

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, January 8, 2018** at 3:00 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, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

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, Fire Chief Rafael Balderas, Fleet Operations Manager Javier Galindo; Solid Waste Manager Mario Vela

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 8, 2018.

2. DISCUSSION OF FLEET VEHICLE REPLACEMENT POLICY.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the City Vehicle Replacement Policy. It was briefly explained that the Public Works Department and City Manager's Office had been working on a comprehensive review of all vehicle replacement requests. Options presented were as follows:

- Approval and adoption of a revised comprehensive City Vehicle Replacement Policy and
- Disapproval of City Vehicle Replacement Policy

Staff stated that they are recommending adoption of the revised comprehensive City Vehicle Replacement Policy as presented.

Staff also reviewed the goals of the fleet replacement policy as follows:

- Identify the demand for fleet vehicles and assign them based upon actual, demonstrated and compelling need
- Maximize existing vehicle utilization
- Minimize the number of vehicles in the fleet and the relevant capital and operating costs associated with ownership

The scope, replacement criteria and guidelines was also discussed.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Mileage and Age of Vehicles, 2) Maintenance Costs, 3) Physical Inspections, 4) Fire Apparatus Trucks 10 vs 12 years, 5) What has been done previously, 6) Maintenance being increased, 7) Vehicle Life and 8) Was it a Yearly Process. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff noted that said item was listed on the Regular City Commission Agenda for consideration. Mayor and City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

3. PRESENTATION ON MCALLEN PARKS AND RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.

Said item was not addressed.

4. UPDATE ON FIRE STATION NO. 2.

Staff gave a brief update on Fire Station No. 2. Staff's recommendation was to demolish the existing building and build a new one at existing location. Staff reviewed the changes as follows:

Fire Department Requests

- Added Driveway on West side
- Modified Bay Location

Community Garden/Citizen Requests

- Made parking 1 way, reducing footprint by 8 ft and saved 1 tree
- Reduced size of facility by 20 sf
- Reduced bays by 825 sf
- Reduced and realigned drive to save 2 trees
- Lowered west building height by 6 ft
- Increased west setback from 17 to 24 ft

Staff briefly reviewed the latest site plans. A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Explanation on coverage, 2) McAllen ETJ, 3) Adequate Service, 4) Building being fully functional, 5) Requested a print out of other map options, 6) Impact to green area, 7) Pipes, 8) 5 Minute Response, 9) Lack of Parking, 10) Community events and 11) Harvey Avenue and Vine Avenue Maps. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

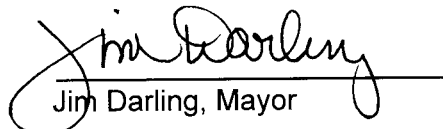
After due consideration, it was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission to proceed with recommendation presented.

Mayor and City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

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 LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
 - B) **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE McALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PARKING GARAGE. SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
 - C) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1, TRACT 2, TRACT 3 AND TRACT 4. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**
 - D) **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 4:00 p.m.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary