

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, August 6, 2018**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez and Commissioner Javier Villalobos

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Susan Lozano, Strategic Planning Coordinator Greg Townsend

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2018-2019 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

Management staff gave an overview of the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP). A slide show depicting revenues and transfer-ins was reviewed. Staff reported on the reserves and mentioned the number of days of operating budget.

Staff presented and discussed expenditure increases and decreases: 10 year trend as follows:

- Expenditures Increases and Decreases
 - General Government
 - Public Safety
 - Highways & Streets
 - Health/Welfare
 - Culture/Recreation (New Venues)
- Days in General Fund Balance (Reserves) vs Minimum Requirement (# of days)
- Taxable Sales & Services (McAllen vs. Metro (Hidalgo Co.))
- Taxable Property (Per HCAD-All Types)
- General Fund Revenues and Expenditures by Year
- Major Revenues
- Total General Fund Revenues by Source
- Major Revenues Increases Projected
- General Fund Expenditures by Service Area

A discussion ensued as it related to one time disbursements. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Comments were expressed as it related to performance evaluations, analysis/graph of how many employees have been added through the years. Additional comments were shared by the Mayor and City Commission.

A recap of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 general fund decision packages was provided. It was reported that for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year the following general fund new employee positions were being recommended as follows:

- Parks – Parks Crew Leader, 2 Groundskeeper II, 2 Trades Helper 1
- Police Department – 4 Police Officers
- Fire – 2 Firefighters
- City Commission – Administrative Assistant
- Management & Budget – Budget Analyst
- 311 Calling Center – Customer Service Specialist
- Library – Loan Desk Assistant
- Information Technology – Support Analyst II
- Street Maintenance – HEO II-B
- Health Code Compliance – Code Enforcement Officer, Environmental Health Specialist

The following personnel requests were not being recommended by City Manager and were described as follows:

- Planning – Case Manager (1)
- Information Technology – Programmer Analyst (1)

- Police – Police Officers (8)
- Fire Department – Firefighters (2), Lieutenants (1)
- Street Maintenance – HEO II B (1)
- Sidewalk Construction – Sr. Maintenance Worker (1)
- Environmental Health Code Compliance – Code Enforcement Officer (1), Environmental Health Specialist (1)
- Parks – Parks Crew Leader (1), Groundskeeper II (1), Trades Helper 1 (3)

Staff provided a brief recap of the decision packages for FY 2018-2019.

Staff noted that the following agencies would be presenting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 as follows:

- Valley Symphony Orchestra & Chorale
- Comfort House-Equipment / Direct Operating
- Women Together Foundation
- Museum of South Texas History
- McAllen Chamber of Commerce
- IMAS
- Boys & Girls Club of McAllen
- McAllen Town Band Association
- McAllen Heritage Center, Inc.
- Amigos Del Valle Inc.
- RGV Literacy Center

Staff also outlined the Development Corporation Applications for FY 2018-2019 as follows:

- Comfort House
- LiftFund Inc.
- South Texas College
- Affordable Homes of South Texas
- LRGV Community Health/El Milagro Clinic
- VIDA
- MEDC
- Boys & Girls Club of McAllen
- McAllen Heritage Center Inc.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

2. 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).

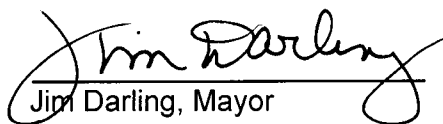
On behalf of the Presiding Officer, the City Attorney recommended recessing into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) for item 2A.

A. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY. (SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary