

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Friday, August 15, 2025**, at 2:00 pm, at Champion Lakes Golf Course, 2701 South Ware Road, McAllen, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad, Commissioner Antonio “Tony” Aguirre, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Rolando “Rolly” Rios, Commissioner Rodolfo “Rudy” Castillo

Absent: Mayor Javier Villalobos, 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 Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad 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 previous budget workshops. He informed the Council that staff would begin presenting the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund departmental budgets in the following order:

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Airport Director, Jeremy Santoscoy provided an overview of the Airport Department budget and reviewed the department decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, and asked questions relating to transfers out, baggage system, general feedback, and traffic. All questions were answered by staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad thanked staff for their presentation.

CHAMPION LAKES GOLF DEPARTMENT

Golf Course Director, Carlos Espinosa presented a summary of Champion Lakes Golf Department budget and reviewed the decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, asking questions regarding to record of number of rounds, raising rates, increase/decrease in fees, depreciation fund, fleet and schedules. All questions were answered by staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad expressed gratitude to staff for their presentation.

CONVENTION CENTER AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Convention Center Director, Yajaira Flores presented a summary of the Convention Center and Performing Arts Center budget and reviewed decision packages.

Council participated in discussion, offering comments and raising questions regarding Center of Urban Ecology, Water Feature at Oval Park, storage space, fences, and maximizing space. All inquiries from Council were answered.

Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad thanked staff for their presentation

INTERNATIONAL TOLL BRIDGE AND ANZALDUAS INTERNATIONAL CROSSING

Assistant City Manager Juan Olaguibel presented an overview of the International Toll Bridge and Anzalduas Crossing budget and provided a brief review of the decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, sharing comments and asking questions related to toll increases, and employee compensation for bridge toll collectors. All questions posed by Council were addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Victor “Seby” Haddad expressed appreciation to staff for their presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Robert Trevino presented an overview of the Public Works Department's budget and provided a brief review of the decision packages.

Council engaged in discussion, sharing comments and asking questions related to fund balances, asphalt, and the recycling facility,

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DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Staff presented and reviewed the list of capital improvement projects under the CIP Project Fund, detailing the status of each item as either recurring, rollover, or new projects.

Similarly, the list of projects under the Development Corporation Fund was discussed, with staff providing updates on the status of each project, categorized as recurring, rollover, agency-led, or new requests.

REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS:

Staff reviewed the Infrastructure and Improvement Fund list of CIP projects, highlighting all rollover items. The project lists for TIRZ #1 and TIRZ #2A were also discussed, including transfers out and rollover projects. Additionally, staff presented the Drainage Fee Fund project list, noting six rollover projects and introducing new drainage improvements.

STAFF REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDS:

Staff provided a brief overview of the following project fund lists:

- **City Hall Expansion and Reservoir Development Fund** – Reviewed current and planned projects.
- **Street Improvement Construction Bond Fund** – Presented the list of street improvement projects.
- **Parkland Zone Funds (Zones 1, 2, and 3)** – Summarized the status of parkland development projects within each zone.
- **Parks Facility / Fire Station #2 Construction Fund** – Discussed ongoing and upcoming facility and fire station construction projects.
- **Information Technology Fund** – Outlined technology-related projects and initiatives.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Staff presented and reviewed the following capital project funds, providing updates on the status of each item, including whether they are recurring, rollover, agency, professional services, or new projects:

- **CIP Project Fund:** Reviewed list of capital improvement projects, categorized as recurring, rollover, or new projects.
- **Development Corporation Fund:** Discussed project list with status updates including recurring, rollover, agency requests, and new projects.
- **Airport CIP Fund:** Presented list of airport-related capital improvement projects and rollovers.
- **Airport Passenger Facility Fund:** Reviewed list of passenger facility projects.

- **Airport Customer Facility Charge Fund:** Discussed professional services funded through customer facility charges.
- **McAllen International Bridge CIP Fund:** Reviewed list of capital improvement projects for the McAllen International Bridge.
- **Anzalduas Bridge CIP Fund:** Presented list of capital improvement projects for the Anzalduas Bridge.
- **Anzalduas Cargo Construction Fund:** Reviewed list of cargo-related construction projects and rollovers.

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 3:52 pm.


 Mayor Pro Tem Victor "Seby" Haddad

Attest

 Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
 City Secretary