

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, September 14, 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 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions asked of the regular meeting agenda.

2. REPORT ON IMAS ACTIVITIES.

An update was provided on IMAS activities. The following projects were discussed:

- IMAS Collage
- IMAS Day of Giving
- End of Year Giving
- Back to School Workshops
- IMAS Connecting with Community (Onsite and Online)

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Collage, 2) Summer Programs, 3) Online Programs, 4) UTRGV, 5) MISD, 6) Previous Year Comparison, 7) Partnering with Census and 8) Annual Gala. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. REPORT ON CLEANING CITY PROPERTIES AND RIGHT OF WAYS.

Staff reported on cleaning city properties and right of ways noting that a taskforce had been formed that included members from: Public Works, Parks, Code Enforcement, Planning and IT. Areas of concern were identified as follows:

- Fresno Avenue & South 24th Street
- South 23rd Street Pedestrian Bridge
- Retiree Haven
- The Legends
- Westside Culdesac on Cynthia Street
- North 29th Street – Brisas del Norte
- North New Reservoir – Old 10th Street
- Old Lincoln Jr. High School

Staff also mentioned that some areas outside of fences are supposed to be maintained by the homeowners but are not being maintained.

Weedy lot contract fees by contractors were also discussed. Staff briefly reviewed weedy lot contract types as follows:

- Mowing of Weedy Lots Contract Labor Type A (Alleys & Easements)
- Mowing of Weedy Lots – Contract Labor Type B (5,000 Square Feet)

- Mowing of Weedy Lots – Contract Labor Type C (5,001-7,000 Square Feet)
- Mowing of Weedy Lots – Contract Labor Type D (7,001-10,000 Square Feet)
- Mowing of Weedy Lots – Contract Labor Type E (10,001 & Over by Acres)

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Emergency Mowing's, 2) Property Owners, 3) Total Amount of Outstanding Liens, 4) Condemnations, 5) Utility Lines, 6) 29th and Sprague, 7) Fences and Overgrown Areas and 8) Complaints. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

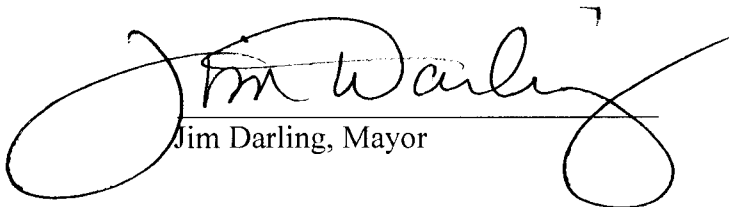
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19 SITUATION AND RESPONSE. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO PERSONNEL PROCESS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF MOBILE HOME PARK LEASES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF HOLIDAY EVENTS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF RETAIL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- F) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- G) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY: TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)

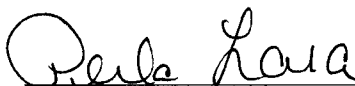
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Manuel Pescador spoke under the public comment session.

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