

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, April 10, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) 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 Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca were present.

Also, present 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 at 4:00 pm.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE APRIL 10TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There was a question on item 6A of the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF CREATION OF GRAFFITI ART PARK.

Mr. Meline provided an update on the current McAllen Art. He briefly reviewed Code of Ordinances Section 70-4. He highlighted on the following current City of McAllen Art:

- Standpipes
- Graffiti
- Mural

Staff also addressed art at the following locations:

- 820 W Nolana Avenue
- 2nd and Violet
- Wichita and Bicentennial
- 2nd and La Vista
- US-83 Business & South 27th
- S. 22nd Street & Austin Avenue
- Beaumont and Austin Avenue
- 101 South 17th Street
- 1416 Fresno Avenue
- 101 South 17th Street
- Westside Park

Graffiti Art benefits, disadvantages and partnerships were reviewed as follows:

Benefits

- Types of graffiti
- Create an interest and connection to the city.
- Helps discourage unwanted graffiti or "tagging."
- Provides for a deeper connection to the community.
- Attracts art-minded individuals.
- Enriches the community.
- Self-expression for artists
- Promotes tourism.

Disadvantages

- Doorway for increase in graffiti in public and secluded areas.
- Maintenance and longevity expenses
- Gang affiliations

- Property depreciation
- Human resources necessary for proper maintenance and oversight of locations
- Curriculum design and location for programming
- Suitable locations

Partnerships

- Keep McAllen Beautiful
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)
- South Texas College (STC)
- McAllen Independent School District (MISD)
- Parks and Recreation Programming
- McAllen Chamber of Commerce – Creative Incubator
- McAllen Police Department

Comments were shared by Mayor and Council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Council thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION ON TENNIS / AQUATICS COMPLEX.

Staff provided a presentation on Tennis / Aquatics Complex and touched on the following:

- Multipurpose Field
- Dog Park
- Splash Pad
- Complex Infrastructure
- Swimming Pool
- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Courts

Comments were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to cost of synthetic track, swimming pools, Mission's pool / pavilion, master park, parking facility and capability, inclusive playground, and partnerships with MISD. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Council thanked staff for their presentation.

4. RAISED MEDIAN PAVERS AND LANDSCAPING FM 2220 FROM SH 107 TO MONTE CRISTO ROAD.

Mr. Eduardo Mendoza provided an update on Ware Road Median from SH 107 to Monte Cristo Road and noted they were proposing several options. It was noted that due to the escalation in cost staff was seeking direction from City Commission on design of median. It was also mentioned that staff reached out to TxDot and they are acceptable to modifying plans to reduce landscaping and or pavers.

Comments were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to mobilize pavers, no cost concrete, approaching PUB, and TIRZ. Staff answered questions posed by Council. It was noted that said item was on the agenda for action.

Council thanked staff for their presentation.

5. HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL UPDATE.

Mr. Meline provided an update on the Hike and Bike Trail right of way options and touched on the current trails. The following were discussed:

- 2nd Street Underground Box with Engineering
- East Dallas Half Mile Connection to South J. Street
- Bentsen North to Buddy Owens
- Ware Road (East) Sidewalk Improvements South to Sarah Avenue
- Ware Road (West) Sidewalk Improvements Jordan South to Sarah Avenue

Comments were shared by Mayor and Council. Questions were asked relating to connectivity, Auburn to 10th, options, priority list and ranking. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Council directed staff to bring back with rankings and priority list.

Council 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)

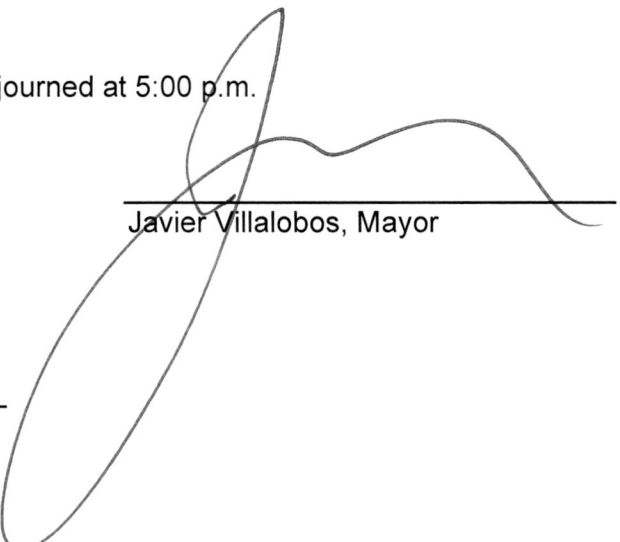
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING APPEAL OF ATTORNEY GENERAL RULING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION OF A 313 SQ FT TRACT OUT OF LOT 47, BLOSSOM RIDGE SUBDIVISION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION OF A 313 SQ. FT. TRACT UT LOT 238, PRIDE O' TEXAS SUBDIVISION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071 T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mel Ortiz, Mr. David Magallan, Mr. Taylor Cramer, Ms. Darla Cash, Mr. Rolando Rodriguez, Ms. Laura Gutierrez, Mrs. Fern McClaureghty. The public comment session closed with no other comments.

ADJOURN

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


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary