

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, January 9, 2023**, 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, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera 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 9TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions of the regular city commission agenda.

2. TAXI UPDATES.

Staff provided a presentation on taxi update and proposed modifications. Briefly reviewed were the current code taxi fares, background on current code, current taxi driver requests, trends regarding fuel prices, department recommendations and options. Staff noted that staff's recommendation was Option 1 that would approve an increase in starting metered rate from \$5.00 to \$7.00 throughout the City of McAllen.

Comments and concerns were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to taxi demand, lottery system, number of proposals, fuel surcharge in other cities, interest / how often modified, # of taxis and permits, taxi and population ratio and department recommendations. Mr. Delgado responded to City Council. City Council directed staff to proceed with Option 1 and bring back to regular meeting for action.

Mayor thanked staff for their presentation.

3. 2022 DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE REVIEW UPDATE.

Staff provided drainage utility fee update. It was noted that the city adopted the drainage utility fee in 2018, with billing commencing in March 2018. Also noted was that part of the process was an annual review by City Commission that is required, and Council has requested a review of the drainage utility fee prior to the end of year five.

Staff touched on the following key points:

- Revenue Update
- Year 5 Updates
- Project Status
- Completed Projects

Comments and concerns were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to sunset, completed projects, commercial / residential, additional funding, other projects, fees / adjustments and inflation, projects identified in 2018, canvassing other cities fees, CIP and Bonds. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Staff noted that recommendation being made is continuance of drainage utility fee with continued yearly review.

Mayor Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Mr. Edgar Garcia introduced the Freese & Nichols Team and Steering Committee members who provided presentation.

Staff provided comprehensive plan update and highlighted on the following:

- Project Schedule
- Vision & Guiding Principles
- Engagement Activities
- Online Survey Summary
- Community Meeting
- Community Input
- Emerging Priorities
- Topics of Interest
- Neighborhoods
- Transportation
- Next Steps

Comments and concerns were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to concept, vision statement and guiding principles, Spanish statement, public input and having subsequent and follow up meetings. Staff responded to City Council questions.

Mayor thanked staff for their presentation.

5. 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 551.087, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATED TO EMERGENCY CONTRACTS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH MCALLEN CONVENTION CENTER MARQUIS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- F) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

The following citizens spoke under public comment: Mr. Manuel Pescador, Mr. Jerry Joule, Mr. Roy Lee, Mrs. Ronnie Ontiveros and Mr. Abel Gutierrez

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary