

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, February 26, 2018** at 3:45 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez, Commissioner Richard Cortez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Commissioner John Ingram

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Planning Director Juli Rankin, Fire Chief Rafael Balderas, Fleet Operations Manager Javier Galindo; Solid Waste Manager Mario Vela

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

- 1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY 26, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

Questions were asked as it related to items 2D and 2E.

- 2. DISCUSS FORMAT OF CITY MANAGER'S REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT.**

Staff gave a brief presentation on the format of City Manager's Revenue and Expense Report. A brief discussion was held. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Suggestions were given as follows:

- ❖ Make report shorter
- ❖ Include graphs and charts
- ❖ New Format

Mayor and City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

- 3. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF RAYMONDVILLE DRAIN AND VARIOUS COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECTS.**

Staff presented an update on the status of the Raymondville Drain and various County Drainage Projects noting that once constructed the project will address the following:

Raymondville Drain

- Regional Storm Water Management
- Environmental Mitigation and Preservation
- Protection and Provision for Economic Development

Additional projects were touched on as follows:

- J-08 Drain System
- J-09 Drain System
- Mission Inlet Recertification
- Mission Lateral
- Rado Drain Re-Route
- South Pharr- McAllen Lateral

A brief discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Representation, 2) Type of System, 3) 100 Year Event, 4) Water Rights and 5) Delta Irrigation District. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling and the City Commission thanked the team for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT BENTSEN ROAD AND UVALDE AVENUE PILOT PROJECT.

A brief discussion was held related to the Traffic Circle at Bentsen Road and Uvalde Avenue Pilot Project. It was noted that the Traffic Operation staff initiated a pilot installation at the recommendation of the Traffic Commission. The installation consisted of traffic barrels and sandbags to build the traffic circle. Staff mentioned they installed all the proper advance warning signs and pavement markings. Staff supplemented the standard traffic control with message board that read "Yield to Traffic in Circle". It was mentioned that traffic staff found the approach and departure traffic was traveling at under 25 mph. Staff mentioned that there were no accidents from August 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 and the Traffic Commission Advisory Board and Traffic Staff recommended to proceed with the design of a permanent installation of the Traffic Circle.

A brief discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) Traffic North/South, 2) Going back to a 2-Way Stop, 3) Traffic Flow, 4) Rationale, 5) Accidents and 6) Criteria. Staff answered questions posed by Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, the City Commission directed staff to evaluate the 4-way stop and/or convert to a 2-way stop.

5. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED APPROACH MEDIAN ON 2nd STREET BETWEEN HIGHWAY BUSINESS 83 AND BEECH AVENUE.

Staff reviewed the proposed approach median on 2nd Street between Highway Business 83 and Beech Avenue. It was mentioned that the intersection experiences delay as traffic turns left northbound from Ash Avenue on 2nd Street and turns westbound onto Ash Avenue from 2nd Street. Staff reviewed historical data and recommended that the raised concrete median be installed at 2nd Street and Ash Avenue to increase safety and mobility.

Comments and concerns were shared by Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised and answered by staff. After due consideration the City Commission instructed staff to do a trial with barrels.

6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT ENDING JANUARY 31, 2018.

Report provided. No action required.

7. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018.

Report provided. No action required.

8. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION

Said item was not addressed.

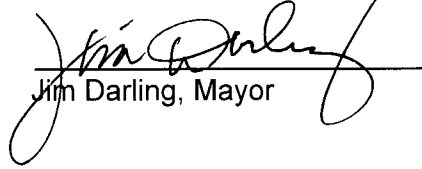
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-0488-18-J; EDUARDO CAVAZOS VS. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, TGC)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. CL-17-3794-G; MARIBEL ALVAREZ VS. CITY OF MCALLEN AND HECTOR ORTIZ PROMOTIONS. (SECTION 551.071, TGC.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-4235-16-B JOSEPH AND RENE DE LA GARZA, ANF OF ____, A MINOR VS. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, TGC).

- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. CL-17-0727-D; GLADIS TREVINO INDIVIDUALLY AND ANF OF _____, A MINOR VS. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, TGC).
- E) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary