

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened a Regular Meeting on Monday, **February 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM**, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Staff: City Manager Isaac Tawil, City Attorney Austin Stevenson, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara, City Engineer Eduardo Mendoza, Deputy Planning Director Luis Mora, Interim Finance Director Sonia Resendez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

PROCLAMATIONS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY & WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca presented a proclamation for International Women's Day & Women's History Month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad read and presented a proclamation for Black History Month.

DR. NEDRA KINERK DAY

Mayor Javier Villalobos presented a proclamation for Dr. Nedra Kinerk Day.

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT (Individuals wishing to speak regarding an agenda item on today's agenda, please contact City Secretary before 5:00pm)

- 1. **CONSENT AGENDA (ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS; HOWEVER, IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM(S) WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)**

Commissioner Jose R' "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- A) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2025.**

Approved the minutes of Workshop and Regular Meeting held February 10, 2025, as submitted.

- B) **PROJECT STATUS MONTHLY REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025.**

Approved Project Status Monthly report through January 31, 2025.

- C) **SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.**

Approved Subdivision Monthly report.

- D) **PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT MONTHLY REPORT.**

Approved Parks & Recreation Project Monthly report.

- E) **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.**

Awarded a contract to MLG Protection Services, Blackstone Security Services of Texas, Inc., and American Surveillance Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,522,805.60 for Security Guard Services for various City departments.

F) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FTA PLANNING GRANT.

Approved the FTA Planning Grant.

G) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY FOR SUMMER INTERSHIPS.

Approved an MOU with St. Mary's University for Summer Internships.

H) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORTY-EIGHT (48) IN-CAR DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS WITH SELECTED OPTIONS (PROJECT NO. 02-25-P41-01).

Awarded a contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$454,529.28 for the purchase of Forty-Eight (48) In-Car Digital Recording Systems with Selected Options.

I) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY (PROJECT NO. 02-25-S21-48).

Awarded a contract to M&R's Elite Janitorial Solutions in the amount of \$103,800.00 for Janitorial Cleaning Services for the McAllen Public Library.

J) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK EQUIPMENT AT LIBRARY BRANCHES FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH FCC'S E-RATE (PROJECT NO. 02-25-P42-01).

Awarded a contract to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$50,132.20 for the purchase of Network Equipment at Library Branches.

K) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PLAYGROUND RESURFACING AT THE CROSSINGS PARK (PROJECT NO. 02-25-S40-01).

Awarded a contract to Park Place in the amount of \$59,955.00 for Playground Resurfacing at Crossings Park.

L) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REPAIR SERVICES AT MORRIS PARK (PROJECT NO. 02-23-C18-799).

Awarded a contract to Musco Sport Lighting in the amount of \$65,050.00 for Repair Services at Morris Park.

M) CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRMS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE SCOPE AND FEE SCHEDULE WITH TOP-RANKED FIRM FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ANZALDUAS PORT OF ENTRY (PROJECT NO. 12-24-S10-739).

Approved to Negotiate Scope and Fee Schedule with Top-Ranked Firm for Various Improvements at the Anzalduas Port of Entry.

N) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM (OLS) TO REQUEST FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$596,309.81.

Approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, for funding under the Fiscal Year 2026 Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS) to request funding in the amount of \$596,309.81.

O) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO LOWES HOMETOWN FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2025 LOWE'S HOMETOWNS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.5 MILLION.

Approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Lowes Hometown for funding under the 2025 Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program in the amount of \$2.5 Million.

P) APPROVAL OF TAX REFUNDS OVER \$500.00.

Approved tax refunds of over \$500.

1. VANTAGE BANK

Approved tax refunds in the amount of \$929.92 and \$953.03.

Q) CONSENT COOP PURCHASES

1. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BRUSH WOOD CHIPPER THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING.

Awarded a contract to Vermeer Texas-Louisiana in the amount of \$87,196.17 for the purchase of One (1) Brush Wood Chipper.

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DATA CENTER CORE EQUIPMENT FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH OMNIA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT (PROJECT NO. 23-6692-03) (PROJECT NO. 02-25-P46-01).

Awarded a contract to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$184,445.60 for the purchase of Data Center Core Equipment.

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WIRELESS EQUIPMENT FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR).

Awarded a contract to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$129,624.89 for the purchase of Wireless Equipment.

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK SWITCH EQUIPMENT FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH OMNIA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT (PROJECT NO. 23-6692-03).

Awarded a contract to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$554,971.60 for the purchase of Network Switch Equipment.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT PCS TO DELL, INC. THROUGH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) (PROJECT NO. 02-25-P47-01).

Awarded a contract to Dell in the amount of \$129,056.26 for the purchase of Replacement PCs.

2. BIDS/CONTRACTS

A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR YUMA PROPERTY PARCEL RESEARCH AND MAPPING.

Staff recommended approval of Contract Amendment No.1 to B2Z Engineering, LLC for additional professional services associated for Property Parcel Research & Mapping services as outlined in the attached scope for a fee of \$2,750.00 per parcel for 14 parcels at a total contract amendment of \$38,500.00 and a revised contract amount of \$987,225.98.

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to approve the Contract Amendment as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE MAIN AND JAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 01-24-C08-531).

Staff recommended approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$83,378.00 with 87 additional calendar days for a revised contract amount of \$1,192,679.00 and a revised contract time of 387 calendar days for the Main and Jay Drainage Improvement Project.

Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo moved to approve Change Order No. 1 as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca. The motion carried unanimously.

C) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.1 FOR THE COLLADO SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CDBG FUNDED) (PROJECT NO. 07-24-C22-550).

Staff recommended approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$18,053.93 with 49 additional calendar days for a revised contract amount of \$232,636.10 and revised contract time of 139 calendar days for the Collado Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project.

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to approve Change Order No. 1 as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 FOR THE ANZALDUAS BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. 07-22-C29-802).

Staff recommended approval of Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$121,479.83 and no additional working days for a revised contract amount of \$83,889,022.83 and unchanged contract time of 400 working days for the Anzalduas Bridge Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr. moved to approve Change Order No. 7 as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

E) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 FOR THE ANZALDUAS BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. 07-22-C29-802).

Staff recommended approval of Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$86,711.00 with no additional working days for a revised contract amount of \$83,975,733.04 and unchanged contract time of 400 working days for the Anzalduas Bridge Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr. moved to approve Change Order No. 8 as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ORDINANCES

A) PROVIDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE METRO MCALLEN FUND.

Staff recommended adoption of an ordinance providing for a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Metro McAllen Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla moved to adopt the ordinance as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR TOLL REVENUE.

Staff recommended approval for an increase in toll revenue at the McAllen-Hidalgo and Anzalduas International Bridges.

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to adopt the ordinance as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo. The motion carried unanimously.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

A) PRESENTATIONS OF YEAR-TO-DATE TAX COLLECTION AND DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORTS.

Staff gave presentations of Year-to-Date Tax Collection and Delinquent Tax Collection Reports.

B) CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN RACES IN THE MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL CITY ELECTION AND ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE SAME RACES. PRESENTACIÓN Y ACEPTACIÓN DE UNA CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS PARA CIERTOS PUESTOS O CARGOS, PARA LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DEL 3 DE MAYO DE 2025 Y APROBACIÓN DE UNA ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN PARA LOS MISMOS PUESTOS.

Staff recommended the acceptance of the Certification of unopposed candidates for certain races on May 3, 2025, General City Elections and issuance of an Order of Cancellation for same races. Exhibit A

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and Council. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to accept the Certification and Cancellation Order as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

El personal recomendó la aceptación de la Certificación de candidatos sin oposición para ciertas contiendas el 3 de mayo de 2025, Elecciones Generales de la Ciudad y la emisión de una Orden de Cancelación para las mismas contiendas.
Muestra A

Siguió la discusión. El alcalde y el concejo compartieron comentarios. El personal respondió las preguntas planteadas por el Consejo.

El Comisionado Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca propuso aceptar la Orden de Certificación y Cancelación según lo recomendó y secundó el Comisionado Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr. La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad.

C) ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

AIRPORT BOARD

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla nominated Thelma Tamez to the Airport Advisory Board.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora nominated Debrah Case to the Civic Center Board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca nominated Heriberto Mariques to the Community Development Board.

DISABILITY BOARD

Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad nominated Deborah Davila to the Disability Board.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora nominated Ann Anderson to the McAllen Library Board.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION BOARD

Commissioner Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo nominated Raul Sessin to the Traffic Commission Board.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca nominated Eric Darbo Diaz to the ZBOA Board.

Commissioner Jose. R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to accept nominations and seconded by Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

D) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

No future agenda items were discussed.

5. TABLED ITEM

A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT NAME SELECTION FOR CAMPGROUND PROJECT.

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to remove said item from the table and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff recommended to name the campground as "Camp McAllen".

Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca moved to approve the name selection as recommended and seconded by Commissioner Joaquin Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

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) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: CIVIL ACTION NO. 7-24-CV-00123. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to authorize for City Attorney to proceed as described in executive session and seconded by Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad. The motion carried unanimously.

B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to proceed as described in executive session and seconded by Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad. The motion carried unanimously.

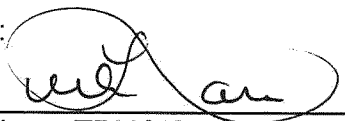
C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: CAUSE NO. C-0074-19-D. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.

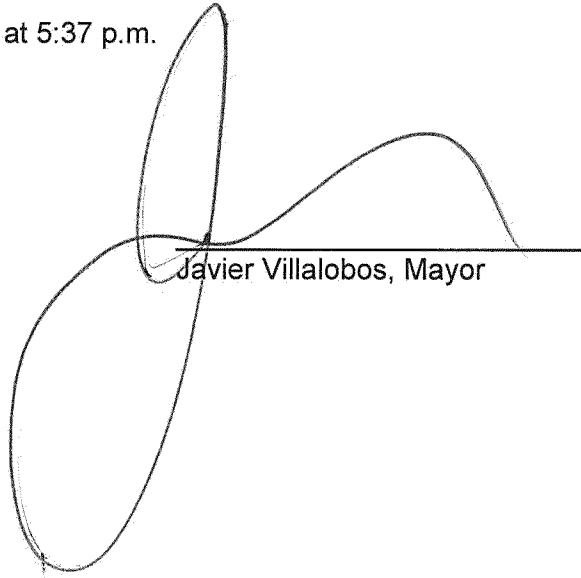
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ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Javier Villalobos, Mayor