

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, September 27, 2021** at 3:45 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 27, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

2. UPDATE ON PALM VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER.

Chief Victor Rodriguez provided an update on the Palm Valley Animal Shelter. He gave a brief overview of the current status and services under said contract that included quarantine, impoundment, shelter, spray and neuter services for animals delivered to the center by the City of McAllen Animal Control Wardens. He noted that annually animal transports of live and dead animals to the PVAS approximate 9,000 by the City of McAllen Animal Control Wardens. However, he stated that said contract provides a cap at 6,000 live animals and no cap for dead-on-arrival animals. He also stated that the proposed contract period is a three year term beginning October 1, 2021 and provisions included:

- A monthly rate of \$85,390 for all live animals transported to PVAS by McAllen Animal Control Wardens up to a cap of 6,000 animals
- Live animals are limited to dogs and cats
- Opossums will no longer be accepted by the PVAS
- Through this action, the current temporary moratorium on opossums becomes indefinite

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to the proposal, item #4 of contract, regional problems, current cost, training and educating citizens, cats, adoption, additional services, shorter contract, Nuisance, PVAS By-laws and City Commission serving on board and nominating Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

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

3. OPEN DISCUSSION ON SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVES.

City Manager Roy Rodriguez mentioned that this item is for open discussion to take direction from Council setting parameter as to how they want to proceed with small business grants previously budgeted.

Mr. Steve Alhenius provided a brief update of McAllen Small Business Growth Fund Incentives noting that it is an initiative sponsored by the City of McAllen and the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Comments were made relating to \$4 million budgeted, locally owned franchise participation, revisit dollar amount and adjusting said amounts, impact more small businesses, minimum requirements and impact, reducing grant size, panel of judges, components that address small businesses, home businesses, combination of loans and drafting a two-tier approach. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Council directed staff to work on a draft for McAllen Small Business Start-up Fund and bring back for discussion.

4. RE-NAMING OF PALM VIEW GOLF COURSE.

Item was not addressed.

5. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Edgar Garcia presented information update regarding subdivision status projects. He discussed AEP James Rowe Subdivision, Bell's Fam Plaza Subdivision, Best Subdivision, MAE Subdivision, Nemont Estates II Subdivision, Oak Valley Subdivision, Owens Commercial Park Subdivision, The Quarter II Subdivision Hammond Development Subdivision and Palms Community Center II Subdivision. Questions posed by Council were answered.

6. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Ms. Sarai Garcia presented information update regarding Parks & Recreation Projects. She discussed, Ware Road Colbath/Jordan Seating Nodes, Mc Hi Re Lamp Tennis Court, McAllen Youth Baseball North Parking Lot, Crockett Park, La Floresta Park Land Zone 3 and H2O Hut. Questions posed by Council were answered.

7. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021.

Ms. Yvette Barrera presented information update on project status through July 31, 2021. She added that various projects that are currently under construction was work perforce through July 31, 2021. Ms. Barrera discussed the following projects that included Bicentennial Boulevard Extension, Taylor Road Widening (I2 to Daffodil Avenue), Daffodil Avenue Widening (Taylor Road to Ware Road, Dove Avenue Widening (Bentsen Road to 41st Street, 2018 Bond Drainage Improvement Projects, Drainage Utility Fee Projects and Tx Dot Update on I-2/I-69C Interchange Project. Questions posed by Council were answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

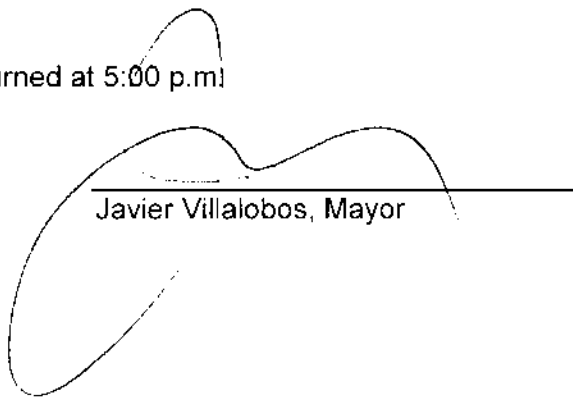
The following citizens spoke at public comment: Gary Groves and Monica Olly Navarro

8. 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)

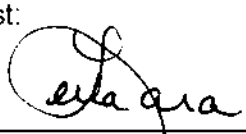
- A) CONSULTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1, TRACT 2 AND TRACT 3. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LITIGATION MATTERS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER. (SECTION 551.074, 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