

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024**, 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 Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Absent: Commissioner Joaquin Zamora

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, Cesar Rodriguez Director of Strategy Management, Sonia Resendez Interim Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2024-2025 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

City Manager Roy Rodriguez mentioned there were five departments that would be covered. He informed Council that before beginning he was going to review some items Council had requested: Breakdown of Cultural and Recreation, ARPA funding project breakdown, schedule of debt service, and hotel occupancy tax and limitations.

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.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to equipment, traffic operations, signs around city hall, lighting, major roads, and staffing . Questions posed by 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.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to level of services, staffing hours and vacant positions. 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 Department budget and briefly reviewed the decision packages. Chief Rodriguez distributed a McAllen Police Department budget analysis.

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding chillers, facility maintenance, fuel cost, grant/personnel for police officers, firearm shooting facility development and design, parking garage evidence storage improvements, and CIP projects. 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. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

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).

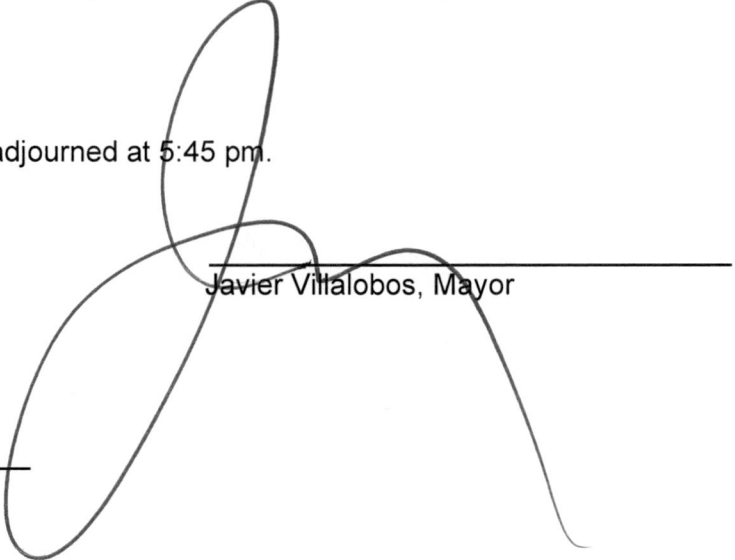
ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Javier Villalobos, Mayor