



**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016**

On this 21st day of June, 2016 at 5:35 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	Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla
Commissioner	Letty Lopez
Commissioner	Leo Muñoz
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Fidel Peña III
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Elizabeth M. Walker
City Attorney	Juan E. Gonzalez

Also present: Mary Barrera, Finance Director; Veronica Ramirez, Human Resources Director; Jose Peña, IT Director; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; Chief Tony Lopez, Fire Department; Chief Mayer; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director and City Engineer; Arnoldo Becho, Library Director; Andrew Muñoz, Airport Director; Rosa Huerta, Municipal Court 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, June 17, 2016.

B. Invocation.

Pastor Rosalio Martinez from Primera Asamblea de Dios Templo Church led in the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag.

D. Mayoral recognition.

The Mayor issued a proclamation recognizing the Weslaco Lady Panthers varsity softball team on their qualification to the State semi-finals.

E. Roll Call.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Holly Johnson, Valley Nature Center, praised the Police Department for their volunteer efforts planting shrubby to help deter another theft.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. To solicit input on behalf of El Ahuehuate Tequila & Grill for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit and Mixed Beverage Permit at 2708 N. Texas Blvd., also being 0.76 acres S150'-N711'-E220'-W250 out of Farm Tract 107, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to open the public hearing for item III. A at 5:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting. There were no comments received.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Peña, moved to close the public hearing for item III. A at 5:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

IV. 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 Regular Meeting on June 7, 2016. (Staffed by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment.
- B. Approval on second and final reading of the following:
- 1) Ordinance 2016-19, amending the "Sign Ordinance," Codified as Chapter 114 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances, to increase the allowed size of a wall sign in commercial zones and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.
 - 2) Ordinance 2016-20, amending Sections 134-133 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances, to eliminate on-street parking on Airport Avenue between 6th - 18th Streets and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

- 3) Ordinance 2016-21 adopting a mid-year budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Finance Department.) Attachment.
- C. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Region One Education Service Center for provision of free GED classes and other adult education opportunities at the Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by Library.) Attachment.
- D. Approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$1,429.00, the approximate interest to date of the Marion Booth Endowment Funds, toward the purchase of a rug and signage for the children's area of the library. (Staffed by Library.) Attachment.
- E. Authorization of the issuance of request for qualifications for professional services for geotechnical and material testing. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.)
- F. Acceptance and approval of the submission of the continuous grant application for the 2016 Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. (Staffed by the Police Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Peña, moved to approve consent agenda items A through F as presented. The motion carried unanimously Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record following are the ordinances.

ORDINANCE 2016-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-12, THE CITY OF WESLACO SIGN ORDINANCE; CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 114 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING NEW REGULATIONS; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I.

Ordinance 2015-12 passed and approved on May 5, 2015 as "Sign Ordinance" and Codified as Chapter 114 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances is hereby amended.

SECTION II.

After second and final reading of this Ordinance the amended sign ordinance sections will be adopted and codified as Chapter 114 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances and said Chapter shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 114 SIGNS

Sec.114-08 B. NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

- vi. Wall sign: shall be limited to two per site, of which there shall be no more than one facing in each direction. Wall signs shall comply with all current city building codes.
 - 1. Minimum setback: attached or painted on wall or fence.
 - 2. Maximum size: combined sign area of 25% of the store front

Sec.114-08 C. SECONDARY AND HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

- iv. Freestanding sign: in the case of a multiunit building, one ground pole or pole sign will be allowed be site.
 - 1. Minimum setback: 5 feet from property line.
 - 2. Maximum size: 100 square feet.
 - 3. Maximum height: 30 feet
- ix. Wall Sign: shall be limited to four per premises, of which there shall be no more than one facing each direction. Wall signs shall comply with all current city building codes.
 - 1. Maximum size- combined sign area of 25% of the store front
 - 2. Minimum setback: attached or painted to wall.

Sec.114-08 D. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

- vii. Wall sign: shall be limited to four per premises, of which there shall be no more than one facing each direction. Wall signs shall comply with all current city building codes.
 - 1. Minimum size: combined sign area of 25% of the store front
 - 2. Maximum setback: attached or painted to wall.

Sec.114-08 E. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

- vi. Wall sign: shall be limited to four per premises, of which there shall be no more than one facing each direction. Wall signs shall comply with all current city building codes.
 - 1. Minimum size: combined sign area of 25% of the store front.
 - 2. Maximum setback: attached or painted to wall

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this this 7th day of June, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 21st day of June, 2016.

ORDINANCE 2016-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2005-59, CODIFIED AS SECTION 134-133 OF THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING NEW REGULATIONS; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I.

Ordinance 2005-59 passed and approved on January 3, 2006 to designate no parking on certain dedicated City of Weslaco Streets and Codified as Section 134-133 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances is hereby amended.

SECTION II.

After second and final reading of this Ordinance the amended ordinance sections will be adopted and codified as 134-133 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances and said Section shall read as follows:

Sec.134-133. Parking and stopping prohibited during certain hours on certain streets

- a. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall at any time park or stop a vehicle on the following streets or portions thereof:

- 3) Airport Drive, both sides from the intersection of 18th Street and Airport Drive, north to Pike Boulevard;

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this this 7th day of June, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 21st day of June, 2016.

ORDINANCE 2016-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-27, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, FINDING NEED TO AMEND THE 2015-2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Weslaco utilized diligent thought and attention to the preparation of the 2015-2016 budget; and

WHEREAS, unusual and unforeseen conditions have arisen during the fiscal year which have, or will require, the expenditure of additional funds constituting an emergency expenditure; and

WHEREAS, Section 102.009 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City to amend its budget in such a manner as to provide for emergency expenditures as an amendment to the original budget in a case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the amendments in the line items identified in the attached Exhibit are reasonable, necessary, and for municipal purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I. FINDINGS. The City Commission finds the statements made in the preamble above are true.

SECTION 2. BUDGET LINE ITEMS. The City Commission approves the budget amendments in the attached Exhibit as such change is necessary to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition as the result of an emergency.

SECTION 3. BUDGET TOTAL. The City Commission further finds the amended budget line items identified in such Exhibit will not cause the total expenditures in the budget to exceed the total amount of estimated revenue.

SECTION 4. APPROVAL. The 2015-2016 Official Budget, adopted by Ordinance 2015-27, is hereby reallocated, revised, amended and approved as set forth in the attached Exhibit.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZATION. The City Manager is authorized to undertake action to execute such transfers in accordance with state law, and file, or cause to be filed, a true and correct copy of this Ordinance, with the attached budget amendment, with the City Secretary.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. It is the intent of the City Commission that each sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be deemed severable and, should any such sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such declaration of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity of those provisions of the Ordinance left standing.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 7th day of June, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 21st day of June, 2016.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/ David Suarez, MAYOR

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

V. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolutions 2016-43 and 2016-44 appointing members to terms on the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee, staggered not to exceed three years, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (These resolutions were tabled June 7, 2016; Staffed by the Airport Department.) Attachment.

Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to remove the item from the table. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to appoint Alan Gonzalez and Erin Wise.

In response to Commissioner Kerr, the City Secretary noted an application had been received from Mr. Payne. City Manager stated the Mayor automatically is an appointed member and there is only one vacancy at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to appoint Alan Gonzalez.

Mayor Suarez stated he would defer his seat to support the nomination of Bud Payne. Mayor Pro Tem Noriega withdrew her motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Resolutions 2016-43 and 2016-44 appointing Alan Gonzalez and Bud Payne to the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee staggered not to exceed three years, and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record the following are the resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE WESLACO MID-VALLEY AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee pursuant to Section 6-34 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the members of this board shall serve staggered terms of three years with not more than two committee member's terms expiring on the same date years; and

WHEREAS, the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Alan Gonzalez is appointed to serve on the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee and the term will begin on June 2, 2016 and not to exceed three year term.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of June 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE WESLACO MID-VALLEY AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Weslaco has established the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee pursuant to Section 6-34 of the Weslaco Municipal Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the members of this board shall serve staggered terms of three years with not more than two committee member's terms expiring on the same date years; and

WHEREAS, the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee members shall serve without compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT Bud Payne is appointed to serve on the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Committee and the term will begin on June 21, 2016 and expire on not to exceed three year term.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of June 2016.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve compensation for project delays to CDM Constructors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$960,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (This item was tabled June 7, 2016; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to remove the item from the table.

The City Manager recommended this item remain on the table; Commissioner Tafolla rescinded his motion. There was no action on this item.

- B. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of Melden & Hunt, Inc. to approve Ordinance 2016-17 rezoning 2200 S. Texas Blvd., also being 7.47 acres out of Farm Tract 743, excluding an irrigation Tract E343.08' - N307.54, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas, from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to R-2 Duplex and Apartments District. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-17. Possible action. (This item was tabled on June 7, 2016; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Muñoz, moved to remove the item from the table. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated thirty-four property owners were notified and objection received from fourteen property owners. This represents forty-one (41%) percent of property owners triggering a super majority vote for approval (5 of the 7 Commissioners present and voting). Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval since the Future Land Use Plan is commercial use.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve Ordinance 2016-17 rezoning 2200 S. Texas Blvd., also being 7.47 acres out of Farm Tract 743, excluding an irrigation Tract E343.08' - N307.54, West Tract Subdivision as presented on first reading. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration after public hearing on behalf of El Ahuehete Tequila & Grill for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit and Mixed Beverage Permit at 2708 N. Texas Blvd., also being 0.76 acres S150'-N711'-E220'-W250 out of Farm Tract 107, West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department). Attachment.

Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated twenty-two property owners were notified with no objection received. Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit and Mixed Beverage Permit at 2708 N. Texas Blvd., also being 0.76 acres S150'-N711'-E220'-W250 out of Farm Tract 107, West Tract Subdivision as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- B. Discussion and consideration to accept the Weslaco Public Library Roof Survey provided ROFA Architects. Possible action. (Staffed by Library.) Attachment.

Arnoldo Becho stated the report identifies four areas of concern with the most significant roof leaks on the north and south ends of the main library, specifically the clay roof, auditorium and control room areas.

City Manager Perez stated following a walk thru of the site by staff, the recommendation is to accept the report with no other action and allow an inspection by the commission and have staff prepare a timeline of action for repairs based on urgency and funding availability.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to accept the Weslaco Public Library Roof Survey provided ROFA Architects as presented. The motion carried unanimously Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- C. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2016-22 adopting a budget amendment in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the four-month rental of a long reach excavator on a yearly basis for the Drain Ditch Expansion Project. First reading of

Ordinance 2016-22. Possible action (Staffed by Public Works.) Attachment.

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve.

City Manager Mike Perez stated the rental of the equipment allows four months of cleaning and widening the ditches; Pete Garcia recommends purchasing used excavator that is available around \$65,000.00.

In response to Commissioner Peña, the cost for new excavator would be around \$300,000.00. City Manager recommended authorization to go out for bids for a used long reach excavator outlining the criteria of specs and warranty.

Commissioner Tafolla withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to authorize staff to solicit bids for a 1990 or newer long reach excavator. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- D. Discussion and consideration to approve final payment in the amount of \$23,210.00 to Tenzo McAllen for canopy project at Mayor Pablo G. Pena City Park Soccer fields/workout stations. Possible action. (Staffed by Parks and Recreation.) Attachment.

David Arce, Parks Director, stated the project cost an additional \$2,210.00 as a result increasing the size of the canopy where the workout equipment was installed to 20x40, rather than 20x20 as planned. Final payment was \$23,210.00 as budgeted. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve final payment in the amount of \$23,210.00 to Tenzo McAllen as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- E. Discussion and consideration to approve the re-allocation of CIP funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 from street improvement project funding for paving the jogging, walking, and cycling trail at Harlon Block Park. Possible action. (Staffed by Public Works.)

City Manager Mike Perez recommended improving the trail at Harlon Block Park by paving the trail 10 feet in width. The project would be completed within two weeks, Sixth Street project and weather permitting. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Noriega, staff is discussing options for parking improvements.

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve the re-allocation of Capital Improvement Project funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 from street improvement project funding for paving the jogging, walking, and cycling trail at Harlon Block Park as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- F. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2016-46 expressing support of South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.) Attachment. Attachment.

Commissioner Muñoz abstained from discussion and vote and filed a conflict of statement disclosure.

Sunny Phillips, Executor Director, stated the South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development with the Weslaco Housing Authority was proposing to build affordable rental housing. The project would be 250 units; of which 118 for elderly and 132 units for the general population. City Manager Mike Perez recommended approval supporting the project, noting the property would still need to be rezoned.

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve Resolution 2016-44 expressing support of South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development as presented. The motion carried with Commissioner Muñoz abstaining; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record the following is the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016-46

WHEREAS, Primrose Village, L.P., has proposed a development for affordable rental housing of 250 units that will be located at the Northeast Corner of E. Sugar Cane Drive and Mile 3 ½ Road West in the City of Weslaco; and

WHEREAS, Primrose Village, L.P., has submitted an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2016 Housing Tax Credits for Primrose Village Apartments;

It is hereby RESOLVED, that in accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code §2306.67071 and Texas Administrative Code §10.204(4), it is hereby found that:

1. Notice has been provided to the Governing Body in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2306.67071(a);
2. The Governing Body has had sufficient opportunity to obtain a response from the Applicant regarding any questions or concerns about the proposed Development;
3. The Governing Body has held a hearing at which public comment may be made on the proposed Development in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2306.67071(b);
4. After due consideration of the information provided by the Applicant and public comment, the Governing Body does not object to the proposed Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to certify this resolution to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of June, 2016.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

- G. Discussion and consideration to approve 2016 Interlocal Agreement with County of Hidalgo for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Grant No. B-16-UC-48-0501 setting the City's allotment at \$279,535.00 for activities to be carried out in the City's jurisdiction and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Possible action. (Staffed by Finance Department.) Attachment.

Mary Barrera, Finance Director, stated this was an annual agreement with the County setting the City's allotment at \$279,535.00 for CDBG grant activity. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve the 2016 Interlocal Agreement with County of Hidalgo for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Grant No. B-16-UC-48-0501 setting the City's allotment at \$279,535.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

- H. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution 2016-47 expressing support of the collaborative Customer Service Initiative throughout the City of Weslaco to distinguish itself as a City of Choice. Possible action. (Staffed by City Manager's Office.) Attachment.

City Manager Mike Perez recommended approval of the resolution to support a customer service initiative by partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, World Class Training to focus on great customer service throughout the City, including private and business establishments.

Commissioner Tafolla, second by Commissioner Kerr, moved to approve Resolution 2016-47 expressing support of the collaborative Customer Service Initiative as presented. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

For the record the following is the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 47

WHEREAS, customer service is the reason for our existence as a city government; and

WHEREAS, by living our purpose, we not only fulfill our mission we achieve our vision to become a *preferred (City of Choice)* for current and new businesses, residents, prospective employees,

and visitors; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this, we must build the human capability within our organization to drive quality of service in all of our operations; and

WHEREAS, we must also engage every business in our service area to do the same; and

WHEREAS, The City of Weslaco, in partnership with South Texas College, World-Class Training, the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce, and the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation, will thus embark on a three-year campaign to make businesses in all industries more aware of customer service as a key competitive differentiator and to encourage them to develop their *frontline* employees; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the City will encourage all business to participate in efforts to make Weslaco the City of Choice; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we will gain a competitive advantage for our city, region, and businesses in our service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS THAT we declare that all private and public entities will strive to educate, promote and encourage all our employees to strive to provide the highest quality customer service.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of June, 2016.

CITY OF WESLACO
/s/David Suarez, MAYOR

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY

- I. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2016-23, amending the “Zoning Ordinance,” Section 150-19 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances, to remove the 60 day clause on "any appeal or permit granted by the board of adjustment shall not be valid if construction authorized by said permit is not begun within a period of 60 days" and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. First reading of Ordinance 2016-23. Possible action. (Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated variances typically granted are for setbacks, building heights and valid for only 60 days if construction has not begun. Staff is recommending approval of the amendment which removes the 60 day clause and grandfathers any variance approved in the past. This will allow developers, contractors and homeowners to not have to go back to the Board of Adjustment.

In response to Commissioner Muñoz, the existing clause was to ensure completion of the improvement but recommendation is consistent with other cities’ practice.

Commissioner Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to approve Ordinance 2016-23, amending the “Zoning Ordinance,” Section 150-19 of the Weslaco Code of Ordinances on first reading as presented. The motion carried unanimously Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:23 p.m. Mayor David Suarez announced the regular meeting to convene in executive session. At 6:46 p.m. Mayor Suarez announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and reconvened the regular meeting as open to the public.

IX. POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel - Discussion regarding the goals, objectives, and evaluation of the City Manager for the City of Weslaco as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- B. Pending Litigation - Consultation with City Attorney regarding *City of Weslaco v. Briones Consulting and Engineering* as authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- C. Pending Litigation – Discussion with the City Attorney regarding Cause No. C-2394-16-F *Maria Jacinta Camarena v. City of Weslaco* as authorized by §551.071 of The Texas Government Code.

There was no action on this item.

- D. Consultation with City Attorney on the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as authorized by §551.072 of the Texas Local Government Code. (North Texas; Intersection of Mile 11 and Texas Blvd)

Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, moved to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to negotiate a purchase price as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the commission, at 6:46 p.m. on June 21, 2016, Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Kerr, moved to adjourn the regular 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, Leo Muñoz

COMMISSIONER, Greg Kerr

COMMISSIONER, Gerardo “Jerry” Tafolla

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