



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015**

On this 28th day of July 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 at 5:30 p.m. 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
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Frank Garza

Also present were Jose Pena, IT Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director and City Engineer; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; and Maria Barrera, Finance Director.

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, July 24, 2015.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Commissioner Pena.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments received.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and consideration to accept the appraisal roll and calculation of effective and rollback tax rates for the 2015 tax year by Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector Pablo "Paul" Villarreal. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.)

There was no action on this item.

B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2015-44 proposing an ad

valorem tax rate and setting a date on which the Commission will adopt the 2015-2016 ad valorem tax rate. Roll Call Vote. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.) Attachment.

Ms. Mary Barrera, Finance Director, reviewed the calendar of events for the proposed 2015 budget. She stated the proposed budget was calculated with the same tax rate of \$0.6767; as long as the rollback or effective tax rate does not exceed that amount no public hearings would be needed. If public hearings were needed she proposes August 12th and 18th at 5:30 p.m.; the adoption of the ad valorem tax rate would be September 1st by a record vote

In response to Mayor Suarez, the City Manager stated currently Hidalgo County residents are going through a protest process that could affect the projected revenues, but the Commission could lower the tax rate, if they so choose. The Finance Director stated the Tax Assessor should finalize the appraised values and calculations by the end of the week. City Manager recommended waiting on discussions of reducing the tax rate until final calculations are complete.

Commissioner Fox stated workshops should begin next week with individual departments. The City Manager stated there is \$159,000.00 available balance in the proposed budget.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Resolution 2015-44 proposing an ad valorem tax rate and setting a date on which the Commission will adopt the 2015-2016 ad valorem tax rate. By roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously; the Mayor was present and voting.

For the record, the resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 44

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS
PROPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND
SETTING A DATE ON WHICH THE COMMISSION
WILL ADOPT THE 2015-2016 AD VALOREM TAX
RATE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

- 1) The maximum proposed ad valorem tax rate that the Commission will consider for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 is 67.67 cents per \$100 taxable value; and
- 2) The City Commission will adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 ad valorem tax rate at 5:30 p.m. on **September 1, 2015**, at the Weslaco City Commission Chamber, 255 S. Kansas Avenue, Weslaco, Texas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS:

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 28th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/ David Suarez, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:
/s/ Elizabeth Walker, **CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Frank Garza, **CITY ATTORNEY**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 5:55 p.m. Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Fox, moved to adjourn the July 28, 2015 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Olga Noriega

COMMISSIONER, David R. Fox

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla

COMMISSIONER, Lupe Rivera

(absent)
COMMISSIONER, Fidel L. Pena, III