

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Retreat on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021**, at Quinta Mazatlán – Discovery Room, 600 Sunset Drive, McAllen, Texas at 3:00 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, Passport Facility Administrator Norma Rodriguez, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Sergio Villasana

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION LONG TERM PROJECTS.

Mr. Rodriguez gave a brief introduction on the objectives of the retreat. He reviewed the topics to be discussed.

Topics presented by Management:

- Drainage Investment and Partnerships
- Alleys
- Linear Parks on Ditches Right of Way
- ARPA Funds
- Possible Real Estate Future Investments
- City Run Animal Intake Facility
- Downtown Revitalization
- Children's Museum
- Tennis Center
- Alley Upgrades
- Allocation of Stimulus Funds
- Development Center: Improve the process and better manage of construction projects
- Parks: Improving amenities and appearance to existing parks
- Best Practices for City Commission Meetings (Speaking Rules | Decorum | Expectations)
- Golf Course
- Bus Shelters
- Beautification of 23rd Street
- Butterfly Project
- Expanding 50\50 Program
- 380 Agreements
- Special Olympics
- Zoom Meeting only for Advisory Boards
- Renaming of Palmview Community Centers and Golf Course
- Illegal Dumping
- Replacing Street Light with LED Lights
- Expanding and Renewing Westside Park
- Soccer Fields
- Housing Development around Convention Center
- Financial responsibility course for new employees including Fire and Police Departments
- Downtown Revitalization
- Storm Water Drainage
- Parkland Acquisition / Land banking / Stormwater RDF
- Thoroughfare Forecasting / Planning for Bentsen Road & Taylor Road
- School / City Park MOU
- Crockett Elementary Acquisition / Master Plan
- Boeye Reservoir Project
- Airport Marketing / Terminal Expansion

It was noted that some of the topics had been previously discussed and funds had been allocated for those items. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. They discussed future growth, developers, meetings, allocating funds, medians, city improvements/projects, stimulus and qualifying

expenses, small businesses, Parks and Recreation projects, Special Olympics and Airport Master Plan.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for presentations.

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.)

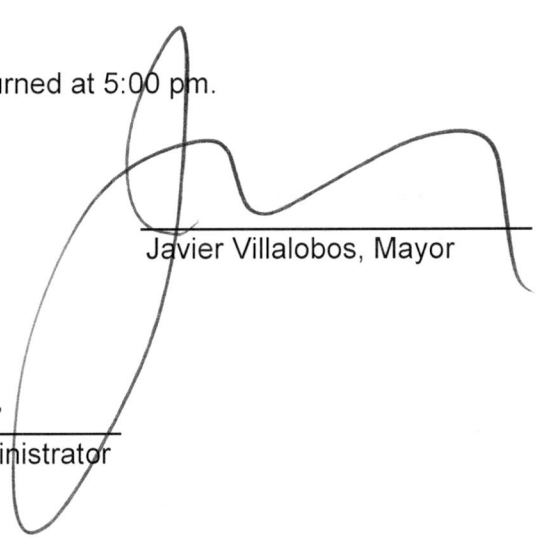
No action.

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 5:00 pm.



Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest



Norma Rodriguez, Passport Facility Administrator