



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014**

On this 8th day of July 2014 at 5:57 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	J.F. “Johnny” Cuellar
Commissioner	David R. Fox
Commissioner	Olga M. Noriega
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe Rivera
Commissioner	Fidel L. Pena, III
City Manager	Leonardo Olivares
City Secretary	Elizabeth M. Walker
City Attorney	Ramon Vela

Also present: Juan Salas, IT Department; Bret Mann, Finance Director; Sonia Flores, Assistant Finance Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer/Interim Planning Director; Chief Sergio Ramirez, Police Department; David Arce, Park & Recreation Director; Chris Sanchez, Fire Department; Oscar Garcia, Public Facilities Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Gloria Givilancz, and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Certification of Public Notice.
Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Thursday, July 3, 2014.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Suarez recited the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the Texas flag.
- C. Roll Call.
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments received.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, moved to take from its posted sequence items III. B, C, and D for immediate consideration. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Discussion and consideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo

County (Precinct 1) for the reconstruction and repaving of Border Avenue from Eighteenth Street (Mile 6 North) to Thirty-fourth Street (Mile 5 North) as 48% of the total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$2,240,420.00, approve any necessary amendments to the professional services agreement with the engineer of record, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated funding for this project already was programmed in the \$7 million Certificate of Obligation as issued. Mr. Raul Lozano, on behalf of Precinct 1, stated this cost estimate includes engineering and survey; Mr. Hinojosa stated the engineering plans are 85% completed and estimated six months to break ground.

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

- C. Discussion and consideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County (Precinct 1) for the reconstruction and repaving of Eighteenth Street (Mile 6 North) from Airport Drive to Bill Summers International Boulevard (FM1015) as 42% of the total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$2,364,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the item as presented.

Mr. Lozano stated the County cannot commit its share of financing until a new Certificate of Obligation is released in September; however it can start preliminary Right-of-Way acquisition, which will take about eighteen months. Mr. Hinojosa estimated \$250,000-300,000.00 additional City cost to relocate the utilities. Commissioner Noriega observed the project area may be within the annexation dispute area with Mercedes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar and Commissioner Tafolla withdrew the motion. There was no action on this item.

- D. Discussion and reconsideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County (Precinct 1) for the reconstruction and repaving of Joe Stephens Avenue from Votech Drive to Sugarcane Drive for cost share in materials in an amount not to exceed \$132,689.00, approve any necessary amendments to the professional services agreement with the engineer of record, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Interlocal approved April 1, 2014; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Mr. Lozano stated the City pays 100% of the cost of materials, but the County provides all labor, with an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 Mr. Mann stated funding for this project had been allocated in the 2013 Certificate of Obligation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- A. Discussion and consideration of the City of Weslaco Parks Master Plan to approve improvements prioritization and cost allocation and authorize a budget amendment as appropriate. Possible action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar and Commissioner Fox.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar, seconded by Commissioner Noriega, moved to allocate \$72,000.00 from the General Fund to improve two restrooms, one at City Park and one at Isaac Rodriguez park, in the amount of approximately \$30,000/each, and install ten water fountains, four at City Park and six at Harlon Block Park. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the July 8, 2014 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth M. Walker

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

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