

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**, at 4:00 pm, at Palm View Golf Course, 2701 South Ware Road, McAllen, Texas at 4:00 pm.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Sergio Villasana

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2021-2022 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

Management staff gave an overview of the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) and briefly reviewed the following:

- General Fund – Five Year Summary
- Days in General Fund Balance (Reserves) Ending Balance vs. Minimum Requirement
- General Fund Revenues and Expenditures by Year
- 10 Year Sales vs Ad Valorem Revenue Trend
- Taxable Retail Sales (Comptroller)
- Total Tax Rate, M&O & Debt Rates
- Total Taxable Property Value
- Expenditure Increases, Decreases: 10 year trend
- Street Maintenance Increases and Decreases 10 year trend

A recap of the General Fund Departments was also reviewed and discussed as follows:

- Summary of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances
- General Fund Departments: Public Safety | Highway & Street | Health & Welfare | Culture & Recreation

Additionally, staff reported on positions being recommended: 24 full-time, 3 part time and 15 seasonal positions. Also reviewed were personnel requests that were not being recommended.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

Staff reviewed general fund decision packages for the following departments:

- City Commission
- City Manager
- Special Services
- Audit
- Vitals
- Municipal Court
- Finance
- Management & Budget
- Tax Office
- Legal
- Grants Office
- Human Resources
- Contingency
- Liability Insurance

- Planning
- Information Technology
- Office of Communication
- McAllen 311 Call Center
- City Hall
- Building Maintenance
- Development Center
- Police
- Radio Shop
- Fire
- Traffic Operations
- Building Permits & Inspections
- Engineering
- Street Maintenance
- Sidewalk Construction
- Drainage
- Environmental Health Code Compliance
- Graffiti
- Parks Administration
- Parks
- Pools
- Recreation Center Lark
- Quinta Mazatlán
- Library
- Library Lark
- Library Palm View
- Agencies

Staff briefly discussed the overall goals of said recommendations. A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

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

2. A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING IMMIGRATION ISSUES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

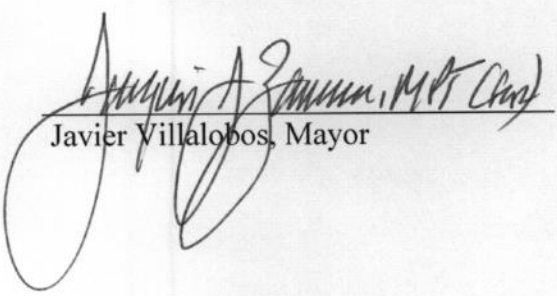
Commissioner Zamora made a motion to not authorize placing tents anywhere in the City. The motion failed for lack of second.

Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., then made a motion to ratify the emergency temporary placement of tents on a tract of land owned by the City on a temporary basis to house homeless immigrants released into McAllen by CBP, but that only if there was no NGO capacity for such persons. The motion also required that the City provide increased police patrols of the area and that management continue its efforts to secure a safe place outside McAllen to relocate the facility as quickly as possible. Commissioner Tania Ramirez seconded the motion.

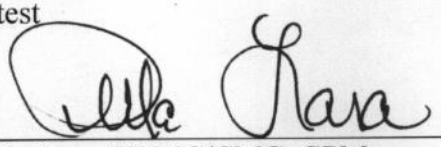
The motion passed with 5 votes in the affirmative with Commissioner Joaquin Zamora voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary