STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 9, 2017,** at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Richard Cortez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla and Commissioner John Ingram

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez, Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Leftwich, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Susan Lozano, Strategic Planning Coordinator Greg Townsend

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darling called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2017-2018 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

Staff presented information requested by Mayor and City Commission from the August 8, 2017 Budget Workshop. Staff distributed handouts on maintenance, software, computer and 2017-2018 General Fund Non-Profit Applications. A discussion was held. A question was raised on the one-time adjustment as it related to Fire Department. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

At this time, CDBG Chair Karen Valdez gave a brief overview of the respective outside agency staff and board members for funding consideration for the FY 2017-2018. Additionally she reviewed the agency accomplishments and highlights for fiscal year 2016-2017 along with objectives for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Mrs. Valdez noted that the CDBG recommendations included the 6% reduction.

Agency applications for FY 2017-2018 were as follows:

Agency	Requested	City Manager Recommended
• Comfort House – Equipment/Direct Operating	40,656	35,000
• Comfort House – Salaries and Uniforms	61,240	0
• RGV Literacy Center	25,615	22,000
• Women Together Foundation	25,000	23,000
• Museum of South Texas History	51,400	38,000
• United Way of South Texas	20,220	0
• Boys & Girls Club of McAllen	793,367	670,000
• McAllen Heritage Center, Inc.,	45,000	45,000
• Capable Kids Foundation	34,867	0
• Easter Seals RGV-Parking Lot	59,485	0
• International Museum of Arts and Science – IMAS	735,000	700,000
• Passion RGV's Professional Chorus	6,500	0
• Amigos Del Valle Inc.	89,672	66,000
• McAllen Town Band Association	14,400	13,000
• Valley Symphony Orchestra & Chorale	125,000	120,000
• McAllen Chamber of Commerce	644,200	644,200

Presentations were made by some of the outside agency staff and members for funding consideration for FY 2017-2018. Respective agency accomplishments and highlights for fiscal year 2016-2017 were reviewed along with objectives for the fiscal year 2017-2018 as follows:

McAllen Town Band Association

Agency representative reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $14,400.00. It was noted that they are coming home back to McAllen and are seeking for any potential funding. It was noted that the association is working on marketing promotions. Comments and questions were raised about the average ticket sales and other funding sources.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked the representative for his presentation.

PASSION RGV'S PROFESSIONAL CHORUS

Dr. Posada noted that the Rio Grande Valley's Professional Chorus started in 2016. He added that they have presented the Concert World Premier of Light Shines in the Darkness (Noche de Lluvia). He stated that the single is to be released this October. It was noted that community outreach included: 1) Rex Café, 2) Lone Star National Bank and 3) Copy Zone among others. The agency funding request for this year was for $6,500.00.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Dr. Posada for his presentation.

IMAS

Board member reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $735,000.00. It was reported that the air condition units leak through the ceiling and are in need of repair. Also noted was that the museum will be having their 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked board member for the presentation.

EASTER SEALS

Mr. David Elizondo reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $59,485.00. He briefly reiterated that their agency focuses on providing the best services and opportunities to children with disabilities. He added that Easter Seals RGV has expanded their services to provide early intervention and support services to provide skills and support needed to young children.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mr. Elizondo for the presentation.

CAPABLE KIDS FOUNDATION

Mrs. Esmeralda Leal reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $34,867.00. It was noted that the area has been underserved and noted the need for social inclusion and support for parents of children with special needs. A question was raised about whether or not anyone else is providing this type of service.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mrs. Leal for her presentation.

MCALLEN HERITAGE CENTER

Mrs. Elva Cerda reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $45,000.00. A question was asked as to the center getting new volunteers.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mrs. Cerda for her presentation.

UNITED WAY OF SOUTH TEXAS

Mrs. Thelma Garza reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $20,220.00. The Volunteer Income Tax Program was briefly highlighted. Comments and questions were raised as to whether there were other organizations doing this type of work and the security and software.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mrs. Garza for her presentation.

RGV LITERACY CENTER

Mrs. Diana Farias reported on the agency accomplishments and objectives. The agency funding request for this year was for $25,615.00.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mrs. Farias for her presentation.

A question and answer session was held after every presentation. It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission that the agency items were for presentation only and would review the amounts and recommendations on Tuesday, August 29th scheduled budget workshop.

2) DISCUSSION OF COSTS OF FUTURE ELECTIONS.

Said item was addressed at the August 8, 2017 budget workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary