

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, June 12, 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 Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca were present.

Absent: Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo

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 Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JUNE 12th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL WELFARE.

Staff mentioned Dr. Sara Pizano would be presenting on Animal Welfare. Dr. Pizano mentioned that she has worked with 24 states since 2013 and over 130 community and shelter consults. She noted that challenges and solutions are universal. She added that the traditional animal control and sheltering model is inherently flawed and is set up for failure. Additionally, she added that we now know there is a better way. The following was discussed:

- Reserving ACOS for true animal and public safety
- Access to Veterinary and Preventive Care
- Access to Pay / Neuter, ESP Cats and Large Dogs
- Supportive Self-Rehoming
- If enter the shelter, shortest length of stay to best outcome.

Also discussed were the spay/neuter intakes as follows:

- Fixed-income pet owners.
- High intake areas
- Large breeds community cats
- Vet Shortage/logistics/funding
- Low-income pet owners
- High intake areas
- TNR

Discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked as it related to neighbors, chip scanners, cat program, trigger to intake, outlets, suggestions for managing tracking, mobile spay/neuter bus, solutions, and program implementation. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora thanked staff for their presentation.

3. 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 RELATED TO CITY SPONSORED EVENTS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.),**
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE USE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE A 0.046 ACRES TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF PORTION OF LOT 297, JOHN H. SHARY SUBDIVISION FOR THE DAFFODIL AVENUE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**

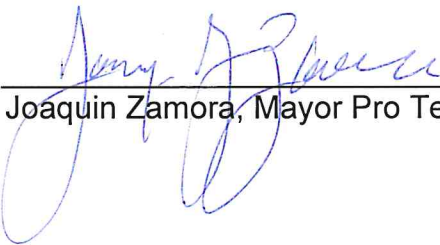
PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Manuel Pescador and Mr. Lupe Chavez

ADJOURN

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

Attest: 

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Joaquin Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem