

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, December 13, 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 Victor "Seby" Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Absent: Commissioner Tania Ramirez

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 DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

No questions asked for the regular city commission agenda.

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING REDISTRICTING.

Mr. Austin Stevenson made a presentation on initial assessment of redistricting. Mr. Austin Stevenson update Council and reviewed available census data, total population, voting rights act and redistricting standards. It was mentioned that the absolute deadline is the date filing opens for the May 2023 general election. Proposed time was discussed as follow:

- Initial Assessment
- Adopt plan criteria and guidelines
- Develop illustrative plan (s)
- Public Comment / hearing
- Analyze comments
- Adopt final plan
- Implementation

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to a timeline, proper criteria and public hearing. Staff answered questions posed by Council. It was mentioned that staff would bring item for redistricting in 2022.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

3. RENAMING OF THE PALM VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER.

It was mentioned that no concerns have been expressed from the community. Said item was removed from agenda.

4. DISCUSSION OF CITY HALL SECURED ENTRANCE.

Staff presented two options for secured City Hall entrance. Each option with a cost estimate for the proposed improvements was discussed. It was noted that option A included a new glass wall and automatic double sliding doors with access control from information desk, these would be located between HR and Public Utilities. Option B included a new glass wall and automatic double sliding doors with access control from information desk, these would be located between existing stairwell and information desk.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to Options A & B, West doors, restricted access and bringing back additional options. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

5. PRESENTATION OF STREET LIGHT FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. Marlene Garza presented on street light future improvements for the City of McAllen. She noted that the goals are to improve dark street segments and replace post-tops (lanterns) with LED Cobra Heads. New street light to meet current standards were discussed and reviewed by district. Total quantities and costs were reviewed and it was noted it included new concrete pole and new lantern. Next steps to take were discussed as follow: Funding allocation per year for each district. A 5 – year turn around approximately \$1.2 million/year, replacement of post top lanterns and replacement on failure.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to LEDs, Fixtures, Cost, existing and replacement of lights and AEP Pilot Program. Staff answered questions posed.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

6. 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)

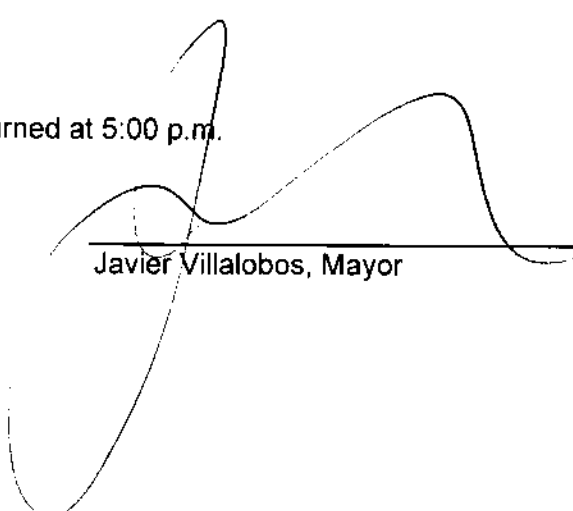
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF MEDCARE EMS CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1 & TRACT 2. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, 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