



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

On this 18th day of November 2014 at 5:30 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	Olga Noriega
Commissioner	David R. Fox
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe Rivera
Commissioner	Fidel L. Pena, III
Interim City Manager	Elizabeth Walker
Records Specialist	Nicole Mowbray
Interim City Attorney	Frank Garza

Also present: Juan Salas, IT Department; Sonia Flores, Assistant Finance Director; Trinidad Cantu, Assistant Public Utilities Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer/Interim Planning Director; Interim Chief Chris Sanchez, Fire Department; Ted Walensky, Police Department; David Arce, Parks and Recreation Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Olga Garza, Public Facilities Assistant Director; George Garrett, Airport Director; Martin Mata, Library Assistant Director; Joe Pedraza, Health Official; Gloria Givilancz, Grants Compliance Coordinator, 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 Friday, November 14, 2014.
- B. Invocation.
Pastor Art Beckwith from RGV Fellowship Church delivered the invocation.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Suarez recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor-Pro Tem Noriega recited the Texas flag.
- D. Roll Call.
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:33 p.m., the Mayor announced the regular meeting to convene in Executive Session. At 7:24 p.m., the Mayor announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

**III. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel – Discussion regarding the continued employment of Weslaco City Manager Leonardo Olivares as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to terminate the employment of Weslaco City Manager Leonardo Olivares, effective immediately. By roll call vote, the motion carried (4-3) with Commissioners Rivera, Tafolla and Fox opposed; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- B. Personnel – Discussion regarding the appointment of an Interim City Manager for the City of Weslaco by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to appoint Elizabeth Walker as Interim City Manager, effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trinidad Cantu stated for the evening of November 19, 2014 a Water Advisory will be in effect; there will be an interruption in water service scheduled due to a water tie-in on an 18-inch water line related to the airport expansion project.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. To solicit input on behalf of Adriana Vela for a Conditional Use Permit a obtain a Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit at 415 South International Boulevard, also being Lot 1, Block 1, Palm Aire Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- B. To solicit input on behalf of Dolgencorp of Texas Inc. d/b/a Dollar General for a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off- Premise Permit at 2905 North Westgate, also being Lot 1, RSBR Westgate Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- C. To solicit input on behalf of Irene Kaplan to amend Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 1902 East 18th St., also being 6.48 acres of Farm Tract 770, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to PUD Planned Unit Development.

- D. To solicit input on behalf of Paula Villanueva to amend Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 3602 North Texas Blvd., also West Tract Northwest 1.25 acres an Irrigation Tract S228'-N558'-W345' of Farm Tract 109, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District.
- E. To solicit input on behalf of Marcelo Garcia to amend Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 4019 Moreland Drive, also being Lot 2, Royal Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary and Highway Business District.
- F. To solicit input on behalf of Arturo Ramos to amend Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 1609 Davenport St., also being Lots 2-7, Block 7, Davenport Subdivision #1, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District.

At 7:33 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to open the public hearings concurrently. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Regarding item V. A., Mardoqueo Hinojosa advised the applicant had chosen to withdraw the application for the Conditional Use Permit.

Regarding item V. D., Paula Villanueva clarified she hopes to rezone this property to use it as an office location for collection of payments only.

No comments were received for items V. B , C, E or F.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to close the public hearings concurrently at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VI. 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 Minutes of the following:
 - 1) Regular Meeting on November 3, 2014 and
 - 2) Special Meeting on November 12, 2014. (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment.

- B. Approval on Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-18 regarding the voluntary annexation of Sinai Subdivision also being the 4.24 acre tract of land out of Farm Tract No. 708, West & Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, located east of Mile 3 ½ West, approximately 2,027 feet north of Mile 6 North Road. (First reading held October 21, 2014; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.) Attachment.
- C. Authorization of the solicitation of proposals for City of Weslaco municipal pool rehabilitation at Isaac Rodriguez Park and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation Department.) Attachment.
- D. Approval of the 2015 Calendar Year City of Weslaco Holiday Schedule. (Staffed by Human Resources Department.) Attachment.
- E. Approval of the annual request by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco to host the 2014 Mid-Valley Christmas Lighted Parade on Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Texas Boulevard from Pike Boulevard to Sixth Street, approve the use of City Hall parking lot to host Alfresco Weslaco after the parade, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents as may be required by the Texas Department of Transportation for proposed street closure affecting state right-of-way. (Requested by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco.) Attachment.
- F. Authorization of the utilization of Federal Equitable Sharing funds in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the purchase of computers and software for the Communications Division, cell phone services and air cards used by CID, and Actsoft fleet tracking and Watchguard for patrol units, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Police Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Kerr and Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega requested items VI. B and VI. E be withdrawn from the consent agenda for further consideration, respectively.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to approve items IV. A, C, D, and F as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

Standard Documentation on Appointments

- A. Discussion and consideration to remove one member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and to approve Resolution 2014-46 appointing one member to that unexpired term and authorize the Mayor to execute any related

documents. Possible action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega and the Mayor.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker clarified Edward Mejia had resigned from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to accept the resignation of Edward Mejia and approved Resolution 2014-46, appointing Rick Rodriguez to the unexpired term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record, Resolution 2014-46 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO REMOVING ONE MEMBER AND 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 Edward Mejia is removed from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Rick Rodriguez is appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; the term will begin on November 19, 2014 and end on November 18, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of November 2014.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ CITY ATTORNEY

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Approval on Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-18 regarding the voluntary annexation of Sinai Subdivision also being the 4.24 acre tract of land out of Farm Tract No. 708, West & Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco.

Hidalgo County, Texas, located east of Mile 3 ½ West, approximately 2,027 feet north of Mile 6 North Road. (First reading held October 21, 2014; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement.) Attachment.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to table this item until the next regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- E. Approval of the annual request by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco to host the 2014 Mid-Valley Christmas Lighted Parade on Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Texas Boulevard from Pike Boulevard to Sixth Street, approve the use of City Hall parking lot to host Alfresco Weslaco after the parade, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents as may be required by the Texas Department of Transportation for proposed street closure affecting state right-of-way. (Requested by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco.) Attachment.

In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, Mr. Joey Trevino explained that the idea was to host Alfresco Weslaco after the parade, which is traditionally held on Thursdays. Moreover, because arrangements for the ice skating rink have already been made to have it on Thursday, the parade cannot be rescheduled at this time. However, he will look to schedule the parade on a Friday evening next year.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Adriana Vela to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit at 415 South International Boulevard, also being Lot 1, Block 1, Palm Aire Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Dolgencorp of Texas Inc. d/b/a Dollar General to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off- Premise Permit at 2905 North Westgate, also being Lot 1, RSBR Westgate Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated that staff recommended approval of this item.

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

- C. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Irene Kaplan to approve Ordinance 2014-22, amending Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 1902 East 18th Street, also being 6.48 acres of Farm Tract 770, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to PUD Planned Unit Development. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-22. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had tabled this item at their last meeting due to the fact the applicant was pursuing an R-2 designation.

In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated this item had been posted in the newspaper as a PUD. However, because the property does not meet the criteria for a PUD, he recommended it be rezoned as R-2 Duplex and Apartment District. He added it would not be necessary to conduct another public hearing on this item as R-2 is a more restrictive use than PUD Planned Unit Development.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the rezone of 1902 East 18th Street as R-2 Duplex and Apartment District. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- D. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Paula Villanueva to approve Ordinance 2014-19, amending Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 3602 North Texas Blvd., also West Tract Northwest 1.25 acres an Irrigation Tract S228'-N558'-W345' of Farm Tract 109, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-19. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the rezone of 3602 North Texas Blvd. as B-1 Neighborhood Office District.

Commissioner Pena stated he wanted a restriction in place regarding the parking of garbage collection vehicles on the property. Mardoqueo Hinojosa explained that it is the floorplan of the property that determines the amount of

parking that is required; however, there is nothing in writing that specifies the type of vehicle.

Commissioner Rivera and Commissioner Tafolla both withdrew their original motion.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the rezone of 3602 North Texas Blvd. as B-4 Neighborhood Office District. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- E. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Marcelo Garcia to approve Ordinance 2014-20, amending Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 4019 Moreland Drive, also being Lot 2, Royal Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-2 Secondary and Highway Business District. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-20. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

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

- F. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Arturo Ramos to approve Ordinance 2014-21, amending Ordinance 320 and the City of Weslaco Zoning map to rezone 1609 Davenport St., also being Lots 2-7, Block 7, Davenport Subdivision #1, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-21. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the rezone of 1609 Davenport St. as B-4 Neighborhood Office District.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to approve the rezone of 1609 Davenport St. to B-4 Neighborhood Office District. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- G. Discussion and consideration to approve the Final Plat of Midway Court Phase III, being 11.262 acres out of Farm Tract 644, Block 177, West & Adams Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, located at the Northeast intersection of Midway Road (Mile 7 West Road) and Mile 6 ½ North, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item.

In response to Commissioner Tafolla, Mardoqueo Hinojosa clarified the developer will install appropriate streetlights.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- H. Discussion and consideration to award the best qualified, most advantageous proposal for the Request for Proposals for the Design/Build Irrigation System for the Detention Pond on Sugarcane Drive between Cleckler-Heald Elementary and Beatriz Garza Middle School, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated staff recommended DDI as the best qualified, most advantageous proposal.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to award DDI as the most advantageous proposal for the Request for Proposals for the Design/Build Irrigation System for the Detention Pond on Sugarcane Drive between Cleckler-Heald Elementary and Beatriz Garza Middle School, authorized a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorized the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- I. Discussion and consideration to adopt Sidewalk Transition Plan to provide means of compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning & Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated in light of a recent settlement agreement, the City will inspect all sidewalks to ensure they are compliant with ADA standards.

In response to Commissioner Tafolla, Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated the reason why this project will take some time is due to budgeting issues.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- J. Discussion and consideration to award the best qualified, most advantageous

bidder in response to the Request for Qualifications 2013-14-12 Water Storage Tank Engineering Inspection and Evaluation Services for the tank located on Bridge Avenue and Kansas Avenue, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Utilities Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Rivera left the dais.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated it was staff's recommendation to award Dunham Engineering as the best qualified, most advantageous bidder.

Trinidad Cantu explained inspections should be done annually; however, due to the fact that an inspection has not been completed in many years, it could not be determined when the last inspection was actually done. As a result, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) had issued a Notice of Violation, and has advised this is now considered a corrective action. Mr. Cantu stated the money to fund this service would come from the Utility Fund, and has already been budgeted.

Commissioner Rivera returned to the dais.

George Garrett also spoke on the necessity of these services, as the tower has now become too unsafe for workers to climb in order to service the communication lines that are on the tower.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to approve Dunham Engineering as the most advantageous bidder in response to the Request for Qualifications 2013-14-12 Water Storage Tank Engineering Inspection and Evaluation Services for the tank located on Bridge Avenue and Kansas Avenue, authorized a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorized the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- K. Discussion and consideration to authorize Buyboard contract 401-12 to vendor Superior Alarm in an amount not to exceed \$48,954.86 to upgrade the CCTV system at City Hall and Public Facilities building with servers and additional cameras, authorize a budget amendment as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Utilities Department.) Attachment.

There was no action taken on this item.

- L. Discussion and consideration to select the sole respondent to Request For Qualifications No. 2014-15-05 City Attorney/Legal Services for the City of Weslaco and authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate a professional services agreement. Possible Action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.)

Attachment.

At 8:31 p.m., the Mayor announced the regular meeting to convene in Executive Session for the discussion of items VIII. L and N. At 9:02 p.m., the Mayor announced the City Commission had completed its Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to select the sole respondent to Request For Qualifications No. 2014-15-05 City Attorney/Legal Services for the City of Weslaco, authorized the Interim City Manager to negotiate a professional services agreement, and authorized the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- N. Discussion and consideration to authorize the Notice of Termination for the Legislative Assistance Agreement with Caballero Governmental Affairs pursuant to Section III of the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega and Commissioner Pena.) Attachment.

Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to take item VIII. N. out of sequence. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega stated this decision was being made for the fact that the City has other important priorities than lobbyists; this money needs to be used for projects that will help the City at this time, including maintenance of streets and parks.

Commissioner Tafolla thanked Caballero Governmental Affairs for their service.

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Pena, moved to approve the item as presented. By roll call vote, the motion carried with Commissioners Rivera, Tafolla and Fox opposed; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- M. Discussion and consideration to authorize the Notice of Termination for the Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for the collection of delinquent municipal fines and fees pursuant to Article 6.02 of the contract and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment.

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Walker stated the contract contains a 60-day notice provision; this meeting is the last regular meeting before the contract automatically renews. She stated should the Commission elect to give notice of termination, the staff would present at the next meeting authorization to solicit

Request for Proposals, and welcomes Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP's competitive proposal.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega, moved to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with Commissioners Rivera, Tafolla and Fox opposed; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- O. Discussion and consideration to designate Tamez Financial Group, LLC of 1022 South Texas Blvd Weslaco, Texas 78596 as the Agent of Record for the City of Weslaco's Current Group Health Plan (Blue Cross Blue Shield), Life Insurance Plan (ING), and Short and Long Term Disability Plans (Lincoln). Possible Action. (Requested by the Mayor.)

Commissioner Fox abstained from discussion and the vote of this item.

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

- P. Discussion and consideration to remove the five (5) current Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco pursuant to its authority under Article 6.4 of the Articles of Formation. Possible Action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega and the Mayor.)

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

- Q. Discussion and Consideration to Amend the Articles of Formation of the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco to increase the number of Directors from five (5) to seven (7) and that the Directors not be Weslaco City Commissioners and be Citizens of Weslaco and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible Action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega and the Mayor.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega explained she had always been against permitting City Commissioners to serve on the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for the purposes of checks and balances.

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

- R. Discussion and consideration to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the Weslaco Independent School District to provide storm shelters, warming stations, safe havens, and/or other shelters for the citizens of Weslaco and homeless individuals during inclement weather or when an urgent and

compelling need exists for their health and safety. Possible Action. (Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega and the Mayor.)

George Garrett spoke in support of this item, stating that the City should reach out to the clergy of the area to utilize a facility nearby as a shelter for the citizens of Weslaco.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 9:33 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the November 18, 2014 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY, Rebekah de la Fuente

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Olga Noriega

COMMISSIONER, David R. Fox

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Lupe Rivera

COMMISSIONER, Fidel L. Pena, III

