

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 10, 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 provided information regarding the City of McAllen budget for FY 2021-2022.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Elvira Alonzo gave a recap of the Public Works Department's 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 composting facility, drainage system focus during tropical storms, brush schedules and servicing alleys. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

CONVENTION CENTER

Ms. Yahaira Flores gave a recap of the Convention Center Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for McAllen Convention Center, McAllen Performing Art Center and Quinta Mazatlán. 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 War Memorial, Parking Area, Restroom Facility, Drive Thru Holiday Event, Family Packages, Golf Cart Request and Outdoor Landscaping. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

GOLF COURSE

Mr. Carlos Espinoza gave a recap of the Golf Course Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for department. 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 fees, revenue, McAllen Country Club, Challenges, Restaurant / Rental, Firemen's Park/University Draft House. Questions posed by the City Commission were answered.

AIRPORT

Mrs. Elizabeth Suarez gave a recap of the Airport Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for department. 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 debt service, terminal construction, approved projects, contracts and airline goals, hybrid lease and Aeromar Contract. Questions posed by the City Commission were addressed.

METRO McALLEN / TRANSIT / DOWNTOWN SERVICES

Mr. Mario Delgado gave a recap of the Airport Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for department. 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 extending bus routes, sidewalks and shelters. Questions posed by the City Commission were addressed.

McALLEN INTERNATIONAL / ANZALDUAS BRIDGE

Mr. Juan Olaguibel gave a recap of the Hidalgo / Anzaldua's budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for department. It was noted that there were no differences between the City Manager's recommendations and the bridge department requests.

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

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentations.

On behalf of the Presiding Officer, City Attorney recommended recessing into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora moved to accept the recommendation for the basis of the discussion in Executive Session under the section cited by the City Attorney and seconded by Commissioner Tania Ramirez. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

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).

A) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad announced that he had a conflict with item 2A and would abstain from discussion and voting on said matter. Subsequently, he filed a conflict form with the City Secretary.

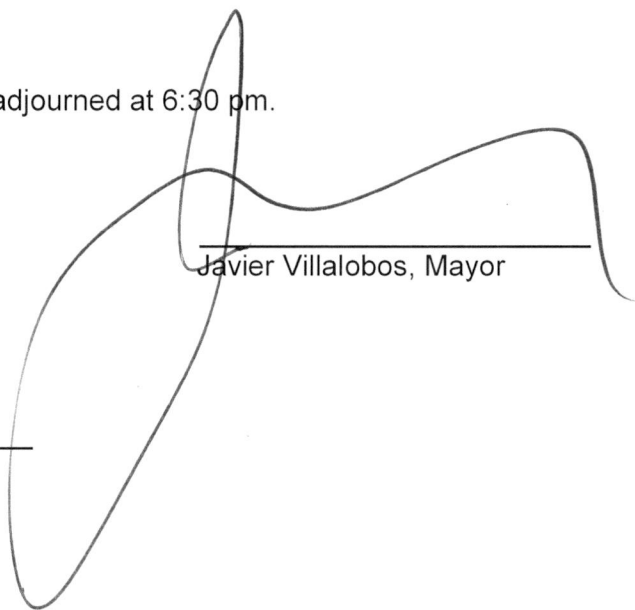
Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate incentives as described in executive session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora. The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative and Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad in abstention.

B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER IMMIGRATION ISSUES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary