

App. 8/14/09

WESLACO CITY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 1, 2009

On this 1st day of July, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in Special Session at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue.

NOTE: If any accommodation for a disability is required, notify the City Secretary's Office at (956) 968-3181, Ext 3101 prior to the meeting date.

NOTE: If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the City Commission will convene in such executive or closed session whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Mayor de la Rosa called the meeting to order. The following city officials were present, a quorum was established and the following proceedings were held.

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| Mayor | Buddy de la Rosa |
| Mayor Pro-Tem | Rene Rodriguez, Jr. |
| Commissioner | Robert J. Garza |
| Commissioner | J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar |
| Commissioner | Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla |
| Commissioner | Lupe V. Rivera |
| Commissioner | Patrick B. Kennedy |
| City Manager | Francisco Castellanos |
| City Secretary | Amanda C. Elizondo |
| City Attorney | Ramon Vela |

Also present: Leroy Gonzalez, Interim Finance Director; Pete Garcia, Parks & Recreation Director; Gloria Sepulveda, Purchasing Director, Jose Perez, Jr., Police Chief and several other staff members and citizens.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to amend the existing Professional Services Agreement with Guzman & Munoz Engineering to participate in the final preparation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Grant Application for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Projects through the Texas Water Development Board and authorize the staff to submit the application. Possible action.

Mr. Francisco Castellanos, City Manager stated they were proposing to amend the existing professional services agreement between the City of Weslaco and Guzman & Munoz Engineering. He mentioned the purpose for the amendment was for Guzman & Munoz to assist in the final preparation of the Stimulus Grant to the Texas Development Board in the amount of \$20 million. Mr. Castellanos stated discussions were held with Guzman & Munoz, CDM and Randy Winston, City Engineer to combine their efforts in putting the proposal together and the cooperation was excellent. He stated the time frame was very short and the deadline to submit the grant was July 22nd. Mr. Castellanos mentioned the city had asked CDM to provide a draft of their work and a meeting would be held in Austin with the Texas Water Development Board.

Mr. Vela stated this was an amendment to the existing agreement to authorize Guzman & Munoz to proceed with the evaluation assessment. He added if the City Commission approved the amendment a written document would be presented to them indicating the cost of up to \$20,000.00 to do the assessment.

Commissioner Cuellar recommended engaging the services of Guzman & Munoz due to their experience with the Texas Water Development Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cuellar and seconded by Commissioner Rivera to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009, Mayor de la Rosa announced the City Commission would convene in executive session to discuss the following items and recessed the special meeting.

At 6:53 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009, Mayor de la Rosa announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and declared the special meeting opened to the public.

- A. Personnel – Discussion with the City Manager regarding the selection of a Chief of Police for the City of Weslaco and possible appointment. Possible action of what is discussed in executive session.

Mr. Castellanos recommended appointing Jose Perez, Jr. as the next Chief of Police for the City of Weslaco.

Mayor de la Rosa stated the City Commission needed to consent the City Manager's recommendation.

Mr. Castellanos stated the salary of the Chief of Police would be negotiated with Mr. Perez.

Mayor de la Rosa stated Chief Perez had worked for the Weslaco Police Department for 24 years and reached the rank of Lieutenant, served as the Weslaco Interim Police Chief on several occasions, Chief Investigator, head of the drug task, grant writer and knew all of the staff at the Police Department.

Mayor de la Rosa proceeded with the following:

ADDENDUM ITEMS

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to review all professional services agreements and instruct staff to provide recommendations as it relate to the budget preparation for fiscal year 2009-2010. Possible action
- B. Discussion and consideration to authorize staff to solicit proposals for the Employees Group Health Insurance. Possible action.
- C. Discussion and consideration regarding the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco's membership and possible appointment. Possible action.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion with the City Attorney regarding the status of CAUSE NO. CL-09-0178-E., Claudio Lucio, vs. CITY OF WESLACO. Possible action of what is discussed in executive session.

Mr. Vela stated the addendum items were posted after 6:00 p.m. and were not items of an emergency nature that affected the health, welfare and safety of the public. He recommended placing the items on the regular City Commission agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor de la Rosa adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WESLACO

MAYOR, Buddy de la Rosa

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Amanda C. Elizondo

MAYOR PRO-TEM, Rene Rodríguez, Jr.

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