

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 4, 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 briefly stated that the stimulus funding proposed projects would be discussed and were open to suggestions.

A list of proposed projects was handed out and said stimulus funding proposed projects were individually reviewed as follows:

- Addition of a 9 Hole to Palmview Golf Course
- Fire Station #8
- Alley Upgrades
- Animal Intake Facility
- Balboa Lift Station
- Beautification of Bicentennial (Noise Barrier)
- Bethel Gardens
- Buy Donna Bridge
- Campground Projects
- Children's Museum at IMAS
- Downtown
- Development Center – Hire Liaison
- East and West Hike Bike Trails
- Entry Sign (Edinburg to McAllen)
- Fiber Upgrades (WIFI)
- Irrigation District ROW – Trails
- Las Palmas Community Center Park Soccer Fields
- Lighting on McColl to Orangewood
- Marketing Campaign to 'Live in McAllen'
- Natatorium
- New Development & Infrastructure: Real Estate
- New Parks & Recreation Areas South of Expressway
- Nikki Rowe Tennis Court Lighting
- Northwest Blue Line Hike and Bike Trail
- Outdoor Events Center at MMC – Amphitheatre
- Palm View Golf Course: Renaming, Entrance & Parking Lot Redesign
- Property Tax Relief (One Time Exemption) Water & Sewer
- Rehab of Parks adjacent to MISD Schools (Victor Fields Elementary)
- Revitalize / Rehab Older Neighborhoods
- RMA Thoroughfare
- Small business grants
- Splash Grounds at City Parks
- Street Light Upgrade
- Storm water Compliance (2 Vector Trucks)
- Surveillance Cameras for Illegal Dumping

- Tennis Center
- Bucket Truck (s)
- Compost Facility (Real Estate)
- Drainage
- Electricity Surcharge
- Engineering Drainage Study on North Side
- Equipment Fire Station – Fire Truck
- ERP Network
- Fire Station between 7th & 8th
- Fire Training Field / Facility
- Fuel System Improvements
- Mechanical Equipment (Library Chiller)
- Property around Public Works
- PVC – Fence off of Ware Road
- Quinta Mazatlán
- Sidewalks
- Traffic Building Renovation
- Voting Equipment

Staff provided an update of overall goals and recommendations. A lengthy discussion ensued. Questions were raised by council relating to: Paved and Unpaved Alleys and Maintenance, Animal Intake Study/PD Animal Control Budget, Barriers, Airport Overpass and Northbound Bicentennial/Landscaping/Greenery, Bethel Gardens Commitment Project, Donna Bridge Funding, Campground Property on North 23rd by Oxford, Prioritizing Land Acquisition Portion and holding off on improvement portion, Available Property to the North Purchase, Renovating Existing Parks (West Side Park, Pavilions, Morris, Children's Museum Grant, Commitments, Matches, Liaison needed at Development Center, Hike and Bike Trails – Placing in Budget vs Stimulus Project, Entry Signs – 23rd, 10th Street and Ware, Fiber Upgrades and Poles and Equipment, Low Income Areas Goals and State Funds, Tx Dot and Grants, Trails and Bike Riding vs Running Trails, Phases and Layouts & additional information, Las Palmas Community Center, Upgrade Fields and Artificial Turf Field, Updating Soccer Fields in General, Sales Revenue and Revitalize Downtown, Live McAllen Marketing Campaign, Property Taxes, Operational Budget, Natatorium vs Aquatic Center and New Parks South of Expressway and Summer Breeze Park / Amphitheatre, Outdoor Event Centers Music Stage.

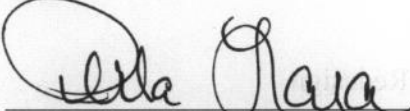
Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission. Staff noted that remainder of stimulus projects would be discussed at the August 10th budget workshop.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their stimulus proposed projects update.

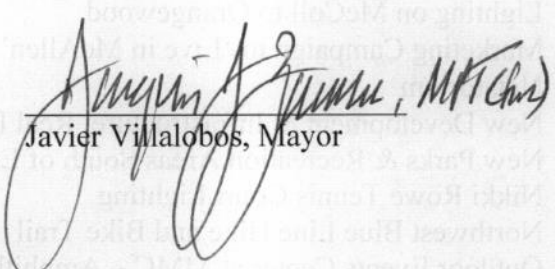
ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Javier Villalobos, Mayor