

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF McALLEN**

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, August 9, 2021** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

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

City Manager mentioned that budget review would be discussed at this workshop.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Eduardo Mendoza gave a recap of the Engineering Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Council concurred that the partitions were needed to provide barriers between desks. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

TRAFFIC

Ms. Marlene Garza gave a recap of the Traffic Department budget and briefly reviewed the department decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to Centracs additional licenses, signal notifications and street lighting. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mr. Denny Meline gave a recap of the Parks & Recreation Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for Parks Administration, Parks, Recreation, Pools, Las Palmas Community Center, Lark Community Center and Palmview Community Center. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked related to ADA Consulting for Parks/Independent Experts, Consulting Fees, Items greater than \$5,000.00, Municipal Ballfield Irrigation, Ballfield Storage Building, 10 x 20 tents and teams and tournaments. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Victor Rodriguez gave a recap of the Police Department budget and briefly reviewed the department decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked related to total budget, police protection, non-discretionary money, vehicles / depreciation fund transfer and vacancies. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief James Schultz gave a recap of the Fire Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked related to total budget, training facility, promotions, stations, construction and design, shifts, communication specialist, self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders and mid-size suv vehicle. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

Staff mentioned that council suggestions had been noted for the various departments and revisions would be included in the budget wrap-up.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

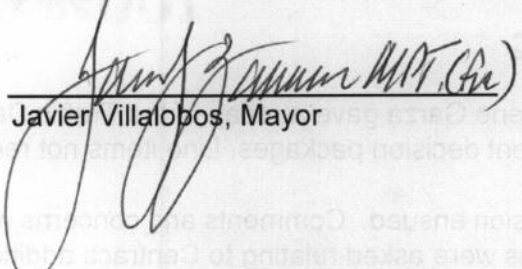
There were no comments from the public.

2. 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)

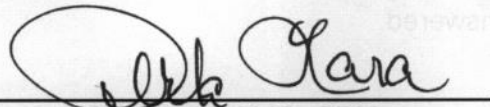
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN WINTER STORM SECURIZATION APPLICATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO BORDER IMMIGRATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary