

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, August 8, 2022**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission Chambers.

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

Also present were City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil and City Secretary Perla Lara, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera and Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

There were no questions of the regular city commission agenda.

**2. DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD.**

Staff briefly discussed the Municipal Court of record and gave a power point presentation. Handouts were distributed to Council depicting jurisdiction, recordings, appeals. Additionally, staff reviewed the benefits and downsides noting that benefits included:

- Reduction in the amount of appeals
- No more "leapfrog" appeals
- Expanded jurisdiction for Code Enforcement
- High levels of transparency and accountability
- Considered the more "professional" court model
- Greater access to the court for citizens & offenders

It was noted that the downsides were purchase of a recording system and judges were required to be attorneys and court had both in place.

The McAllen Municipal Court plans were discussed as follows:

- Technology Upgraded (further upgrades pending)
- Courtroom Renovation
- Digital Blood Warrants
- Become a court of record
- Revamp the MC website (pending; December 2022)
- Develop & head a local municipal judges coalition
- Start a local training program (pending; October 2022)
- Revamp the Teen Court program (pending; December 2022)
- Become paperless
- Expand services & hearings available outside of working hours
- As numbers increase, hire a second full time judge

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked by council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Council directed staff to present ordinance at a regular city commission meeting.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

**3. DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COVERAGE OPTIONS.**

Staff briefly reviewed the self-insurance program and overview of the program's performance and options moving forward. It was noted that the City has maintained its property coverage with TML despite leaving the Risk Pool and implementing the Self-Insurance Program. Effective 1, 2022, TML will only offer property coverage if the City has all eligible liability coverages through the Risk Pool.

Handouts were distributed to Council depicting history of the self-insurance program, objectives, administration, oversight, and reporting. Also discussed were the program features: improve customer service, subrogation recoveries, control, and fiscal responsibility. Additionally, four coverage options were discussed: Option 1 – TML Traditional, Option 2 – TML Modern, Option 3 – TML Conventional and Option 4 – TML Traditional – Modified Conventional.

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked by council relating to risk pool, modified conventional value, remaining self-insured, and policy premiums. Staff answered questions posed by Council. It was the consensus of the council to proceed Option 3: Conventional.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for the presentation.

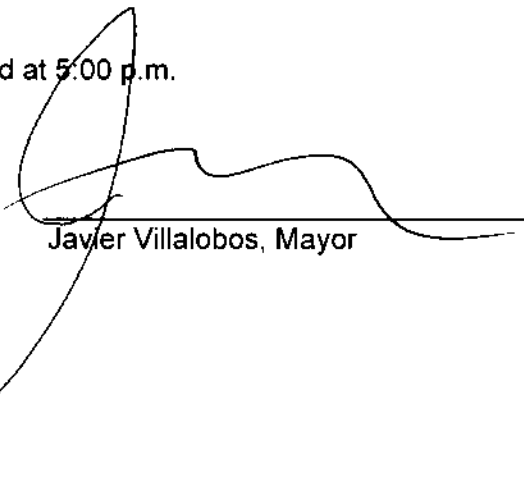
The meeting was called into executive session at 4:34 pm under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 551. Open Session for action on executive session will be addressed under the regular meeting agenda.

- 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) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**
  - B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS OR CREDIT FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
  - C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
  - D) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)**

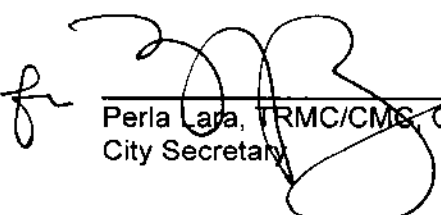
**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** No public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:

  
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMS, CPM  
City Secretary