STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Monday, July 9, 2018** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner John Ingram, Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Commissioner Joaquin Zamora

MPUB: Chairman Charles Amos, Trustee Ernie Williams

Absent: Vice-Chairman Tony Aguirre, Trustee Albert Cardenas

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

JOINT MEETING WITH MCALLEN PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Jim Darling announced that at this time item 2 would be addressed.

Joint Meeting was reconvened at 4:36 pm. Chairman Charles Amos called the meeting to order on behalf of the McAllen Public Utility Board.

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018-19.

Staff reviewed the Health Plan Recommendations for 2018-2019 as follows:

Base Plan (Currently in force Active Plan)
- Premiums do not change
- Copay for PCP/Specialist do not change
- In-Network Deductible increases from $1250 Individual / $2500 Family to $1500 Individual / $3000 Family
- Out-of-Network Deductible increases from $1700 Individual / $3400 Family to $2500 Individual / $4000 Family
- In-Network Maximum Out of Pocket increases from $4,000 Individual / $8000 Family to $5000 Individual / $10,000 Family
- Out-of-Network Maximum Out of Pocket increases from $5000 Individual / Unlimited Family to $6000 Individual / Unlimited Family

Buy Up Plan (New)
- Premiums would increase to create significant differential from base plan
- In-Network Deductible would decrease from $1250 Individual / $2500 Family to $850 Individual $1700 Family
- In-Network Maximum Out of Pocket would decrease from $4000 Individual / $8000 Family to $2850 Individual / $4000 Family

It was noted that the buy up plan essentially mirrors the benefits that the employees had available to them in the 2015 plan year.

Also noted was that if the two-tier approach was approved, also recommended was subsequent change to the Pre-65 Retiree Plan. It was noted that if the two-tier approach was approved, staff recommended a subsequent change to the Pre-65 Retiree Plan. For the benefit of transitioning employees staff recommended eliminating a separate Pre—65 Retiree Plan. In this manner, transitioning active employees would either remain on the same enrolled plan post-employment, losing only their City subsidy toward premiums or could use their qualifying event to transition to the other tier at that time. Current Pre-65 Retirees would be given a one time choice to choose either the Base Plan or the Buy Up Plan effective October 1, 2018. The differences between the Pre-65 Retiree Plan and the proposed Base Plan for active employees was also discussed.

Option II was also discussed and staff noted they have adopted all formulary changes done through standard pharmacy review processes since 2016. To align the City's formulary with Optum's recommended exclusions, the following drugs would be removed from the formulary effective October 1st should this option be approved.

Drug Name	Ues	Alternatives
• Acticlate	Infections	Doxycycline Hyclate
• Colchicine	Gout	Mitigare
• Colcrys	Gout	Mitigare
• Metformin HCL ER	Diabetes	Metformin ER
• Onexton	Acne	Clindamycine Topical
• Xigduo	Diabetes	Invokamet

Option III Virtual Visit Copay elimination was briefly discussed.

Staff referenced page eight (8) of the handouts and touched on the premiums as it related to: current and proposed premiums for the 1) Base plan, 2) Buy up plan and 3) Current retiree pre-65 plan.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Employee Subsidy, 2) How did Departments Budget, 3) Number of Employees in the Plan, 4) Analysis to the Plan, 5) Average Cost to the Plan and 6) Questions on Page 8 of Handout. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, it was the recommendation of Trustee Ernest Williams to approve the recommendations as presented by staff. Mayor Jim Darling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Commissioner John Ingram moved to approve the recommendations presented by staff. Commissioner Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Charles Amos adjourned the joint meeting.

END OF JOINT MEETING

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

2. **PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE JULY 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.**

Additional information was requested on item 3A of the Regular City Commission Meeting.

3. **DISCUSSION OF VARIANCE REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SARAH AVENUE FOR THE LIMITS OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IDEA SOUTH OF MCALLEN.**

Staff gave a brief explanation on the variance request for construction of public improvements along Sarah Avenue for the limits of proposed subdivision IDEA South of McAllen. The subdivision process was discussed noting that it had been identified that the extension of Sarah Avenue was required for the limits of the subdivision. Staff stated they are requesting that the subdivision construct, rather than escrow the improvements. The extension of Sarah could also provide access to the proposed subdivision and remove traffic from Ware Road, a corridor serving the Foreign Trade Zone and an industrial area.

An alternative was mentioned where the City Commission could participate with the reimbursement of the costs of improvements in the amount not to exceed 30% of the public improvements for the roadway. In this scenario, the Developer would build the improvements and the City would reimburse after the construction is approved. Staff stated that this would require approval of an agreement and mentioned the responsibility of each party and a subsequent City Commission meeting to approve the agreement. Engineering recommended disapproval of the variance request and alternatively recommended that the Sarah Avenue paving requirement be constructed.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) why 30% of the public improvements was being proposed, 2) Policy, 3) Option #2, 4) Option #3 and 5) Curb and Water. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff mentioned that said item was listed on the Regular City Commission Agenda. It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission to address said item at the Regular City Commission Meeting.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. **TXDOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – I1 AND BICENTENNIAL BOULEVARD.**

Staff gave a brief update on the TxDot Construction I1 and Bicentennial Boulevard as follows:

IH2 / US 83 & Bicentennial Boulevard

- Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.
- Limits of work: IH-2, From FM 2220 (Ware Road) to McColl Road
- Limits of work: Bicentennial Boulevard from Jackson Avenue to Uvalde Avenue
- Scopes: Interchange Improvements
- Contract Days: 610 Days (3 years)
- Estimated Completion Date: August 2020
- Percentage Complete - 34%

Progress of Work:

- Bicentennial Bridge Progress
- Continued work on permanent and temporary retaining walls for the Bicentennial Bridge approaches
- Work on embankment for the bridge approaches
- 10th Street Bridge and 23rd Street bridge were raised on June 3 and June 6

Upcoming Changes in Traffic:

- Active Lane Closures: (weather permitting)
- WB Main / 23rd Street exit closed (3 – 5) months
- Upcoming Lane Closures: (weather permitting)
- Bicentennial Boulevard Demolition
- Work is tentatively scheduled for August 3rd. This process will consist of nightly main lane and frontage road closures during overhead work. At that time Bicentennial traffic will be closed to through traffic

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Turnarounds on 10th and 23rd Street, 2) Deceleration Lane, 3) Closing Main Lanes and 4) Construction Details. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WATERSHED PROTECTION ORDINANCE.**

Said item was not addressed.

6. **DISCUSSION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE AUTOMOTIVE EXPANSION AND ELEVATOR DESIGN.**

Said item was not addressed.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).**

A. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-1358-18-G; WILLIAM J. TINNING VS. DANIEL ISIAS HERNANDEZ AND CITY OF McALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.).

B. **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. CL-18-2675-A; MARIANA AIMEE GARZA V. MICHAEL NAVARRO AND CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
C. **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:18-CV-00151; AARON SOTO VS. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, 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.

Jim Darling
Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:

Perla Lara
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary