

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 29, 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.

Staff reviewed the general fund and proposed new positions as follows:

- Human Resources – Receptionist/Clerk
- Planning – Deputy Director
- Senior Planner – Upgraded to Deputy Director
- Senior Planner
- Fire Department – 4 Firefighters requested Approved 2
- Engineering – Construction Manager (Transfer from Convention)
- Environmental/Health Code Compliance – 2 Code Enforcement Officers – Approved 1
- Parks – 2 Park Crew Leaders - Approved 1
- Parks – 2 Groundskeepers - Approved 1
- Parks – Mechanic
- Parks – Trades Helper 1
- Library – Reference Librarian transfer from Lark

Staff reviewed additional cuts and amendments to be considered as follows:

- Operating Transfer Out–Development Corporation Fund - \$100,000.00 (Overtime/Parade)
- Chamber of Commerce (\$28,571)
- Operating Transfer Out – Performing Arts Fund (\$21,429)
- Operating Transfer Out – Convention Center (\$50,000)

A discussion ensued and comments were shared by Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised with respect to: 1) Parade expenses and 2) following up on the Parade contracts/agreements. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

A discussion ensued on the outside agencies amounts discussed at the August 23, 2017 budget workshop. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission and questions were raised with respect to: 1) STC, 2) VIDA and 3) McAllen Economic Development. After a lengthy discussion, the following was the consensus by the Mayor and City Commission for FY 2017-2018 Agencies:

➤ Comfort House	\$ 40,656.00
➤ RGV Literacy Center	\$ 20,000.00
➤ Women Together Foundation	\$ 25,000.00
➤ Museum of South Texas History	\$ 38,000.00
➤ Boys & Girls Club of McAllen	\$705,000.00
➤ McAllen Heritage Center, Inc.	\$ 45,000.00
➤ International Museum of Arts and Science (IMAS)	\$700,000.00
➤ Amigos Del Valle Inc.	\$ 66,000.00
➤ McAllen Town Band Association	\$ 14,400.00
➤ Valley Symphony Orchestra & Chorale	\$120,000.00
➤ McAllen Chamber of Commerce	\$644,200.00

The FY 2017-2018 Development Corporation Non-Profit Applications were reviewed. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. After due consideration, the following was the consensus by the Mayor and City Commission for the FY 2017-2018 Development Corporation Non-Profit Agencies:

- Regional Water Line Project
- Dicker Road Sewer Project
- Dicker Road Water Project
- GPS – Phase 2
- Balboa Water Line – Phase 2
- Civic Center Utility Improvements
- Water Rights Acquisition
- Debt Related Increase – Water
- Debt Related Increase – Sewer
- Depreciation Related Increase – Sewer
- Wholesale Water Contracts
- Comparison of Tiers – Water / Wastewater Rates
- Tiering Rate Comparison

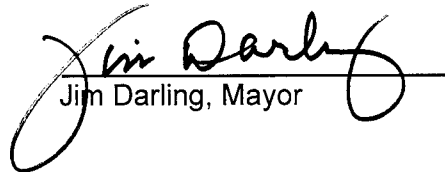
At this time Mayor Jim Darling left the meeting.

Discussion ensued. Comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised with respect to: 1) Sharyland / North of 107, 2) Sharyland Schools, 3) Sharyland Accounts, 4) Waterplant, 5) MPU comparison to the rest of state, 6) Commodity Rates, 7) Interruption Insurance and 8) Water Contracts. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Chairman Charles Amos shared comments with the Mayor and City Commission. Mayor Jim Darling thanked Chairman Charles Amos and Mr. Mark Vega for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary