

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, June 11, 2018** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Mayor Jim Darling and Commissioner John Ingram

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JUNE 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to the June 11, 2018 workshop.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MCALLEN CHAPTER 138 ("ZONING"), ARTICLE IV ("CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS"), SECTION 112 ("APPROVAL, PROCEDURE, RESPONSIBILITY AND APPEALS.") AND SECTION 118 ("REQUIREMENTS OF CONDITIONAL USE") BY CHANGING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT, ADDING EVENT CENTERS AND CHANGING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ORDAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF. (TABLED)

Staff gave a brief update on the proposed amendment as discussed at the Planning & Zoning Commission hearing of April 17, 2018. Staff noted that the board members had discussed the history of the existing requirement and commented on concerns related to noise and impact to neighborhoods. An option to reduce the distance to 400 was mentioned. Staff noted that the board voted unanimously to recommend the approval of the proposed ordinance amendment adding event center and subject to 400 feet for legal notice owners of real property and 400 feet for distance required from the nearest residence or residentially zoned property, church, school or publicly owned property. Staff added that at the May 14, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting the City Commission discussed concerns for the distance from residential area and reducing notification to surrounding property owners. At that meeting it was suggested that item be brought back for discussion at a workshop and noting that staff was seeking direction.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) New establishments, 2) Staff recommending 300 feet, 3) Notices, 4) Number of variances granted, 5) 600 feet and 6) Brownsville and Harlingen notices. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez mentioned that this item was for discussion only and that said item would be placed back on the next regular city commission agenda for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF 10TH STREET HOLIDAY GARLAND OPTIONS.

Staff gave a brief update on the 10th Street Holiday Garland Options. Staff mentioned the following major roads and minor roads:

Major Roads:

- Trenton
- Dove
- Nolana
- Pecan

- Business U S 83
- Expressway U S 83

Minor Roads:

- Robin
- Zinnia
- Fern
- Harvey
- La Vista
- Hackberry
- Dallas
- Houston
- Wichita

Staff briefly reviewed the traditional (buy board) noting vendor was on buy board. Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked as to: 1) Which one had more lifetime, 2) Were the custom made more expensive, 3) \$100,000.00 budget, 4) Location 5) Size and banners. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. After due consideration, the City Commission directed staff to proceed with the custom option.

Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez thanked staff for their presentation.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

On behalf of the Presiding Officer, the City Attorney recommended recessing into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) for Item A.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to accept the recommendation for the basis of the discussion in Executive Session under the sections cited by the City Attorney. Commissioner Javier Villalobos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

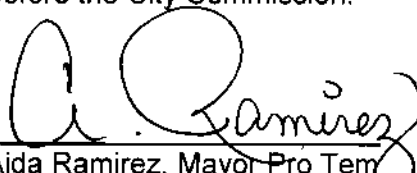
Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and announced that action would be taken on executive session items at the Regular City Commission Meeting.

A. 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 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No one appeared before the City Commission.


Aida Ramirez, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary