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Weslaco Commission Names New City Secretary

Weslaco, Texas — By a unanimous vote on Tuesday, November 16, the City Commission appointed Elizabeth Walker as City Secretary, a position which serves as local registrar of vital records and steward of official City records, including Commission meeting agendas and minutes. The position became vacant when then-City Secretary chose to participate in the City's Voluntary Separation Plan.

"Each one of the Commissioners has had the opportunity to work with Ms. Walker and experience firsthand her proficiency and skill level. Her ability to address and solve multiple citizen concerns as Executive Assistant has been unparalleled," said Mayor Miguel D. Wise.

Walker joined the City in January 2009 as the Long Range Planner within the Planning and Code Enforcement Department. Within a few months, she was reassigned as the Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

"Elizabeth has been very effective in working with our elected officials, coworkers and the public," said Leonardo Olivares. "She has the temperament, the educational credentials, and the ability to get the job done. Her fairness and effectiveness has given her broad support from many in our community."

"I am honored by the confidence the Commission has placed in me," said Walker. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for me to lend my education and experience in public service to the citizens of Weslaco."

Ms. Walker holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London, England and a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Writing with Honors and Distinction from Baylor University. Prior to joining the City, she served for five years with the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, rising to Executive Vice President. She resides in Weslaco with her husband, David Escobar, a staff sergeant in the US Army.

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