

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, April 11, 2022**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Absent: Mayor Javier Villalobos

Also present were City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE APRIL 11TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions for the regular city commission agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS BY DISTRICT.

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding proposed street light improvements by District. Ms. Garza noted that said improvements stemmed from a survey that was done in 2019, in which staff found older subdivisions lacked lighting and did not meet current streetlight spacing standards. It was also noted that there were current funds to install streetlights and staff is seeking direction on the priority of installation for streetlights. The recommended priorities for street light installation are as follow: Older established neighborhoods, arterials (major/minor), annexed areas and undeveloped areas.

Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to AEP, Magic Valley, Reports and Repairs & Replacements. Staff answered questions by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT IMAGINE TOMORROW REGARDING REQUESTS FOR MORE FUNDING WITH RESTRICTIONS.

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding request for additional funding for Involuntary Demolition Program & Project Imagine Tomorrow. Mr. Rodriguez mentioned the request for funding for Involuntary Demolition Program for \$50,000.00 and Project Imagine Tomorrow for \$100,000.00. Mr. Rodriguez noted that in addition, the department is requesting an additional \$100,000.00 for Project Imagine Tomorrow a Home Repair Economic Incentives Program designed to:

- Incentivize property owners/private sector to help rehabilitate substandard, vacant residential structures city-wide
- Help encourage new residential construction city-wide
- Help encourage the renovation of homes built over 50+ years ago
- Offer landscape incentives to help beautify the City of McAllen

Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to renovation vs rehabilitation, demolitions, approved applications, demand for additional funding, empty lots, new construction and the purpose of the program. Staff answered questions by Mayor and Council. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with request for funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora thanked staff for their presentation.

4. 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 DEVELOPMNT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION CAUSE NO. C-0932-18-H; ABEL VILLARREAL, III V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

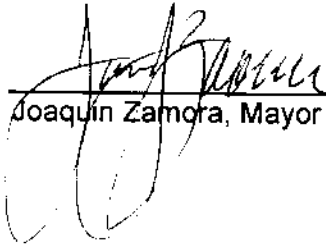
ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Joaquin Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem