

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, October 24, 2022**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, 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 OCTOBER 24TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions of the regular city commission agenda.

2. MXLAN UPDATE BY THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Josh Mejia with McAllen Chamber of Commerce provided a brief update on MxLan. The following key points were reviewed:

- Financial Performance
- Recommendations
 - Work in partnership with City of McAllen to improve control and quality
 - Chamber of Commerce will assist in specialized experienced with MXLAN
 - Entire festival amenities should promote connectivity to promote a complete festival experience
 - Marketing and advertisement can greatly improve with additional resources
 - Working alongside with City, the festival can benefit from additional corporate sponsors which will enhance the entire experience
- Indirect Results

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding to impact and experiences, scale of event, lack of corporate sponsorships and total income. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF TIRE CLEANUP (SARAH AVENUE & SOUTH 23RD).

Mr. Steven Kotsatos and Ms. Elvira Alonzo co-presented to Council on status of tire cleanup at Sarah and South 23rd and emphasized environmental hazard, enforcement action taken and public work operation, clean ups and shortfalls.

It was mentioned that the physical location as well as three others in McAllen have been identified with an accumulation of excessive used tires and are all tied to one individual, Omar Tello, of which none of the four properties are owned by him. It was noted the city has issued several Municipal citations and most recently has filed complaints in District Court which resulted in a motion to abate and remove the tires at South 2nd Street and Sarah Avenue. Also noted was the project is at a standstill due to financial costs.

It was also mentioned that since 2017 over 17 Municipal citations have been issued to multiple property owners and one individual for improper tire accumulation and operating a business in a residential area.

Additionally, staff discussed the estimated cost of tire disposal as follows:

- 2025 Cortez Avenue | 2016 Cortez Avenue | 5800 South 23rd – Rear | 3300 S. 23rd Street – Rear | 2214 Austin Avenue
- 30,000 Tires

- 120 Roll-off Containers
- Estimated Cost: \$75,960.00

Budget Amendment for tire cleanup was discussed as follows:

- January 2022 notified of availability of funds in the amount of \$50,000.00
- Public Works creates requisitions and processes invoices
- New Tire Disposal Contract
- Status of September 13, 2022
- Funds needed to complete project

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked related to current owners, liens, new cameras, environmental concerns, unregistered business, district lawsuit and public record. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

4. UPDATE ON FIBER PROJECTS.

Staff gave a presentation on the fiber projects. Four projects were reviewed as follows:

- New Compost Facility
 - Provide network connectivity from City's existing facilities to new Compost Facility
 - Install fiber from Tres Lagos to N. Wallace Road – 3 ¼ mile of construction
 - Pending permit to cross Monte Cristo
 - Projected completion – December 5, 2022
 - Estimated cost: \$235,578.00 – Capital Improvement Fund
- New Parks & Metro Facility
 - Provide network connectivity from City's existing facilities to new Parks & Metro Facility
 - Install fiber along Buddy Owens from 29th to 23rd – ¾ mile new construction
 - Pending AEP Permit
 - Projected completion – April 3, 2023
 - Estimated cost: \$49,000.00 – Capital Improvement Fund
- Vexus Fiber
 - Vexus fiber will be leasing 24,000 feet of McAllen's conduit to provide television, internet & phone services to business and residential
 - Started placing fiber on Nolana and 6th and working south on Bicentennial to US 83
 - To date 3600 feet of fiber has been placed
 - Estimated income: \$278,400.00
- Hidalgo Bridge
 - McAllen Data Center contracted to install fiber down 23rd from Uvalde to Hidalgo Bridge – 7.2 miles
 - Pending permit from IBWC (Floodway)
 - Projected completion – 3 weeks post IBWC approval
 - Estimated cost: \$1.8 M – Development Corporation

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

5. DISCUSSION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) FISCAL YEAR 2022 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT AWARD.

Chief Rodriguez gave a brief explanation of the 2022 COPS Hiring Program. Chief noted the City of McAllen was notified of a successful FY 2022 grant to increase McAllen Police Department strength by fifteen 15 sworn officer (1,875,000.00). He added that the grant provisions include:

- Awards will provide up to 75% percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year period (36 months)
- Minimum 25% local match (cost share)
- Award period if 5 years (60 months) to accommodate the hiring process

- Must retain each position for 12 months following the three years of funding
- Positions should be added over and above the number of locally funded officers that would have existed in the absence of the award
- Absorbing CHP-fund positions through attrition (rather than adding the extra positions) does not meet the retention requirement

Chief Rodriguez mentioned that staff is recommending acceptance of grant in part or in whole.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding variables, annual attrition rate, number of vacancies, budget, 2.0 ratio, hiring process, grant provisions, fully staff vs. open positions, billing and grants office and strength ordinance. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

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 CMAR PROCESSES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) DISCUSSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS. (SECTION 551.071 T.G.C.)
- C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.071 T.G.C.)
- D) COSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- F) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO EB-5 PROGRAM. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Mr. Manuel Pescador spoke under the public comment section.

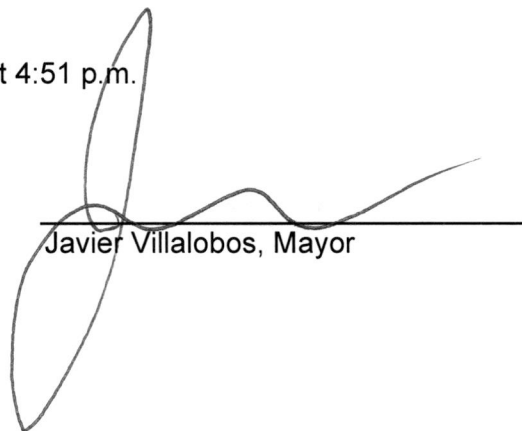
ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Attest:



 Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
 City Secretary



 Javier Villalobos, Mayor