

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, August 28, 2017** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez, Commissioner Richard Cortez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Commissioner John Ingram

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Michelle Leftwich, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Planning Director Juli Rankin, Director of Parks and Recreation Department Mike Hernandez, Engineering Director Yvette Barrera

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

**1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE AUGUST 28, 2017
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

Questions were asked on items 2A and 2B of the regular meeting agenda and the project status reports on the Workshop Agenda.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

Said item was not addressed. Staff noted that said item was listed on Regular City Commission Agenda for presentation.

**3. REPORT ON CONVENTION ACTIVITIES BY MCALLEN CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU.**

A report was given by Mrs. Nancy Millar and she touched on the following key points:

- 35 Meetings/Conventions/Events Booked this FY
- Mexico Promotions and Advertising
 - Monterrey Advertising Campaign
 - Cooperative funds from La Plaza Mall
 - Magazine insert in El Norte
- Other Advertising
 - Cooperative Program – CVB is offering a year's worth of advertising opportunities to hotel, restaurants and tourism related retail entities
 - Gang – Various City Departments and the CVB have pooled funding to create an advertising and marketing budget to promote the city in the U.S.

Discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. No action required. Report only.

4. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT ENDING JULY 31, 2017.

Staff gave a brief subdivision presentation noting six (6) new subdivisions and three (3) recorded subdivisions. Discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. No action required. Report only.

5. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROJECT.

Staff gave a brief project update report and highlighted on the following:

- Youth Baseball Complex
- Escandon Skateboard Park
- Houston Skateboard Park
- Nature Center Parking Lot
- Idela Park
- Crockett Trail

Discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission, No action required. Report only.

6. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH JULY 31, 2017.

Staff gave a brief project status update and highlighted on the following:

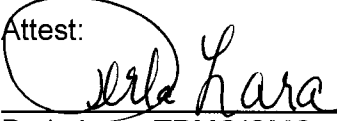
- North 24th Street at La Vista Avenue Storm Sewer Bypass
- Texas Transnational Intel Center/Texas Anti-Gang
- McAllen Public Safety Building Parking Garage
- Hidalgo International Bridge Restroom Renovation
- 2017 Sidewalk and Bus Shelter Improvements
- McAllen Veterans War Memorial of Texas
- Bond Projects: Intersection Improvements
- Bond Projects: Roadway Improvements

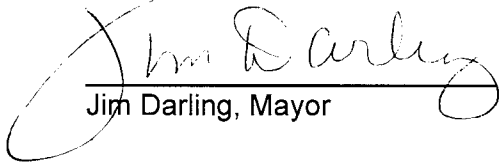
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7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE LITIGATION RELATED TO 10th STREET UTILITY EASEMENTS, TO-WIT: CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN TO CONDEMN PROPERTY MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY; (PARCEL 1) A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING A 0.068 OF ONE ACRE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PART OR PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 13, HIDALGO CANAL COMPANY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME Q, PAGES 175-177, HIDALGO COUNTY DEED RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY; AND (PARCEL 2) A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING A 0.068 OF ONE ACRE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PART OR PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 13, HIDALGO CANAL COMPANY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME Q, PAGES 17S-177, HIDALGO COUNTY DEED RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHMARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC VS. CITY OF MCALLEN (POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION) - POTENTIAL ARBITRATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO POSSIBLE MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS. (SECTION 551.071 T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ATHLETIC FACILITY. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- F) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Jim Darling, Mayor