

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, January 24, 2022**, 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, and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JANUARY 24, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions for the regular city commission agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF CITY HALL SECURED ENTRANCE.

Staff presented consideration of City Hall secured entrance. Brief explanation was given on Option C to secure City Hall which involves new automatic sliding doors, new glass wall, and electrical work. Existing room to the left of the main entrance would be converted to new receptionist desk. It was noted that this option would secure all departments and doors could be opened on City Commission meeting days. Additionally, it was noted that the current reception/mailroom can be converted to a small conference room.

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked relating to security, objective/subjective requests, separate entrance for Finance/Utilities and Human Resources, converting workspace, first amendment auditors, costs and option C being the best option. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

3. PRESENTATION OF GRANT PROPOSALS BY THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Staff made a brief presentation of small business grant/loan funds. Staff mentioned challenges with the approved plan. Staff discussed the actual challenges the program is facing currently and referenced 2019 and 2020 challenges. Staff noted that if plan was approved as of January 18, 2022 there will be 10 more businesses that qualify for Level 1 and 3 that will qualify for Level III and 40 new businesses that would qualify for funding. Staff also reviewed additional Challenge was the 2020 valid documentation to demonstrate that business was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked relating to the original 20% declines threshold, loss, challenges, 2019/2020, CPA/ Financial advisors / case by case basis, documentation and government funds, making the process fast and easy, small level 1 tier businesses, 2021 compile statements / quarter to quarter comparisons, available time periods, guidance from registrars. Staff answered questions posed by Council and additionally noted that they would be committing to 1.8 million dollars.

Staff also requested consideration of administrative support to undertake the Small Business Grant/Loan program. It was noted that the projected total cost requested was \$50,000.00.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF WARE ROAD MEDIAN (SH 107 TO MONTE CRISTO RD) OPTIONS.

Mr. Eduardo Mendoza gave a brief presentation of raised median options from Ware Road from 107 to Monte Cristo. He noted that the Texas Department of Transportation is working on the

roadway plans to expand Ware Road from SH 107 to Monte Cristo Road. It was noted that the project will widen the road from a 2-lane rural section to a 6-lane urban section with median. The median is proposed to be concrete only. It was mentioned that TX Dot has advised the City may choose to enhance the median at a cost. Staff present proposed option from TX Dot along with 4 proposed enhanced option with additional cost for Council review and consideration.

Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to beautification/landscaping, cost and width/design, pavers, advance funding agreement, water and maintenance, concrete median cost and city contribution. Staff was directed to bring back item with a funding source and nicer landscaping.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

5. DISCUSSION OF STIMULUS PROJECTS.

City Manager briefly discussed stimulus projects and noted that presentation would be made by Engineering, Parks, Fire and Public Works Directors.

Mr. Eduardo Mendoza discussed the Energy Efficiency, Engineering Drainage Study, Balboa Lift Station, Fire Station #8 and Street Lights Upgrades.

Mr. Meline discussed the beautification of Bicentennial, Bethel Gardens, Campground Projects, Crockett Elementary Park, Irrigation District ROW – Trails, Las Palmas Community Center, Park Soccer Fields, Artificial Turf and Splash Grounds at City Parks.

Fire Chief discussed Fire Portable Radios and Firefighter Training Facility Center.

Ms. Alonzo mentioned that before they proceed with presentation that they were needing direction from Council and would be presenting at the next City Commission workshop.

Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not discussed.

7. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Said item was not discussed.

8. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Said item was not discussed.

9. 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)

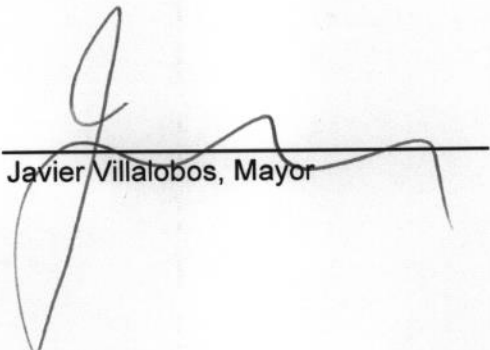
- A) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION – CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:20-CV-00264; RICARDO VILLALON V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

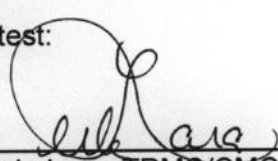
There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary

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