

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, October 26, 2020** at 3:30 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 OCTOBER 26, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Questions were asked relating to items 4A and 1A8.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

Ms. Veronica Gonzalez gave a presentation by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. The mission, early planning, guidelines, clerkships and trainings were identified. The UTGV research operation during Covid19 pandemic and community engagement was detailed as follows:

- Commitment to Safety and Success
- Student Progress
- Assistance to business throughout the RGV
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Inspiring Community during the Pandemic

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

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

3. RETAIL FOOD PERMIT TRENDS.

An update was provided on retail food permit and revenue trends. Staff reviewed the 2020 revenue trends noting that as of 2018 and 2019, the City had an excess of 1,000+ establishment permits with revenues of \$154,700 and \$245,500. In 2020, permit revenue was \$347,100.00 and the department has 66 delinquent accounts with a balance of \$22,500.00.

Collection efforts were identified as follows:

- 203 Number of Commitment Letters mailed (March – July)
- 332 Number of follow-up calls (January – September)
- 332 Health Inspector Visits for Verification Purposes
- 7 Signed Commitment Letters
- 98 Permits-Paid Revenue Collected
- 66 Delinquent Permits for Revenue Loss
- 90 Confirmed out of Business Establishments

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Permit Holders, 2) Collection Efforts, 3) Health Inspector Visits, 4) Categories, 5) Options, 6) Past Due Accounts and 7) Franchises or Self Own. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission to have the City Manager and City Attorney look into recommendations and provide staff direction.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Staff provided a brief overview of the subdivision monthly reports that are currently underway. The projects were identified as follows:

- 1712 Cedar Subdivision
- Campo de Suenos Phase II Subdivision
- Campo de Suenos Phase III Subdivision
- Depot Estate Subdivision
- Nemont Estates 1 Subdivision
- Replat of Red Rose Subdivision
- Up North on Ware Road Apartments Subdivision
- Verdin Heights Subdivision
- Kendlewood Pointe Subdivision
- Sorrento Trail on Northgate Lane Subdivision

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

5. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECRATION PROJECTS.

Staff provided an update of the various projects that are currently under construction and for which the Engineering Department performs Construction Management services. Staff reviewed work performed through September 30, 2020 as follows:

- Bicentennial Boulevard Extension
- Kennedy Avenue Roadway & Drainage Improvements
- 29th Street
- Taylor Road Widening
- Daffodil Avenue Widening
- Dove Avenue Widening
- Hidalgo International ridge 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 I-2/I-69C Interchange Project

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

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

6. PROJECT STATUS REPORT.

Staff provided an update of the various projects that are currently underway in the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff reviewed work performed through September 30, 2020 as follows:

- Suarez Restroom Improvements
- La Vista Restroom Park Land Zone
- Cascade Restroom Park Land Zone
- Park at Retiree Haven Park Land Zone
- Retama Park Improvements CDBG
- Oval Park Restrooms
- Ware Road/Colbath Landscape

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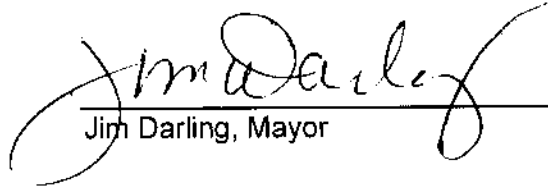
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION RELATED TO CODE ENFORCEMENT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTION PROCEDURES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

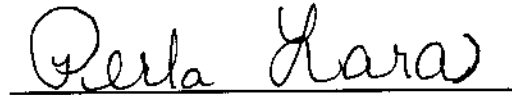
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Manuel Pescador spoke under the public comment session.

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