

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, February 24, 2025**, at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

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. Mayor Javier Villalobos, Absent.

Also, present City Manager Isaac Tawil, City Attorney Austin Stevenson, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Juan Olaguibel, City Secretary Perla Lara.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY 24th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH A MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. PRESENTATION ON BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY.

Mr. Mark Vega, MPU General Manager, gave a presentation on the backflow prevention policy.

Staff briefly discussed the following effects of a failed backflow prevention and cross connection program:

- Water contamination
- A Health Hazard for the public
- Financial Loss for Business Owners
- Financial Loss for the Local Government

Also discussed was what is being revised on the policy. Staff stated that the following was being revised.

- Additional language added to the notice letter
- Advising backflow device owners with three (3) notices, prior to compliance due date
- Reduced the deployment of the sub-contractor time from 10 days to 5 days

Comments and concerns were shared by the council. Questions were raised regarding procurement and contracts. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

3. PRESENTATION ON COMMISSION CHAMBER BACK WALL REDESIGN OPTIONS.

Staff updated the Council on the McAllen Chamber Back Wall Redesign. It was noted that they were seeking completion of the Commission Chamber upgrade project for the redesign of the back walls, which will include aesthetic carpentry work and paint for the back walls and side panels to book match the walnut paneling tone and paint of the front of the room. Staff noted that work is being done by Nelco Media, Inc. of San Antonio. Staff informed the council that there are two options available for review and selection by Council.

Comments and concerns were shared by the council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. After due consideration, the council directed staff to move forward with Option 1 for the design of the McAllen Chamber room.

Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

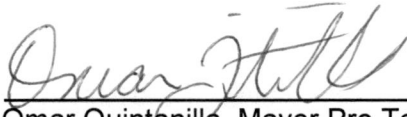
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: CIVIL ACTION NO. 7-24-CV-00123. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: CAUSE NO. C-0074-19-D. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Judith Garcia, Michael Gyomiani, Taylor Cramer

ADJOURN

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


Omar Quintanilla, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, GPM
City Secretary