

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 10, 2025**, at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla and Commissioners Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Joaquin Zamora, Rodolfo "Rudy" Castillo, Victor "Seby" Haddad, 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 MARCH 10th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH A MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the regular meeting agenda.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION.

Staff presented on the McAllen recreational complex synthetic turf initiative. Staff briefly discussed:

- Parks, Recreation and Green Open Spaces
- Complex Amenities: Inclusive playground, six pickleball courts, sixteen tennis courts, walking trail, gymnasium, multipurpose turf field
- Multipurpose Complex
- Synthetic Turf Initiative
- Westside Softball Complex
- McAllen Sports Park
- McAllen Youth Baseball Complex
- Westside Ballfields
- Facility Usage
- Partners
- Annual Programs

Comments and concerns were shared by the council. Questions were raised regarding the outgrowing of the community centers, McAllen youth baseball complex, recreation complex, masterplan /competition pool, inclusive playground and highly used turfs. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Quintanilla thanked staff for their presentation.

3. IMAS CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN PRESENTATION.

Staff provided a brief history and facts about the IMAS museum. An update was provided on the IMAS campaign for children noting that IMAS embraces and involves its vibrant, connected communities in McAllen and throughout the RGV, fulfilling its legacy of delivering transformational learning experiences for a changing world. It was noted that today's museum leaders embrace the same pride of place and aspiration for progress that inspire its founders. Staff discussed the following:

- A museum for the community
- Museums make the future and help the city grow
- Annual Impact
- Serving ALL in the community
- Deliver a world class museum for the community

Staff discussed the expanded campus noting acquired annex sits adjacent to the museum property. Ten thousand square feet added allows for expanded exhibit space in the main museum building. Staff noted that a new vault would allow for proper climate control and sufficient space for current and incoming collections.

Staff briefly discussed priority needs and current requests as follows:

Priority needs:

- \$304K to complete architectural design development and obtain opinion of construction costs
- \$608K to complete construction documents

Current request included:

- 7.5 million to State of Texas
- 1.6 million to local foundations and organizations

Comments and concerns were shared by the council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. After due consideration, the council informed staff it was exciting to see what is happening at IMAS and thanked them for a very informative presentation.

4. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PRESENTATION.

Staff gave a brief update on the boys and girls club and reviewed their mission statement. Staff touched on the boys and girl club of McAllen vision and added on the need for a new Boys and Girls Club Center. Staff discussed a neighborhood analysis on the Bonham site, and site analysis. Staff discussed and shared samples of the project phases as follows:

Phase 1 – 2025-2026

- Cafeteria, extension – 75 kids served
- Summer Camp
- Teen recreation and workforce development
- After school programming

Phase 2 and 3 - 2026

- Renovation complex on existing facility
- Summer Camp
- Teen recreation and work devilment, main hub
- Mental health department, main hub
- Theatre, main hub
- After school programming
- Elementary size gym for 10U practices
- Center for health and upward mobility to possibly include food bank, community closet, health clinic, family classes, county and social service resource hub

Phase 4 – 2026-2028

- 2-24 full-size gyms to meet the growing needs of our youth sports department

Phase 5 - 2028

- Central commercial kitchen

Comments and concerns were shared by the council. Questions were raised regarding tournaments, the Bonham site, and grand vision. Staff answered questions posed by Council. The council thanked staff for a very informative presentation.

5. 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 LITIGATION; CAUSE NO. CCD-0756-B PENDING IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. TEX GOV'T CODE §551.071.
- B) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. TEX GOV'T CODE §551.087.

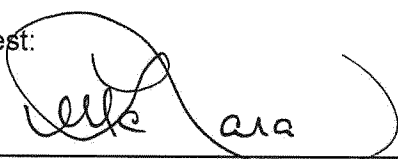
PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURN

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


Omar Quintanilla, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary