

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a workshop on **Monday, April 22, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., 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, 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 22nd REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. UTRGV McALLEN HOUSING AUTHORITY WALK AUDIT.

It was noted that UTRRGV School of Social Work in collaboration with the McAllen Housing Authority were presenting findings from their Fall 2023 Walk Audit conducted with District 3 of the City of McAllen. Staff mentioned it was important for all citizens to be able to access education, health, and other necessary services safely and efficiently. Walking routes, groups, recommendations, and procedures were discussed. Also reviewed were the Envision McAllen 2040 strategic goals.

Comments were expressed by Council. Staff answered questions posed by Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

3. AGE FRIENDLY RGV INITIATIVE.

Dr. Sudershan Pasupuleti gave a program overview and discussed the Age Friendly Rio Grande Valley Initiative (AF-RGVI). It was noted that the project has received seed grant from UTRGV School of Social Work for community engagement efforts. Dr. Pasupuleti answered questions posed by Councilmembers. He also provided additional information in making cities more age-friendly, promoting wellbeing and engagement of older residents to have sustainable cities and communities. Additionally, age-friendly city, policies, services, settings, structures support and key attributes was discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

4. BICENTENNIAL POLITICAL SIGN ISSUES.

Staff discussed Bicentennial political sign issues. Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera discussed signs get removed after election, but sandbags stay behind and total cost of sandbag removal. Potential remedies were outlined as follows:

- ✓ Require candidates to identify sandbags as theirs.
- ✓ Charge a deposit fee.
- ✓ Require the District to clean their property if they continue to allow sign placement.

Comments were expressed by Council. Questions were asked relating candidates, run-offs, clutter, spacing, complaints, artwork, disposal cost, and taking to ordinance review committee. Staff answered questions posed by Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

Mayor Javier Villalobos joined the meeting at this time.

5. LA VISTA AVENUE SPEED CONTROL OPTIONS.

City Engineer mentioned that Marlene Garza of Traffic Operations would be presenting some options to control speed along the La Vista Avenue corridor. Mrs. Garza gave an overview of La Vista Avenue speed control and outlined historical data as follows:

- ✓ Collector Roadway—80 ft of Right-of-Way (Varied pavement sections between 3-28 feet of pavement)
- ✓ Connectivity—Spans 3.5 miles between Bicentennial Blvd. and I-2 (Expressway 83)
- ✓ Serves residential traffic – Roadway serves residential traffic for homes fronting La Vista

Options discussed were as follows: Option 1 – Bike Lane Additions – 2nd to 10th Street, Option II – Center Lane Addition – 2nd to 10th Street, Option III – Lane Configuration, and Future Plans-La Vista Avenue between 10th and 2nd Street. Ms. Garza also discussed traffic studies and touched on speed westbound and eastbound and highest speeds reached.

Comments were expressed by Council. Questions were asked relating to adding buffers, reconfiguration of lanes, resident concerns, residential roads, residential traffic, La Vista and 6th traffic signal, amount of traffic, sidewalks, short term and long-term modifications options. Staff answered questions posed by Councilmembers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

6. AIRPORT RENTAL CAR CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGE.

This item was not discussed.

7. 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 LEGAL ISSUES WITH CITY PARKS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH TAX EXEMPTIONS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH CONTRACT BETWEEN MCALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF MCALLEN RELATED TO QUINTA MAZATLAN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

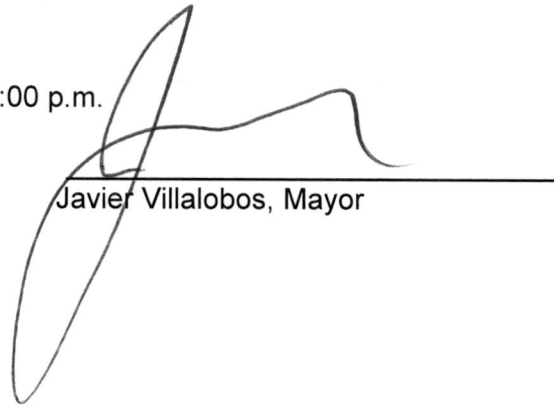
PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ADJOURN

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

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/GMC, CPM
City Secretary


Javier Villalobos, Mayor