

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Thursday, August 13, 2020**, at 4:00 pm at the City Commission Chambers (3rd) Floor 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 Joe Vera, 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.

Staff gave a brief overview of the respective outside agency staff for funding consideration for the FY 2020-2021. A 10% reductions was mentioned.

Agency applications for the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 was reviewed as follows:

Agency	Requested	Recommended
• Amigos Del Valle Inc.	\$76,424	\$76,000
• McAllen Heritage Center	\$70,000	\$70,000
• McAllen Chamber of Commerce	\$644,000	\$584,850
• Women Together Foundation, Inc.	\$25,000	\$15,000
• Comfort House	\$15,000	\$15,000
• McAllen Town Band	\$15,000	\$10,500
• RGV Literacy	\$11,956	\$8,500
• Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale	\$120,000	\$84,000
• International Museum of Arts and Science	\$700,000	\$590,500
• Boys and Girls Club of McAllen	\$774,087	\$720,000
• Museum of South Texas	\$38,000	\$38,000

Staff briefly discussed the City of McAllen Capital Improvements. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the following:

- 10th and Business 83
- 23rd and Ebony
- 23rd and Hackberry
- 23rd and Jackson
- 23rd and Kendlewood
- 29th – Oxford to SH 107 (Construction)
- Bicentennial – Trenton to 107 (Construction)
- Dove: 41st Street to Bentsen
- Kennedy: Ware to Bentsen (Construction)

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Revisiting budget numbers again Oct. 1st, 2) Funding Projects, 3) Downtown Improvements, 4) Fiber/Map Request /Miles of Fiber, 5) Bond Projects, 6) Drainage Fees, 7) Street and Improvements Wichita and 2nd. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

TRANSIT DEPART/CENTRAL STATION

Staff gave an overview of the department’s proposed budget. Handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting on the Metro/Transit/Central Station budget and accomplishments. Staff described what to expect in the FY 2020-2021 and will continue to report on operations.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to the following: 1) Parking Meters, 2) Calls, 3) Bus Crossings, 4) Parking Attendants and 5) Disinfecting of buses. Additional comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

CONVENTION CENTER

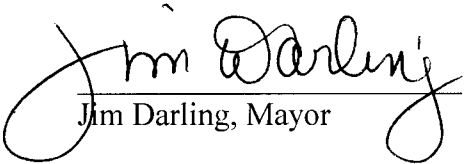
Staff briefly discussed the department’s proposed budget. Handouts were distributed to Mayor and City Commission and staff reviewed various ideas and outreach activities that consisted of the following:

- Santa’s Circle – Illuminated Drive
- Dinos and Dragons – February 1st
- Illuminated Elements
- Holiday Scenes
- Drive-In Concerts
- Curbside Food Service
- Proposed Route

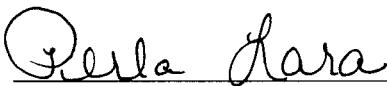
Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to the following: 1) Christmas Ideas, 2) Drive-In, 3) Drawbacks – less people, 4) Similar / Other Events, 5) All Day Events, 6) Other Cities/Dallas, San Antonio, 7) Alternatives, 8) Holiday Parade and 9) Expenses / Revenues for Santa’s Circle and Drive Thru. Additional comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary