

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, Commissioner Richard Cortez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner John Ingram, 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 Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

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

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting on Metro McAllen Department Budget and accomplishments as follows:

FY 2016-2017 Accomplishments

- Added Additional Bus Shelters and Accessibility along metro route
- Unveiled Kaboom! Swing and Ride along bus stop
- Capitalized Paratransit Service

FY 2017-2018 Goals

- Expanded existing Bike Share Program stations to increase connectivity north of McAllen
- Expanded service to Texas A & M and Tres Lagos
- Increase rider base and fare revenue through increased outreach efforts and strategic marketing

FY 2017-2018 Department Request

- 3 Transit Operators \$114,173
- Fuel & Lubricants \$35,613
- New Funding Request \$149,787
- 50% Grant Funded
- 50% Development Corporation Funded
- Additional Development Corporation Requested \$47,352

Total Request \$122,245.00

Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to the following: 1) Tres Lagos/University, 2) Current Bus Maintenance, 3) In-house Application and 4) Fireman's Park – Pecan Bike Project. Staff answered questions for Mayor and City Commission. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

CENTRAL STATION

Staff also distributed a handout to Mayor and the City Commission depicting the Central Station FY 2017-2018 accomplishments as follows:

FY 2016-2017 Accomplishments

- Constructed outdoor canopy to provide shading amenities at bus terminal
- Improved restroom facilities for patrons
- 3,581,230 Bus Terminal Visitors
- 255,506 Bus Line Departures

FY 2017-2018 Goals

- Construct sidewalks and walkways to improve accessibility to bus stops
- Acquire seating amenities along route to increase ridership and patron convenience
- Construct dedicated maintenance shop & North Hub to improve vehicle maintenance and reduce headways

Staff also touched on the year to date total passengers departing from:

- Autobuses Ejecutivos
- El Expreso
- Panamericanas
- Tornado
- Transpais
- Turimex
- VTC/Greyhound

DOWNTOWN SERVICES

Staff also distributed a handout to Mayor and the City Commission depicting the Downtown Services FY 2017-2018 accomplishments as follows:

FY 2016-2017 Accomplishments

- Implemented additional multi-space meters
- Increased sidewalk appearance by removing gum debris
- Outsourced past due citations

FY 2017-2018 Goals

- Automate parking enforcements
- Increase vendors at Food Court
- Acquire tablets to improve citation collection/productivity

Staff briefly discussed FY 2017-2018 Transit Department Capital Projects / Capital Outlay.

Staff also noted that there was a Power Point Presentation on the North Transfer Station and Maintenance Shop Projects and provide an opportunity for discussion on said project. Due to time constraints, a suggestion was made to present this presentation at a future City Commission Workshop.

A lengthy discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Suggestion was made to bring back the presentation for the North Transfer Station and Maintenance Shop Project as a future City Commission Workshop.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mr. Mario Delgado for his presentation.

McALLEN-HIDALGO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget as follows:

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| ➤ Fiscal Year Ending Budget | \$11,954.10 |
| ➤ Rents and Royalties | \$2,437,609 |
| ➤ Miscellaneous | \$ 113,064 |
| ➤ Bridge Operating Expenses | \$2,204,948 |
| ➤ General Insurance | \$ 23,171 |
| ➤ Administration Expenses/Gen Ins. | \$ 804, 963 |

It was noted that for 2018, \$2,245,165 is being requested for the operating budget noting that the \$7,310.00 decrease is due to benefit adjustments. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

ANZALDUAS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget as follows:

➤ Fiscal Year Ending Budget	\$3,520,598
➤ This year's budget	\$ 53,001
➤ Bridge Operating Expense	\$ 428,195
➤ General Insurance	\$ 20,963

It was noted that they are requesting for budget to remain at \$53,001.00.

A brief discussion was held and a question was raised as to debt service (Anzalduas) and Madero Bridge Plan. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor thanked staff for their presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget as follows:

- Sanitation Fund Working Capital
- Recycle Right Program – Monthly Rate Comparison FY 15-16 vs FY 16-17
- Monthly Residential Rates
- Monthly Commercial Rates
- Roll-Off Hauling Rates

Staff briefly summarized the beginning and ending working capital.

A discussion ensued. A question was raised as to the replacement policy, recycle right program - plastics #1 and #2 recycling. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor thanked staff for their presentation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget as follows:

- Building Maintenance
 - Number of Staff: 14
 - Facilities Managed 56
 - 500 HVAC Units
 - 300 Water Fountains
 - Year to date Service Calls: 1300
- Parks Administration
 - Number of Staff: 7
 - Management of departments registrations & facility rentals
 - Department accounting
 - Processing of customer payments & refunds
- Parks Division
 - Established Parks: 66
 - Major Projects Completed: 10
 - Special Events Serviced: 256
 - Additional Sites 2016-2017: 6
 - Number of Employees: 89
- Recreation Division
 - Individual taking part in current programming: 28,000
 - Followers on Social Media: 41,001
 - Individuals engaged through McPARD 2016-2017: 324,000
 - Economic Impact Year to Date: 11,812,500
- Aquatics
 - Facilities: 4 pools
 - Employees: 5

- Las Palmas Community Center
 - Weekly Attendance: 1400
- Lark Community Center
 - Weekly Attendance 1360
- Palm View Community Center
 - Weekly Attendance 1250

A lengthy discussion ensued. Questions were raised as it related to: Parks staff requests, the Las Palmas building being dated and needing renovation, reviewing the policy for events, summer programs for residents and non-residents, and sidewalks. Additional comments were shared about services and quality a life. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor thanked Mr. Hernandez for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary