

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, November 13, 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 Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Commissioner Richard Cortez

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Planning Director Juli Rankin, Director of Parks Mike Hernandez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

- 1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

Questions were asked on items 1A1, 2B and 2F of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

- 2. DISCUSSION OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES.**

Said item was not addressed.

- 3. REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (RMA) STATUS REPORT.**

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding Regional Mobility Authority. Staff briefly reviewed the 365 Phasing as follows:

- Phase I – Under Construction
- Phase II – 365 Toll Segments 1 & 2
- Phase III – 365 Toll Seg. 4
- Project Purpose and Criteria
- Project Configuration
- Project Flythrough
- Project Information
- Specifications
- Quality Management
- Roadway Pavement Structure
- Major Material Quantities
- Agency Coordination
- Environmental
- Toll Exhibit

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised related to: 1) Tolls, 2) Electronic Transactions, 3) Toll Booths, 4) Connectivity to Madero Bridge and 5) Total Right of Way. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling and City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

- 4. DISCUSSION ON PARK USAGE.**

Staff briefly reviewed the high demand for practice space at parks. It was noted that this has limited the availability for park visitors to utilize the desired play areas. Staff mentioned that City of McAllen parks and all-purpose fields are available for public use on a first come, first serve basis and that specific fields can be reserved by paying a small fee at the McAllen Parks and Recreation office. Staff also mentioned that they would like to continue operating field usage as done presently and that this item was only to make the City Commission aware of the operating procedures and to consider any possible suggestions.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) Parks/Lights, 2) Schools/Parks, 3) Practice Fields, 4) Teams and Practices, 5) McAuliffe, Los Encinos and Jackson Parks, 6) Multi Purpose Parks and 7) Enforcement. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff reviewed Multi Purpose Fields and with no lights as follows:

- Springfest Fields
- Bicentennial Fields
- Westside Fields
- Uvalde Fields
- Alvarez City/School Park
- Bonham City/School Park
- Gonzalez City/School Park
- Jackson City/School Park
- McAuliffe City/School Park
- Navarro City/School Park
- Roosevelt City/School Park
- Seguin City/School Park
- Victor Fields City/School Park

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5. **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 ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-0217-16-I; CITY OF HIDALGO VS. JOE VERA D/B/A BORDERFEST ASSOCIATION, ET AL. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
 - B) **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
 - C) **CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Jim Darling, Mayor