that capital improvement projects must go before Commission for approval. The City Manager stated he had administrative authority to expend funds less than \$15,000.00.

In response to Commissioner Noriega, Mr. Oscar Garcia stated that the sidewalk project was not yet complete; bids were received for the concrete and all labor was done in-house. In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, the City Attorney stated even in the instance of health and safety issues the City Manager did have spending authority on capital improvement projects; however he eventually would have to notify the Commission.

Commissioner Noriega opposed because there was neither scope of work nor ordinance provided. The motion carried (4-1); Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar was present, but not voting.

- C. Discussion and consideration to authorize the use of unexpended funds from the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007 for all eligible expenditures as identified in Ordinance 2007-37 related to the original issuance and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. Possible action. (There was no action on this item August

20, 2013; Requested by Finance Department.) Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2013-63 recognizing the importance of the International Bridge Trade Corridor (IBTC) as it will facilitate mobility, relieve congested roadways, improve safety conditions for the traveling public and support economic development opportunities for the eastern Hidalgo County region. Possible action. (Requested by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments received.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the August 27, 2013 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Pro Tem Cuellar was present, but not voting.

**CITY OF WESLACO**

(absent)

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**MAYOR**, Miguel D. Wise

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY SECRETARY**, Elizabeth M. Walker

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

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**COMMISSIONER**, David R. Fox

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