

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 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, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

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

There were no questions related to the March 26, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting.

2. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT BENTSEN ROAD AND BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83.

Staff gave a brief update on the traffic circulation at Bentsen Road and Business Highway 83. Staff mentioned the proposed safety and circulation improvements to Bentsen Road at Business Highway 83. Staff proposed two options as follows:

Option – 1

- Allow the left-turn movement out of the neighborhood (Summer Breeze Subdivision) and provide a refuge to merge onto northbound Bentsen Road traffic

Option – 2

- Allow left turns into the neighborhood. This option may still experience U-Turns as drivers may try to enter the queue for student pick-up or drop-off

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) Eliminating right turn on red, 2) How far west, 3) Mechanic Ship & Warehouse, 4) Portable Buildings, 5) Regular Signal, 6) Long term solution and 7) 2 Left Turns. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, the City Commission directed staff to proceed with the two left turns.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Staff gave a brief project status update of various projects that are currently under construction. Staff noted the work performed as follows:

- McAllen Youth Baseball Complex
- Idela Park
- Municipal Girls Softball Complex
- Bentsen Hike & Bike Trail
- Nature Center Monarch Mountain

Questions were asked as to: 1) Completion Date for Bentsen Hike & Bike Trail, 2) Engineer Leading the Project and 3) Nature Center – was it being designed in-house. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

No action required. Report only.

4. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

Staff noted that there was a total of 71 subdivisions in process and 45 were residential. Also mentioned were the following new subdivisions:

- Fuentes II Subdivision
- Las Palomas Subdivision
- Taylor View Subdivision
- Cobblestone Phase I Subdivision
- Kiani Medical Park
- Maple Subdivision
- Falling Water Subdivision

Staff also mentioned the recorded subdivisions as follows:

- Shops at 29
- Fairfield Place No. 2

No action required. Report only.

5. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

Staff provided a status report and briefly reviewed the following projects:

- McAllen Public Safety Building Parking Garage
- 2017 Sidewalk Improvements
- Hazard Mitigation Grant DR 4223 and DR 4245 Projects
- Bicentennial Blvd. Hike and Bike Trail Pedestrian Bridge at Lark Boulevard
- Lark Community Center ReRoof
- Bond Projects: Intersection Improvements
- Bond Projects: Roadway Improvements
- TxDot Update on Bicentennial and I2

Questions were asked as to: 1) Additional Weather Days, 2) Projects being on schedule and 3) May 3rd Public Hearing/Meeting. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Report given. No action required.

Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez moved to accept the recommendation for the basis of the discussion in Executive Session under the sections cited by the City Attorney. Commissioner Omar Quintanilla seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

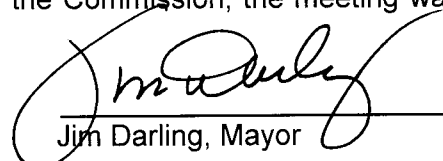
Mayor Jim Darling recessed the meeting at 4:45 to go into Executive Session and announced that any action on the items would be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

6. 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 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO COLLECTION OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES FROM HOTELS MISION USA INC. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LITIGATION CITY OF MCALLEN VERSUS KEN PAXTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072 T.G.C.)
- 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