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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO BE HELD BY THE
MCALLEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 – 4:00 PM
MCALLEN CITY HALL
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS; 3RD FLOOR
1300 HOUSTON AVENUE
MCALLEN TEXAS, 78501**

AGENDA

<https://zoom.us/j/5087553077?pwd=TjduYjR4U2l3cWU1NjlsZzlsM2hJUT09>

Members of the public that wish to listen to the meeting can log in to the virtual Zoom meeting or dial (346) 248-7799 US (Houston) Meeting ID: 508 755 3077 Passcode: 878576. Individuals that wish to participate in the meeting or comment on an agenda item should call (956) 681-1020 by 3:30 pm. Any individual dialing in acknowledges his or her phone number may be visible to the public.

"At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code."

CALL TO ORDER

- 1.** Present questions to staff relating to the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
- 2.** City Commission Dais Update.
- 3.** Discussion of airing McAllen City Commission meetings live on social media and McAllen City Commission workshop live on all platforms.
- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**
 - A)** Discussion and possible lease, sale or purchase of real estate property. (Section 551.072, T.G.C.)

- B) Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal aspects of Legislative Process.
(Section 551.071, T.G.C.)

ADJOURNMENT

IF ANY ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY IS REQUIRED (OR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF), NOTIFY THE CITY SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT AT 681-1020 FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR A FUTURE DATE OR TIME.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the meeting of the McAllen Board of Commissioners is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on April 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/s/
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

1.

DATE SUBMITTED

04/06/2021

MEETING DATE

4/12/2021

1. Agenda Item: Present questions to staff relating to the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
2. Party Making Request:
3. Nature of Request:
4. Routing:
Cindy Gonzalez
Perla Lara
Isaac Tawil
Created/Initiated - 4/6/2021
Approved - 4/6/2021
New - 1/1/1900
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

2.

DATE SUBMITTED

03/25/2021

MEETING DATE

4/12/2021

1. Agenda Item: City Commission Dais Update.

2. Party Making Request:

3. Applicant:

4. Nature of Request:

5. Fiscal Impact Summary:

6. Budgeted:

Bid Amount:

Budgeted Amount:

Under Budget:

Over Budget:

Amount Remaining:

7. Routing:

Eduardo Mendoza

Yvette Barrera

Michelle Rivera

Isaac Tawil

Created/Initiated - 3/25/2021

Approved - 3/30/2021

Approved - 4/7/2021

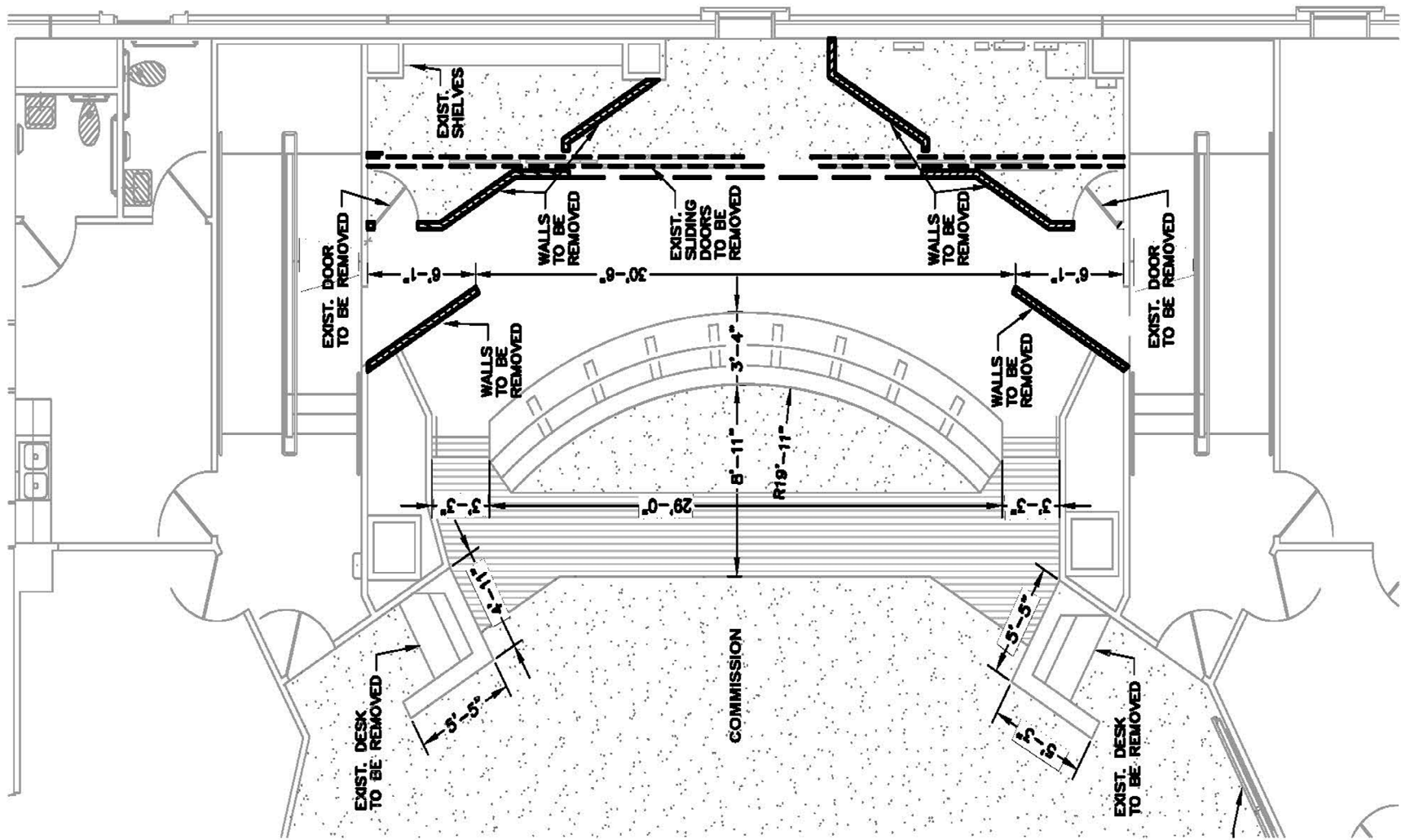
New - 1/1/1900

8. Staff Recommendation:

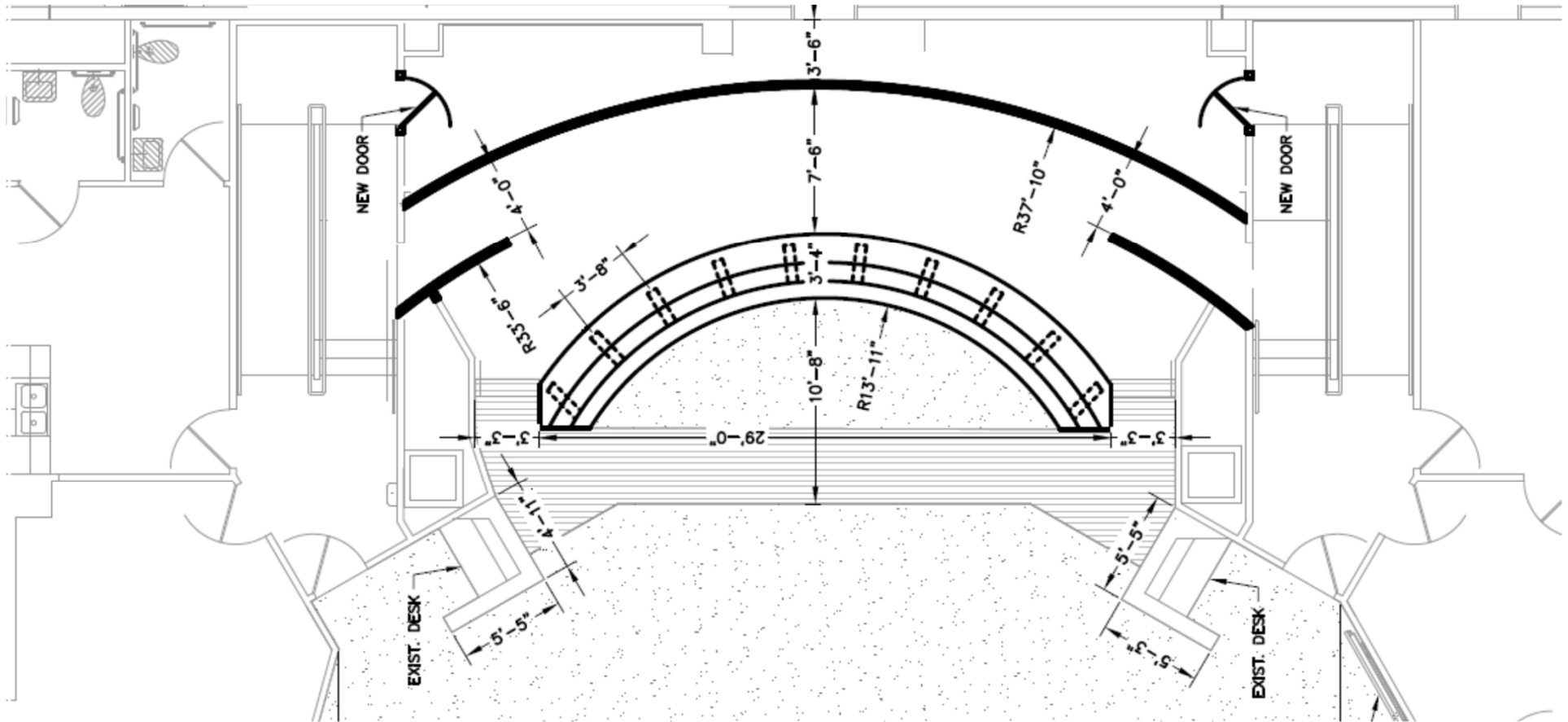
9. Advisory Board:

10. City Attorney:

11. Manager's Recommendation:



Existing Floor Plan



Floor Plan B

Cost Estimate Floor Plan B:	\$119,000
Alt A Back Wall Renovation:	\$18,000
Alt B Upgrade Lighting Dias Area:	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total Cost	\$167,000







ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

3.

DATE SUBMITTED

03/30/2021

MEETING DATE

4/12/2021

1. Agenda Item: Discussion of airing McAllen City Commission meetings live on social media and McAllen City Commission workshop live on all platforms.
2. Party Making Request: Xochitl Mora
3. Nature of Request: Discussion
4. Routing:
Xochitl Mora Created/Initiated - 3/30/2021
Isaac Tawil New -
5. Staff Recommendation: In order to avoid the possible negative comments that could be posted during a live Facebook airing of McAllen City Commission meetings, it is recommended that instead, McAllen City Commission meetings be aired live on You Tube, which does have a function to disable comments. Airing the McAllen City Commission workshop live on the channel would be beneficial to promote the activities and decisions of the two government entities.
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



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TO: Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, P.E. City Manager
FROM: Xochitl Mora, Director, Office of Communications
DATE: March 29, 2021
RE: Commission Meetings live on channel, stream and social media

SITUATION:

After recent requests for airing the McAllen City Commission live on Facebook, the Office of Communications looked into the feasibility of airing the commission meeting live on this social media platform, in addition to the where meetings currently air live, including:

- MCN 1300 Spectrum Cable
- www.mcallen.net
- 3-1-1 mobile app
- 57.1 LP on-air channel

EXPLANATION:

While the City of McAllen's social media platforms are effective for various messaging that is posted, including emergency/urgent, information, image, etc., social media also invites those known as trolls, whose only goal it is to post negative or derogatory comments, no matter the subject. Over the years, live airings of events on the City of McAllen's official social media page have not always been received well. Because of recent federal rulings regarding those who follow government social media platforms and their comments, any negative or derogatory comments that could be posted during the live airing would not be able to be hidden or removed once posted.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to avoid the possible negative comments that could be posted during a live Facebook airing of McAllen City Commission meetings, it is recommended that instead, McAllen City Commission meetings be aired live on You Tube, which does have a function to disable comments. The live meeting link would change for each meeting and will be promoted across all platforms so that anyone wishing to view the meeting live, on anyone of those options, would be able to do so.



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TO: Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, P.E. City Manager
FROM: Xochitl Mora, Director, Office of Communications
DATE: March 30, 2021
RE: Commission Workshop live on channel

SITUATION:

Consider airing McAllen City Commission workshop live on all platforms, including:

- MCN 1300 Spectrum Cable
- www.mcallen.net
- 3-1-1 mobile app
- 57.1 LP on-air channel

EXPLANATION:

Currently, the McAllen City Commission and McAllen Public Utility workshops are NOT aired live; only the respective meetings. The only requirement to be compliant with the Texas Open Meetings Act and records retention is to video record the workshops and make the recording available on the internet within seven days.

It would require minimal effort to make the transition from simply recording to airing workshops live, including:

- Provide agenda to vendor for archiving purposes;
- Run show open before start of workshops;
- Run show close

CONSIDERATIONS

While the City of McAllen is required to receive general public comments on non-agenda items, those public comments currently take place after workshop has concluded and before the start of the regular McAllen City Commission. These general public comments do not need to be recorded or aired. If going live with workshop, the workshop would adjourn, the show close would run and then the public comments would be heard.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to not only gain more followers to MCN 1300 and all of its streaming platforms, but also, for the McAllen City Commission, airing the McAllen City Commission and McAllen Public Utility workshops live on the channel would be beneficial to promote the activities and decisions of the two government entities.



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

4.A.

DATE SUBMITTED

MEETING DATE

4/12/2021

1. Agenda Item: Discussion and possible lease, sale or purchase of real estate property. (Section 551.072, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request: Isaac Tawil
3. Nature of Request: Discussion and possible lease, sale or purchase of real estate property. (Section 551.072, T.G.C.)
4. Routing:
Leilani Estrada Colima Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



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BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

4.B.

DATE SUBMITTED

MEETING DATE

4/12/2021

1. Agenda Item: Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal aspects of Legislative Process.
(Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request: Isaac Tawil
3. Nature of Request: Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal aspects of Legislative Process.
(Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
4. Routing:
Leilani Estrada Colima Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation: