

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, September 11, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad, 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 Joe Vera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, 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 SEPTEMBER 11th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION ON HIDALGO COUNTY RECREATION TRAIL.

Staff provided an update mentioning the City of McAllen, intends to partner with Hidalgo County Precinct 2 on the execution of the County's Recreational Trails Connectivity Project. The project focuses on safely connecting existing Hike and Bike trail facilities in the region. The City of McAllen is to contribute 50% of the costs associated with the section within McAllen City Limits for a total contribution of \$3,120,000.00.

Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding irrigation, drainage, timeline, funding, maintenance, trail name or designated name, lighting issue, amenities along trail and MOU. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

3. KAPPLER CAMPGROUND UPDATE.

Staff provided an update on the Kappler Campground Project. It was noted it was to include design concept of amenities and future programming.

Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding square footage, 2nd street Hike & Bike Trail, ADA accessible, fence, maintenance, biking\bicycle trail, cost, and price structure. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

4. CAMERAS UPDATE.

Staff provided a brief history of cameras. Staff mentioned there's a total of 822 cameras with 1,496 views at city facilities:

- Traffic Intersections
- Parks/Hike & Bike Trails
- City Buildings & Parking Lots

Staff added, McAllen PD has an additional 85 license plate recognitions cameras:

- Pole mounted cameras (for intersections): 63
- PD vehicles cameras: 14
- Speed trailers; 9

It was noted that McAllen utilizes 347 cameras for:

An effective crime-fighting tool:

- Visible cameras serve as notice of surveillance.
- LPR cameras are a forensic tool to solve crimes after they occur.
- Surveillance camera footage / recordings assist with investigations.
- Building Security
- View intersections from a central location to assist in diagnosing traffic light issues.
- View traffic movement / flow
- Emergency operations – street drainage and weather related.
- Internal city investigations

Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding network capacity, expansion, grant purchases, federal grants. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

5. MCALLEN SHINES UPDATE.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnson noted that the City of McAllen seeks to develop an awareness campaign to change the community culture while improving its beautification throughout its entire city via the McAllen Shines program.

Ms. Chris Lash gave a brief presentation on the intention of the McAllen Shines Program to improve the aesthetics, neatness, and overall quality of life for all who live, work, and visit our community. The program's objective is to educate the entire community including its residence, business owners, visitors, city department, city employees, city advisory boards, civic organizations, church groups, McAllen schools and higher education institutions. It was noted that the City of McAllen will achieve success of McAllen Shines by demonstrating that McAllen can be a leader in ultimate beautification of our community and have a complete focused synergy of all its population groups by participating in promoting "McAllen the Best Place to Be".

The methodology was discussed, and staff noted it would consist of education, demonstrate, and participate.

Resources and partnerships were briefly reviewed.

Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding implications, landscaper issues, Pioneer, and community involvement. 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)

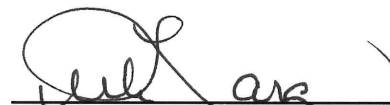
A) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one spoke.

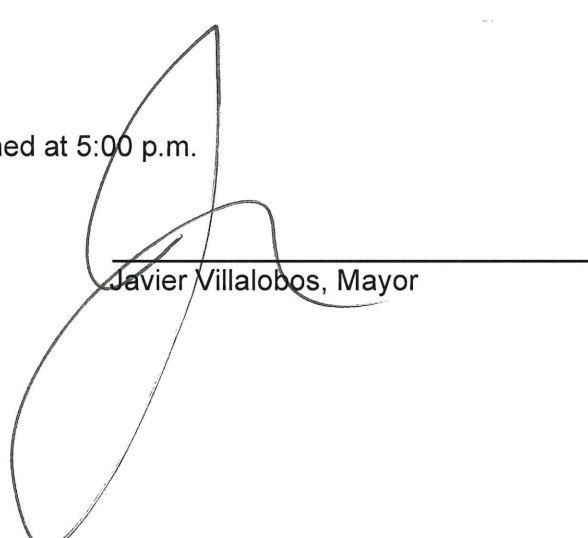
ADJOURN

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

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMG/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Javier Villalobos, Mayor