

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Joint Meeting on **Monday, January 25, 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 and Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad

Absent: Commissioner Tania Ramirez

Development Corporation: Second Vice President – Trey Pebley,

Absent: Director Elva Cerda, Director Reza Badiozzamani

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, 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

JOINT MEETING WITH MCALLEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

- 1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MCALLEN, INC. TOO REFINANCE CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS; APPROVING THE RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION ISSUING ITS SALES TAX REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO INCLUDING A SALES TAX REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CORPORATION.**

Staff recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the Development Corporation of McAllen, Inc. too refinance certain outstanding sales tax revenue bonds; approving the resolution of the corporation issuing its sales tax revenue refunding bonds, taxable series 2021; and approving other matters related thereto including a sales tax remittance agreement between the city and the corporation.

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

After due consideration, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to approve the resolution as recommended. Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

- 2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MCALLEN INC., AMEDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 23, 2020 ISSUING ITS SALES TAX REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021 TO FURTHER DELEGATE TO CERTAIN OFFICIALS THE AUTHORITY TO SELECT THE LIEN PRIORITY OF THE BONDS.**

Staff recommended approval of a resolution of the Development Corporation of McAllen Inc. amending a resolution of the corporation adopted on November 23, 2020 issuing its sales tax revenue refunding bonds, taxable series 2021 to further delegate to certain official the authority to select the lien priority of the bonds.

Mrs. Anne Burger Entrekein and Mr. Noel Valdez gave a brief presentation. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to approve the resolution as recommended. Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Additionally, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla moved on behalf of the Development Corporation to delegate authority for execution to the Mayor, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager,

Finance Direction and City Secretary to execute on behalf of the City all documents deemed necessary. Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CAPITAL PROJECT ROLLOVER.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to approve the resolution as recommended. Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF CHAMBER INNOVATION GRANTS.

Staff gave a brief presentation of chamber innovation grants. Staff mentioned there is a real need and opportunity to impact McAllen's start-ups and that one of the programs that the Chamber eliminated with the cuts in funding this last fiscal year was the innovation grant program. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre moved to approve the grant as recommended. Commissioner Omar Quintanilla seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

END OF JOINT MEETING.

6. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JANUARY 25, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Question was asked relating to items 2G and 4B of the regular meeting agenda.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.

Said item was not addressed.

8. DISCUSSION OF ABANDONED HOMES.

Said item was not addressed.

9. DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT PANDEMIC OPERATIONS: DOWNTOWN AREA 2020-2021.

Said item was not addressed.

10. MCALLEN HOLIDAY PARADE RECAP.

Staff presented a brief update and discussed the overall parade goals as follows:

- Do not cancel Christmas
- Parade production for TV broadcast only – no spectators
- Virtual activations / Grandstand cutouts
- Implementation of new safety measures
- Floats on Parade
- Increase TV broadcast reach in traditional and new markets

A brief video was presented to the Mayor and City Commission. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

11. REPORT ON CARES ACT FUNDING.

Said item was not addressed.

12. OVERVIEW OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to table said item. Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

13. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

14. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Said item was not addressed.

15. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Said item was not addressed.

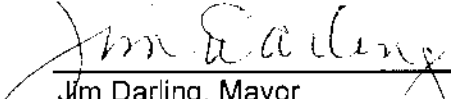
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- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF SELECTION OF ELECTION DATES (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF NAMING CITY PARKS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

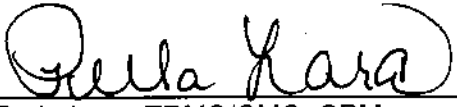
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No one spoke under the public comment session.

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