

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, September 28, 2020** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) 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 and Commissioner Victor “Seby” Haddad

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.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions asked of the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION ON HURRICANE HANNA AND HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1 RESPONSE.

An update was provided on Hurricane Hanna and Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 response.

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Projects, 2) Elevations, 3) Balboa Drainage Improvements and 4) Current/Future Improvements. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION POLICY UPDATES.

Staff reported on Speed Hump Installation Policy Updates. Goals were identified as follows:

- Effective and appropriate device for safely reducing vehicle speeds on certain types of streets when installed according to the policy
- Make sure that speed humps are located strategically in accordance with proper transportation engineering criteria
- Give the residents and property owners most affected by the driver activity within their neighborhood the opportunity to participate in a program that impacts the safety of their neighborhood

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Options for Funding, 2) Studies at Neighborhoods, 3) Cost Share, 4) Option #3, 4) Policy on Ordinances. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff was directed to revise Option 3 and bring back changes to the next city commission workshop.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. PROJECT STATUS REPORT.

Staff gave a project status update report depicting the following projects performed through August 31, 2020:

- Bicentennial Boulevard Extension (Trenton to SH 107)
- Kennedy Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements
- 29th Street (Oxford to 107)
- Taylor Road Widening
- Daffodil Avenue Widening
- Dove Avenue Widening
- Hidalgo International Bridge FMCSA Southern Border Program
- McAllen Public Works Automotive Warehouse Expansion & Elevator

- 2018 Bond Drainage Improvement Projects
- 2018 Bond Traffic Fiber & Cabinet / Controller Installation
- Tx DOT Update on FM 2220 Ware Road Project
- Tx DOT Update on IH-2 / Bicentennial Project
- Tx Dot Update on K-2 – I-69C Interchange Project

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

5. STATUS REPORT ON PARK AND RECREATION PROJECTS.

Staff gave an update report depicting the following park and recreation projects performed through August 31, 2020:

- Suarez Restroom Improvements
- Suarez East Playground
- Suarez West Playground
- La Vista Restroom Park Land Zone 2
- Cascade Restroom Park Land Zone 1
- Park at Retiree Haven Park Land Zone 1
- Ware Road/Colbath Landscape
- Westside Softball Complex Paving
- Morris Park Trail – Completed August 25th
- La Floresta – Parkland Zone 3 (New)

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6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

7. 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 TO COVID-19 SITUATION AND RESPONSE. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Manuel Pescador, Mr. Jose Delgado, Ms. Evita Luna, Amaris Luna, Givanni Luna and Martha Luna spoke under the public comment session.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary