

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, June 9, 2025**, at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad, Commissioners Antonio “Tony” Aguirre, Jr., Joaquin Zamora, Rolando “Rolly” Rios, Rolando “Rolly” Rios and Jose R. “Pepe” Cabeza de Vaca were present, Absent: Commissioner Rodolfo “Rudy” Castillo

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JUNE 9th REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH A MEETING.

No questions were raised regarding the regular meeting agenda.

2. PRESENTATION ON TRAFFIC SIGNALS MINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

Staff provided a comprehensive update on the City’s Traffic Signals Maintenance and Operations. The presentation included a summary of key elements from the 2018 Traffic Bond, as well as an overview of current procedures, ongoing maintenance efforts, and plans for future improvements related to the City’s traffic signal infrastructure managed by the McAllen Traffic Operations team.

Highlighted initiatives included:

- Installation of back plates and updated street signs along major and minor corridors
- Enhancements to pedestrian crossings with new audible systems for visually impaired
- Pilot testing phase for new detection technologies incorporating radar, video, and AI capabilities
- Seeking grant opportunities aligned with that with the City’s Vision Zero Plan
- Participation in the Highway Safety Improvement Plan
- RGV Metropolitan Planning Organization – Category 10
- Involvement in the Transportation Alternatives Program

Following the presentation, Council members engaged in a discussion and posed questions, all of which were addressed by staff. Mayor Javier Villalobos extended his appreciation to the team for their informative report.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE SCHOOLYARD FORESTS FOR 7 MISD CAMPUSES GIFTED FROM THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE GRANT.

Staff provided a progress update on the Texas A&M Forest Service Grant awarded to Quinta Mazatlán for the development of seven schoolyard forests. It was noted that the grant involves a collaborative partnership in which Quinta Mazatlán oversees grant management and delivers educational programming, curriculum development, interpretive signage, and training. McAllen Independent School District (MISD) is responsible for maintaining School Zone components, while McAllen Parks & Recreation is tasked with the upkeep of City School Park elements.

The proposed project timeline was outlined as follows:

- February 2024: Memorandum of Understanding signed by the City and MISD
- April 2024: Grant awarded
- January – May 2025: Input and Design Team Development
- May – June 2025: Design Development
- September 2025: Construction Document Preparation
- December 2025: Construction Bidding and Award
- Fall 2027: Anticipated Construction Period

Following the presentation, Council members engaged in discussion and posed questions, which were addressed by staff. Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their informative presentation.

At 4:38 Mayor Javier Villalobos recessed the meeting to enter the executive session, stating that any resulting action would occur during the regular meeting.

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 LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE 89TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE. TEX. GOV'T. CODE §551.071.**
- B) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, TRACT 1. GOV'T. CODE §551.072**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

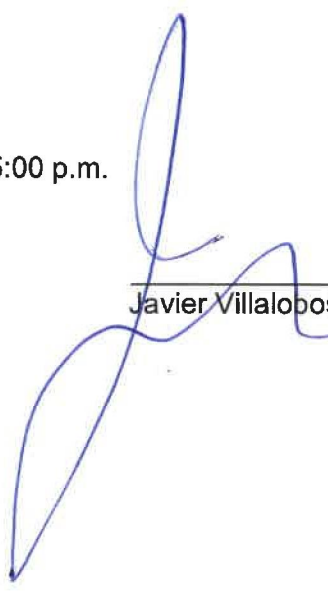
ADJOURN

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

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Javier Villalobos, Mayor