STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 23, 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Staff presented an overview of the department's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 proposed budget. The following department requests were reviewed:

- Firefighters
- Vehicles
- Bunker Equipment
- Fire Fighter Equipment
- Uniforms
- Tres Lagos

Staff noted that the Fire Department had several key position individuals that would be retiring within the year. Additionally, it was noted that staff was content with city manager's recommendations.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to the following: 1) Tres Lagos, 2) Depreciation for Fire Trucks and 3) whether the department had a matrix working policy. Mayor and City Commission shared comments and concerns. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentations.

GOLF COURSE

Staff reviewed the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 proposed budged. Accomplishments for fiscal year were also reviewed. Staff touched on the following:

- Golf Course Leveling of Teeing Grounds at Palm View Golf Course
- Reconstruction of Sand Bunkers
  - Reconstruction of all sand bunkers, 17 years old and need complete restoration. Project would be done in-house with temporary employees hired specifically for this project.

It was noted that the recommendation was $45,000.00 from the Development Corporation Fund. Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to: 1) the conditions of the Palm View Golf Course, 2) who is the Golf Course competition and 3) different golf course markets.

A lengthy discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Comments were shared by Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked Mr. Carlos Espinoza for his presentation.

A brief update was given on the Development Corporation and staff touched on the following line items:

- City Entry-Way

➢ Easter Seals RGV – Early Learning	0	- New Agency
➢ South Texas College	$ 376,000.00	
➢ Boys and Girls Club McAllen	$ 164,300.00	
➢ Easter Seals Child Development Center	0	- New Agency
➢ VIDA	$ 400,000.00	
➢ McAllen Heritage Center	$ 125,000.00	- Fix Roof
➢ McAllen Economic Development Corporation	$ 1,300,203.00	

It was noted that said agency amounts would be reviewed at the budget wrap up workshop.

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