

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, November 9, 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 NOVEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Question was asked relating to item 7A.

2. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAIN STREET BIKE LANES.

Staff gave a brief presentation of the proposed bike lanes along Main Street between the limits of Business 83 and Pecan Boulevard (FM 495). It was noted that staff evaluated a bike lane initiative and were proposing the following:

- Between Business 83 and Hackberry the roadway typical section will have two travel lanes (1 northbound and 1 southbound), with a proposed bike lane along the east side of the road and parallel parking along the west side of the roadway.
- North of Hackberry there is not enough room to accommodate parallel parking, the roadway typical section will have the two travel lanes with the bike lane along the east side of the road.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Proposal, 2) Challenges, 3) Options, 4) Narrow Lanes, 5) Speed Limit and 6) Traffic. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

3. CITY COMMISSION DAIS RENOVATION.

An update was provided on city commission dais renovation and options were presented as follows:

- Option A – Change the back wall of the City Chamber
- Option B – Upgrade the lighting directly above the dais

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Options, 2) Redoing Curve, 3) Floor Plan and 4) Modifying back wall. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, it was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission to have staff look at other options.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. WIFI PROJECT UPDATE/OVERVIEW.

Staff provided a brief overview of the Wifi Project. Staff briefly mentioned installation timeline and CARES Act Reimbursement Process. Project completion was also discussed as follows:

- Wifi successfully installed on 1,000 light poles.
- Servicing 16,058 homes in 47 neighborhoods
- 24mb Download Speeds

- Over 1,000 connected at any given time

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Number of Poles, 2) Total Cost, 3) Verizon Wifi and 4) Number being installed. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

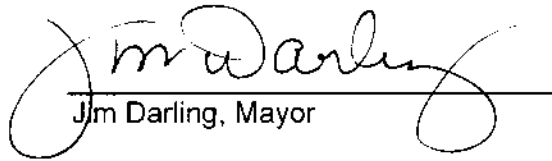
Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. **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 ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL PROCESS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
 - B) **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS. (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. Adrian Salazar and Mr. Yair Cruz 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