

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, January 11, 2021** 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 JANUARY 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Question was asked relating to item 2D1 of the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.

Staff gave a brief presentation on possible amendments to the City Charter. Staff noted first charter election was held in 1927 and stated that home-rule municipalities have the authority to create and amend charters pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code. It was also mentioned that the Charter Committee was established and consisted of Commissioner Haddad, Quintanilla and Zamora as well as City Manager's Office and the City Attorney. Staff provided an overview as follows:

- Annexation
- Election dates
- Cleanup
- Ordinance
- Term Limits

Discussion ensued and staff briefly reviewed term limits as follows:

- 3 terms of 4 years each for Mayor or City Commission
- Time as Mayor does not count against Commission cap
- Time as Commissioner does not count against Mayor cap
- Time spent fulfilling an unexpired term of the previous officeholder does not count
- Terms served at any time count towards the limit – the proposed amendment does not use the word consecutive

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Voter Turnout, 2) November Election Date, 3) Retroactive, 4) State Law, 5) Simple/Super Majority and 6) Campaigns. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to research election dates and bring back to January 25, 2021 meeting.

3. REPORT ON CARES ACT FUNDING.

Staff gave a brief update of the activity and project status for COVID-19 related grants/programs.

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)

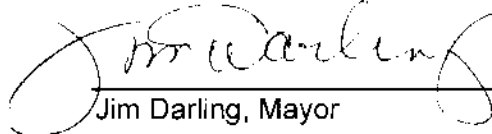
A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL PROCESS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO SECTION 143.073 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL SERVICE ACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO SPECTRA CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

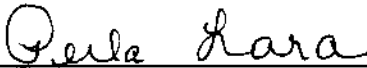
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Manuel Pescador and Mr. Gonzalo Gloria spoke under the public comment session.

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