

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**, at 4:00 pm, at Champion Lakes Golf Course, 2701 South Ware Road, McAllen, Texas.

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

Staff: City Manager Isaac Tawil, City Attorney Austin Stevenson, Deputy City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Elvira Alonzo, Assistant City Manager Juan Olaguibel, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Cesar Rodriguez Director of Strategy Management, Sonia Resendez Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2025-2026 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

City Manager Isaac Tawil welcomed everyone and provided a brief recap of Tuesday's budget workshop. A handout illustrating the City's Long-Term-Debt was distributed to the Council and reviewed. He then informed the Council that staff would begin presenting the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund departmental budgets in the following order:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Victor Rodriguez provided an overview of the Police Department budget and reviewed the department decision packages. A budget handout was distributed to Council.

Council engaged in discussion, and asked questions relating to additional officers, academy in progress and grants. All questions were addressed by staff.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Juan Gloria presented a summary of the Fire Department budget and reviewed the decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, asking questions regarding public safety, I.S.O. premiums, strategic planning, another fire station, and fire equipment. All questions were answered by staff.

Mayor Javier Villalobos expressed gratitude to staff for their presentation.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks Director Denny Meline presented a summary of the Parks & Recreation Department budget and reviewed decision packages for Parks Administration, Parks, Recreation, Building Maintenance, Pools, Las Palmas Community Center, Lark Community Center, and Palmview Community Center.

Council participated in discussion, offering comments and raising questions regarding staffing logistics, security at Camp McAllen and Firemens Pumphouse, city park ratings, splash parks, rentals, and pool hours. All inquiries from Council were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation

ENGINEERING

City Engineer Eduardo Mendoza presented an overview of the Engineering Department's budget

and provided a brief review of the decision packages for Engineering, City Hall, and the Development Center.

Council engaged in discussion, sharing comments and asking questions related to project updates, drainage plan, shovel ready projects, operational challenges, grant compliance and regulatory operations, and MPO consultation. All questions posed by Council were addressed.

Mayor Javier Villalobos expressed appreciation to staff for their presentation.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Traffic Director Marlene Garza presented an overview of the Traffic Department's budget and provided a brief review of the decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, sharing comments and asking questions related to street lights projects, speed bumps, quarterly updates on lighting, and signal timing study.

Mayor Javier Villalobos expressed appreciation to staff for their presentation.

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).

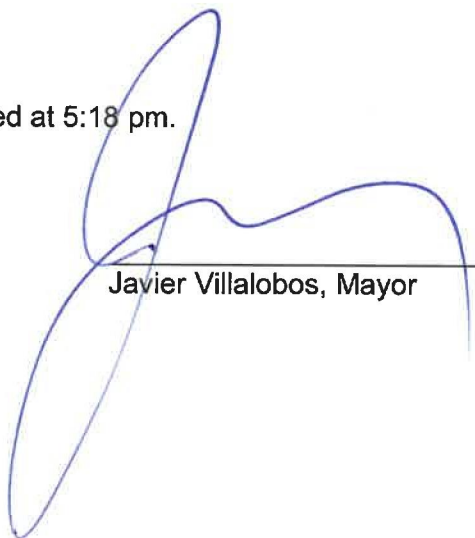
ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Javier Villalobos, Mayor