

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
CITY OF MCALLEN**

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Joint Meeting on **Monday, June 22, 2020** at 3:30 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad

MPUB:

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Engineer Yvette Barrera and City Secretary Perla Lara

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

**JOINT MEETING WITH MCALLEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

- 1. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RELEASE HOLD ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FUND GRANTS, RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE AND WIFI SERVICE.**

It was the consensus of the City Commission and MPUB to discuss said item at the Regular City Commission Meeting at 5:00 pm.

**END OF JOINT MEETING**

- 2. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JUNE 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

**JOINT MEETING WITH MCALLEN PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD**

- 3. PRESENTATION OF HEALTH AND PHARMACY PROPOSALS.**

Staff gave a brief update for the proposal for medical and pharmacy and reviewed each of respondents: 1) Blue Cross Blue Shield, 2) Aetna and 3) United Health Care. Staff noted that an analysis was made and they were able to assess the market and see how the city's current contract compared to market offerings in the industry. Staff briefly discussed the highlights for each of the three respondents.

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor, City Commission and MPUB Trustees. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Going out for proposals, 2) Timeframe, 3) Service Issues, 4) Hospitals and Medical Network, 5) Opt-Out, 6) Local Prescriptions, 7) Benefits to Mail Order, 8) 30 day vs 90 day pricing and 8) Incentives and Long Term Partnerships. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor, City Commission and MPUB.

After due consideration, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla moved award to United Healthcare for a period of three years starting October 1, 2020 with options to renew for two additional years and option to renew every year. Commissioner Tania Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Ernie Williams moved award to United Healthcare for a period of three years starting October 1, 2020 with options to renew for two additional years and option to renew every year. Mayor Jim Darling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

- 4. PRESENTATION OF LIFE AND DISABILITY PROPOSALS.**

Staff gave a brief update of life and disability proposals. Staff mentioned that Lincoln offered a more attractive voluntary life plan design as follows:

- No salary cap on maximum coverage (as is current, Sunlife implemented a 10x Cap)
- Guarantee Issue increased from \$200K to \$250K (Improved over current, better than Sunlife)

- Guarantee Issue Subsequent Years a 20K increase without EOI or cap (Improved over current, better than Sunlife \$10K with cap at GI)
- Guarantee Issue for spouse \$50K (Improved over current, better than Sunlife \$25K)
- Guarantee Issue subsequent years for spouse a \$10K increase without EOI or cap (Improved over current, better than Sunlife \$5K with cap at GI)
- Maintains child age limit at 26 (as is current, Sunlife implemented at age 25 cap)

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor, City Commission and MPUB Trustees. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor, City Commission and MPUB.

Commissioner Javier Villalobos moved to award for a period of three years commencing on October 1, 2020 to Lincoln Financial with an option to renew for up to two additional years pending favorable rate terms. Commissioner Joaquin Zamora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Tony Aguirre moved award to United Healthcare for a period of three years starting October 1, 2020 with options to renew for two additional years and option to renew every year. Mayor Jim Darling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

## **END OF JOINT MEETING**

### **5. REPORT BY CHAMBER ON GRANT PROGRAM.**

Report given. No action required.

### **6. UPDATE ON 2020 CENSUS PROPOSAL.**

Staff presented a 2020 Census Update and Proposal for next steps. It was noted the due to Covid-19 the Census response deadline was extended from July 31 to October 31<sup>st</sup>. With that in mind staff mentioned that the city staff serving on the Complete Count Committee have developed a plan to continue fomenting awareness and completion of the Census by McAllen residents to add to the ongoing publicity efforts that include social media, website and traditional media messaging by the Office of Communications.

Staff discussed key points as follows:

- 2020 Census Status
- Response Rate
- Proposed Budget

Comments were made and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

### **7. ZENCITY REPORT.**

Said item was not addressed.

### **8. MCALLEN 311 UPDATE.**

Said item was not addressed.

### **9. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.**

Said item was not addressed.

### **10. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH MAY 31, 2020.**

Said item was not addressed.

### **11. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS.**

Said item was not addressed.

### **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

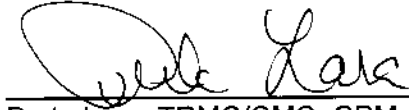
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AT 223 SOUTH 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MCALLEN, TEXAS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO POSSIBLE LITIGATION TO VALIDATE USE OF BONDS FOR BRIDGE PROJECTS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** No Public Comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM  
City Secretary

  
Jim Darling, Mayor