

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla and Commissioner John Ingram

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

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 gave an overview of the annual results as it related to positive/gain reserves vs. negative/loss in reserves.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget. Staff reviewed the budget as follows:

- 4 Police Officers
- Maintenance-Computer Hardware
- Maintaining the 2.0 ratio per 1,000 / population

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised about: 1) Adding 2 Police Officers, 2) Academy and Cost, 3) Safety and Security, 4) Police Cars, 5) Federal Grant and Officers and 6) Converting from Cars to SUV's. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget. Staff reviewed the budget as follows:

- Fleet Operations
- Sanitation Fund
- Recycling Fees
- Residential Collection
- Commercial Collection
- Brush Collection

A discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Questions were raised about: 1) Complaints on roadways, 2) Potholes, 3) Storm Water Issues, 4) Black Bins and 5) Depreciation Fund. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

PALM VIEW GOLF COURSE

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget. Staff reviewed the budget as follows:

- Update on Greens Project
- Roof Maintenance

A discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Questions were raised about: 1) Maintenance, 2) Crew Leaders vs Groundskeeper, 3) Maintenance of Fields, 4) Advertising Park Programs, 5) Games of Texas, 6) Natatorium and 7) Meets. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

DRAINAGE FEES

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget.

A discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked as to: 1) Kennedy Avenue, 2) Baseball Park, 3) Westway Heights Drainage Improvements and 4) Pecan Boulevard and 27th Drainage Improvements. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget. Staff reviewed the budget as follows:

- Message Board – Replace Damage Boards to meet the demand for advertising city events and supplement traffic control
- Traffic Operations

A discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) 83rd Street, 2) 15th & 16th and Houston Streets, 3) Coordination and Progression and 4) Trying to do away with unnecessary signals. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

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.

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).**

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

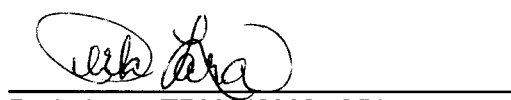
No action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary