

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, October 11, 2021** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

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

Also present were 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 OCTOBER 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions on the regular meeting agenda.

2. RE-NAMING OF PALM VIEW GOLF COURSE.

Director of Golf Carlos Espinosa provided an update on the re-naming of the Palm View Golf Course and discussed the possible new names as follows:

- Champions Lakes Golf Course
- Champions Crossing Golf Course
- Escondido Lakes Golf Course
- Escondido Crossing Golf Course
- Lake View Golf Course

Mr. Espinosa touched on Palm View history and discussed the options at length. Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised regarding the process selection and use of the word champion (s). Mr. Espinosa answered questions posed by Council.

It was mentioned that said item was on the regular city commission agenda for consideration.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

3. UPDATE ON REFRESH 50/50.

Retail & Business Development Director Rebecca M. Olaguibel provided an update on Refresh 50/50. Ms. Olaguibel briefly discussed the matching grant up to \$15,000.00 for projects qualified for store revitalization that included façade improvement, fresh paint, repair and replacement of old signs, landscaping and repair of parking lot. She additionally reviewed the refresh grant process which included the application, preliminary approval, grant approval, work on project and reimbursement.

She also spoke about the proposed new Refresh 50/50 Zone:

- Pecan (495) from Ware to McColl
- Main Street from Galveston to Pecan
- Downtown, 16th Street, Business 83 to Houston Avenue
- Downtown, 15th Street, Business 83 to Houston Avenue
- Downtown, Broadway, Business 83 to Houston Avenue
- 10th Street, from Houston to Dove
- Nolana, from Ware to McColl

She spoke on the impacts of new zone, downtown grant increase and total budget. Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Staff answered questions.

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Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF FUNDING OF CENTER FOR URBAN ECOLOGY AT QUINTA MAZATLAN.

City Engineer Yvette Barrera gave a brief update of the Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlán. Handouts were distributed to Council summarizing the funding needs for the Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlán. Staff provided the background needed in order to meet the project funding, funding from the Development Corporation to be considered and reports on pledged donations and consideration of an inter-fund loan. Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Staff answered questions.

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Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

The meeting was called into executive session at 4:34 pm under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 551. Open Session for action on executive session will be addressed under the regular meeting agenda.

5. 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 POTENTIAL LITIGATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION; CITY OF MCALLEN, ET AL. V. STATE OF TEXAS; CUASE NO. D-1-GN-17-005766 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION TO ENFORCE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest.

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary