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COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020,** at 4:00 pm at the McAllen Performing Center with the following present:

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

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2020-2021 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the Engineering Department budget and touched on their accomplishments and objectives. A handout was reviewed depicting decision packages and capital outlay. It was mentioned that staff is requesting Computer Hardware Two (2) Tablets and Software – Geopak, Civil Storm, Adobe.

Staff also reviewed the Traffic Operations budget and mentioned they agreed with City Manager's recommendations. A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Thermoplastic Applicator, 2) Number of tablets being requested and 3) Vehicle/Truck. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the Fire Department budget and touched on their accomplishments, objectives and reviewed requests as follows:

- Equipment
- Facilities
- Equipment – Gas Monitors
- Equipment – E-draulics Rescue Tool Set
- Equipment – Thermal Imaging Camera

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Portable Building, 2) Trailer and 3) Training Facility. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the Parks & Recreation Department budget and touched on their accomplishments and objectives. Staff briefly reviewed their requests as follows:

- Trades Helper
- Overtime
- Salary Adjustment – Plumber/Irrigation Tech (10)
- Salary Adjustment – Heavy Equipment Operator
- Reclass – Groundskeeper II to Crew Leader

- Clothing & Uniform
- Rental & Contractual – Security & Ground
- Utilities – gas
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Vehicles – Mowers, Trailers, Gator, Mini-Excavator

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Special Event Crew, 2) Reallocation/Time, 3) Portable Vacuum Pumps and 3) T.V. for Palmview Community Center. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the Police Department budget and touched on their accomplishments and objectives. Staff briefly reviewed their requests as follows:

- Radio Communication Payment
- Equipment
- Computer Hardware
- Depreciation Shortage

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) 2.0 Ratio, 2) Academy, 3) Number of Officers on the Road, 4) Standard Shifts, 5) Police Memorial, 6) Parking Garage, 7) Courses for Police Officers/Workshop Item and 8) Calls for Service. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

COVENTION CENTER & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. Staff noted this has been a different year for the Convention Center and Performing Art Center. A brief review of the department's highlights and accomplishment was given by staff.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Cancelled Events, 2) Together Again, 3) Budgeted Positions, 4) Care Facility, 5) Equipment HVAC, 6) Fleet, 7) 2021 Bookings, 8) LED, 9) Ticketing / Performing Arts Center, 10) Operational Cost and 11) Quinta Mazatlán. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Staff reviewed A handout depicting all the Capital Improvement Projects. A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Oxford Avenue to Auburn Avenue, 2) Pending Bond Projects 3) Morris Hike & Bike, 4) Pavement Markings and 5) Items in Progress. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest

Perla Lara

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary