

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023**, at 4:00 pm, at Champion Lakes Golf Course, 2701 South Ware Road, McAllen, Texas at 4:00 pm.

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

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Sergio Villasana

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2023-2024 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

City Manager Roy Rodriguez mentioned there were five departments that would be covered.

City Engineer Eduardo Mendoza provided a recap of the Engineering Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for Engineering, Street Lightining, City Hall, Development Center, and Traffic. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

At this time Mayor Javier Villalobos walked in to meeting.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to new positions, construction manager, outside manager, workload, smartboards, city hall mailroom, traffic control, special events, current projects, depreciation shortages and vehicle replacements. Questions posed by the City Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

Parks Director Denny Meline provided a recap of the Parks & Recreation Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages for Parks Administration, Parks, Recreation, Building Maintenance, Pools, Las Palmas Community Center, Lark Community Center and Palmview Community Center. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to credit card fee transaction, camp sessesions, rentals, existing vacancies, mowing implement. Questions were asked by Council. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

Chief Victor Rodriguez provided a recap of the Police Deparment budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding budget amendment for replacement units, system replacement, branding and McAllen Police colors. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

Chief Juan Gloria provided a recap of the Fire Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding Tres Lagos, improvements, radios, grants, funding sources, staffing, and station #4. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

Information Technology Director Robert Acosta provided a recap of the budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Line items not recommended were briefly addressed.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding network switch replacements, spare switches, data center software, ERP Solutions, and SUV for network team. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

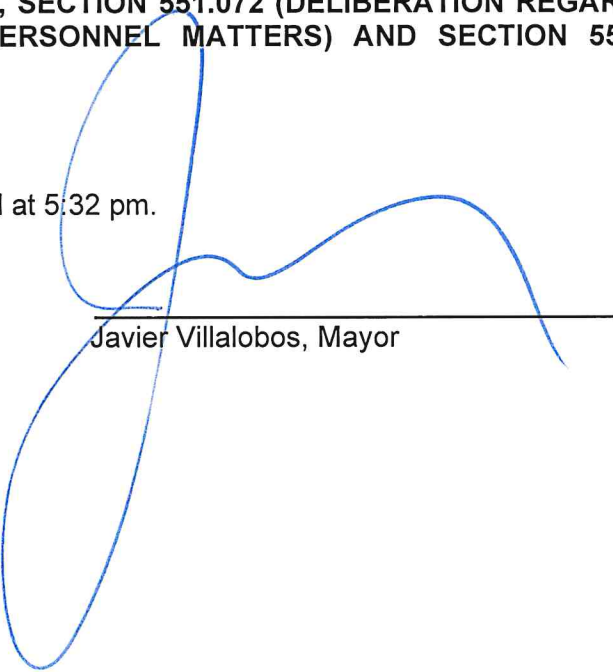
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Staff mentioned that council suggestions had been noted for the various departments and revisions would be included in the budget wrap-up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.



Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary