

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 8, 2021** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez and Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Engineer Yvette Barrera and City Secretary Perla Lara

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

**1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

City Commission had questions on items 2C and 2F of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

**2. UPDATE ON THE SOUTH POLE ILLUMINATED DRIVE.**

Convention Center Director presented a summary of the South Pole Illuminated Drive. She reviewed the event goals, event dates, attendance, demographics, promotion, marketing and media.

Additionally, staff presented the economic impact analysis of South Pole Illuminated Drive findings and informed the City Commission that Michael Uhrbrock and Sai Mallapudi were present to answer questions and share feedback.

Discussion followed about the South Pole Illuminated and Economic Impact Analysis. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were answered.

Mayor Jim Darling recognized and thanked staff involved in making the event a success.

**3. PRESENTATION ON QUINTA MAZATLAN CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**

Ms. Colleen Hook made a presentation regarding the Quinta Mazatlán Conservation Program. She discussed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and McAllen's Timeline. The next steps to follow and challenges at hand were also discussed.

A short video presentation was provided on the Let's Grow Tiny Forests in McAllen! The value of tiny forest and implementation was discussed. The City Commission discussed the idea and the many benefits of said conservation plan.

**4. PRESENTATION ON BUXTON SOFTWARE UPDATES.**

Said item was not addressed.

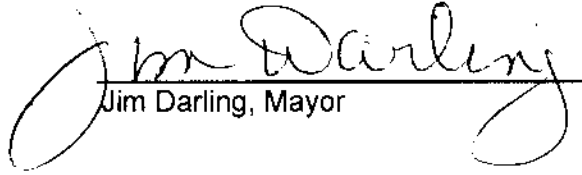
**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION-CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-21-000489; CITY OF MCALLEN V. THE STATE OF TEXAS; HON. RUTH R. HUGHS, TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE. (SECTION 551-071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF GA-34. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** 1) Raul Cortina

## ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:

  
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM  
City Secretary