

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, September 13, 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. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Chief James Shultz provided an update on the McAllen Fire Department EMS provider. He gave a brief overview of the Ambulance Advisory Committee, current status, reports provided and historical data.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating data provided, spot checks, mutual aid, back log, contract and other sources, GPS and tracking. Staff answered questions posed by council.

It was noted that said item was on the regular meeting agenda for consideration.

3. UPDATE ON PALM VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER.

Chief Victor Rodriguez presented information update regarding annual service contract for the operation of a regional animal shelter to the Palm Valley Animal Society. He briefed the Council on the contracts and services under said contract that included quarantine, impoundment, shelter, spray and neuter services for animals delivered to the center by City of McAllen Animal Control Wardens.

Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Questions were asked regarding hours of service, dead or alive animals, intake facility, Humane Society in Harlingen, and inviting PVAS staff to next workshop for Q&A. Questions posed by council were answered.

Council directed staff to place item on next workshop and invite PVAS staff to the next workshop.

4. RE-NAMING OF ALM VIEW GOLF COURSE.

Item was not addressed.

5. FORMING AN ADVISORY BOARD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONS.

Commissioner Tania Ramirez updated Council on the purpose of forming an advisory board for special needs persons. It was noted that the purpose of the McAllen disability advisory board is to bring together local organizations, stakeholders, and individuals so our community can better coordinate advocacy efforts, service delivery, and problem-solving related to common access barriers or other issues impacting people with disabilities. She mentioned that the number of members could consist of nine (7 community members appointed by city commission, Mayor and 1 City Commissioner.) Also noted were qualifications for community board members: Self advocate, Parent/Relative of Person with a disability or Professional that works with people with disabilities.

Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Questions were asked relating to inclusivity, other cities and ordinances, bylaws, objectives, purpose of the board and placing individuals in existing boards. Questions posed by council were answered.

Council directed staff to bring back formal parameters for the board to review issues brought up at a future workshop and bring back bylaws for approval.

6. PRESENTATION BY MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAMS.

Item was not addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

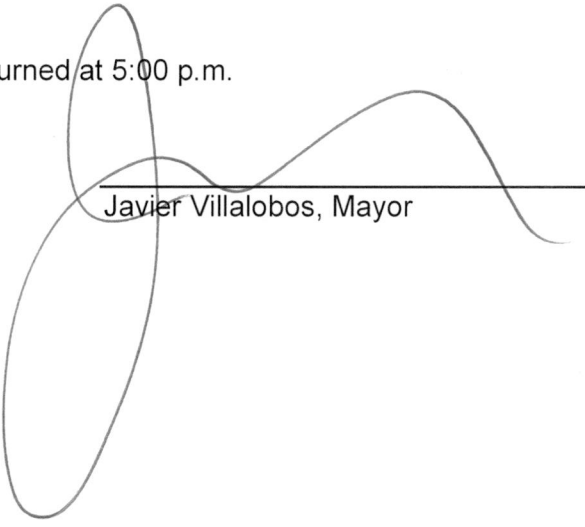
The following citizens spoke at public comment: Lidia Fonseca, Jose Rodrigo Uresti, Marissa Pecina, Marla Martinez, Eric Cardenas, Otis Sizemore, Jose-Ovi Velasquez

7. 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 LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-2995-21-1; DOLORES E. VALDEZ V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. CL-21-2976-B; ABIGAIL CARBAJAL V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2 (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE LITIGATION RELATED TO NORTHEAST BLUELINE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG FULLERTON AVE, TO WIT:- CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO CONDEMN PROPERTY MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS: A 0.39-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE (249), PRIDE-O-TEXAS SUBDIVISION, OUT OF LOT FIFTY (50), LA LOMITA IRRIGATION AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION OF PROCIONES 61, 62 AND 63 SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS MORE PARTICULARLY BY METES AND BOUNDS ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MEDCARE EMS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary