

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 20, 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 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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla called the meeting to order and announced Council would be reviewing capital improvement projects.

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

City Manager Roy Rodriguez informed Council that city is making a lot of progress on projects.

City Engineer Eduardo Mendoza distributed handout depicting 22 capitals projects and discussed as follows:

- 17 ½ from 29th Street to Ware Road
- 33rd Street – ROW
- 33rd Street Extension from Oxford Avenue to Auburn Avenue
- Animal Intake Facility
- Asphalt Crack Sealing
- Assorted Parks Amenities
- City Fiber
- Downtown Improvements
- Fire – Pumper Fire Truck Engine 7 Shortage
- Firestation 6 Trail
- Horticulture Improvements
- Indoor Firearms Training Facility (Design)
- Loop Cutting Project by Corridors
- Morris Hike & Bike
- Parking Lot Repair Package
- Pavement Markings
- Planning Comprehensive Plan
- Roadway Safety Improvements
- Street Lights
- Subdivision Paving
- Taylor Road 2 Mile to 4 Mile
- Traffic Sign Upgrades

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to 33rd street ROW, Russell Road/County Plans, 17 ½ Street, fire pumper, small trail on Sarah / 23rd public trail, horticulture trail, indoor firearms training facility, Oxford and 49th, vehicle detection, Cutler, expansion from Jackson status, Wisconsin and 10th Street, 2nd street improvements, street light improvements, downtown signal improvements and Taylor Road design. Staff answered questions posed by the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

City Manager distributed handout depicting a 39 expenditure list of the Development Corporation Fund. A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked relating to business development and recruitment, Christian's Mano, City Hall expansion design, downtown refresh, McAllen Heritage Center, operating expenses and MEDC meetings, 380's approved and potential 380's, corridor revitalization/professional services, Project Imagine Tomorrow, Buxton, STC advanced training center, STC Nursing and Allied Health, and UTRGV 10 year schedule. Questions posed by the Council were answered.

At this time Mayor Javier Villalobos walked into the meeting.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

City Manager discussed handout depicting 13 infrastructure and improvement fund capital projects as follows:

- Alleys
- Balboa Lift Station
- Bicentennial Trail – ROW
- Campground Project – Kappler
- Connectivity Trail/Precint 2 project
- ERP
- Fire Station #8
- Firefighter Training Facility Center
- Irrigation District ROW Trails
- New parks & recreation areas south of expressway
- Street lights upgrade
- Tennis Center
- Multipurpose Facility Property

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding Tennis Center, and energy efficiency program. Staff answered questions posed by the Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

City Manager discussed the following projects:

- Anzalduas Cargo Construction
- Quinta Center for Urban Ecology
- Reservoir Development
- Drainage Fees Fund
- Traffic Drainage Bond
- TIRZ #2A
- Street Improvement Construction Fund
- Police Department Seized Fund

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding TIRZ #2A and County's reimbursement, outstanding projects Nolana 23rd to Ware Road, timelines, seize funds, parking garage funds, and DOJ recent construction changes and new requirements. Staff answered questions posed by the Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

City Manager distributed a handout and discussed the general fund and development corporation agencies as follows:

General Fund

- Amigos Del Valle
- Comfort House
- Museum of South Texas History
- Women Together
- McAllen Town Band
- RGV Literacy Center
- Valley Symphony Orchestra / Music Fest
- McAllen Chamber of Commerce
- Boys & Girls Club of McAllen
- International Museum of Art & Science
- McAllen Heritage Center

Development Corporation of McAllen Inc.

- Comfort House Services
- McAllen Economic Development Corporations
- LiftFund Inc.
- STC – Center for Advanced Training and Apprentice
- STC – Nursing and Allied Health
- Affordable Homes of South Texas
- VIDA
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Community HMC – El Milagro
- Boys & Girls Club of McAllen
- Christian's Manor

A discussion ensued. Comments were shared by Council. Questions were asked by Council regarding McAllen Town Band, Valley Symphony Orchestra, VIDA, International Museum of Art & Science, and Comfort House Services, Inc. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

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 5:23 pm.

Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary