

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 12, 2018** at 3:45 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Richard Cortez, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez

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 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Question was asked as it related to item 3A.

2. UPDATE ON BOND ELECTION.

Staff gave a brief update on the Bond Election.

Staff mentioned the Bond Election Plan touching on the following keypoints:

- Key Staff Meetings including City Managers, City Secretary, Finance, Engineering, Traffic, MCN, 311, IT and Public Works Departments
- Discussion of a Citizen's Committee / Blue Ribbon Committee for promotion
- Discussion about presentation
- Developing a budget
- Providing Sample Ballots to familiarize the voters
- Providing Voter Registration Opportunities at Meetings and Key Gatherings
- Involvement of Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
- Staff Presentations
- Early Voting Period dates and times

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) Any other election being held by Hidalgo County, 2) Utility Flyers, 3) Neighborhood Associations, 4) Short Video Presentations, 5) Drainage Fee vs Bond Election and 6) Traffic Proposition. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

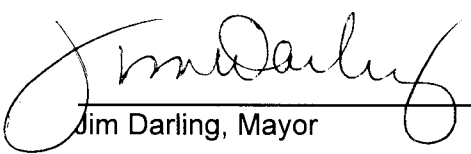
Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. 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.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary