

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, September 24, 2018** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

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

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 Engineer Yvette Barrera, Chief Victor Rodriguez, MPU General Manager Mark Vega, City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions related to the September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.

2. DISCUSSION ON FARE STRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS FOR METRO MCALLEN AND BCYCLE.

Staff gave a brief update on the fare structure modifications for Metro McAllen and BCycle as follows:

- 30 – Day Pass Analysis
- Metro McAllen Passes
 - 1 Day Pass - \$ 3.00
 - 7 – Day Pass - \$12.00
 - 30 – Day Pass - \$40.00
- Reduced Fares
 - 1-Day Pass - \$ 1.50
 - 7-Day Pass - \$ 6.00
 - 30-Day Pass - \$20.00

Staff noted that reduced fares included Seniors, Medicare, Persons with Disabilities, Students and also required a Valid I.D.

Staff discussed the Mobile Ticketing Application and touched on the following options:

- Recommending a 1-2 year agreement with Token Transit
- Turn-key software solution, takes approximately 2 weeks to launch
- For each Digital Fare purchased by a rider for use on customer’s transit system during the term, Token Transit will retain a fee of (a) 10% of the gross total proceeds of the transaction processed by the Service that is greater than or equal to \$2.00 and (b) \$.06 + 7% of the gross total proceeds of the transaction processed by the service that is less than \$2.00
- Or a \$3,000 Annual Pilot Program Fee

Staff also reviewed the Token Transit features as follows:

- Premier Mobile Ticketing App
- Pass Distribution Platform
- Data Analytics
- Successful Nationwide
- Fastest Agency Onboarding
- Bluetooth Beacon Validation

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Form of payment, 2) Students asking for passes, 3) Bus Driver Rotation and 4) Percentage of Reduced Fares. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff mentioned that this item would go before City Commission at next month's Regular City Commission Meeting.

Staff also reviewed the McAllen BCycle existing membership rates and suggested new membership rates. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the suggested membership rates. Staff discussed the number of flat rate vehicle per year and reviewed the flat rate revenue per year and fee modifications:

- Proposed Flat Rate Increase
- Option 1 \$7.00 Flat Rate
- Proposed \$10.00 Flat Rate

Staff is recommending a \$10.00 flat rate noting that currently the fee is \$5.00. A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Top Performers, 2) Areas with Highest Usage, 3) Parking Garage Fees, 4) Station on Pecan and 2nd Street, 5) When was Lime E-Bike expected to come in and 6) Harlingen and Brownsville Ordinances. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff noted that item would be brought back to City Commission at a regular city commission meeting. Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF CITY'S FIREWORKS REGULATIONS.

Staff gave an update of the City's Fireworks Regulations noting that as the City has grown and new areas have been annexed, locations that were previously outside of city limits are now located within city limits and subject to regulation. It was noted that the City has extended several agreements for an additional five-year term. Staff also noted that instead of continuing to renew and making exceptions at different times that the ordinance could be amended with more limited restrictions. It was noted that this had been discussed at the Ordinance Review Committee with the recommendation to set the term for any extension to a Nuisance Abatement Agreement to August 12, 2022.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Enforcing the Ordinance, 2) Questions posed to the Police Chief and Fire Chief and 3) Complaints after 11 pm. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Commission to set the term to August 14, 2022 and send back to the Ordinance Review Committee for review.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentations.

4. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Staff provided a status report on Parks & Recreation Projects through August 31, 2018 as follows:

- McAllen Youth Baseball Complex
- Municipal Girls Softball Complex
- Motorcross Park
- Madison Triangle Park – Phase II
- Escandon Park
- 2018 Park Trail Amenities Package
- Bicentennial Hike & Bike Trail – N of Nolana
- Existing Parks – 1000 S Ware
- Future Parks Administration Facility – 23rd & Buddy Owens
- Park Land Fee Projects
- Cascade Park

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018.

Staff provided an update on project status report through August 31, 2018 as follows:

- Fire Station #2
- Storage Building Addition
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Veterans War Memorial of Texas Phase II
- Bond Projects: Intersection Improvements
- Bond Projects: Roadway Improvements
- Dove 41st to Bentsen
- 29th Street Oxford to 107
- Auburn 10th to Main
- TxDot Update on Bicentennial and I2

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018.

Staff provided an update on subdivision monthly report ending August 31, 2018 as follows:

- North Park Village Phase II Subdivision
- Jonquil Heights Lot 1A Subdivision
- Villanueva Estates at Trinity Oaks Subdivision

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

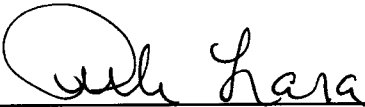
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 1) Priscilla Alvarez

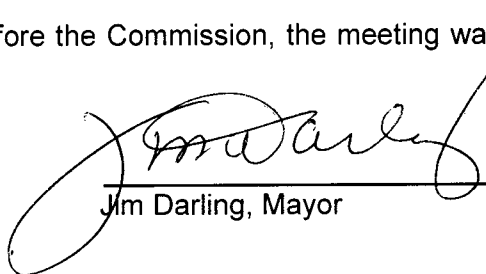
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Jim Darling, Mayor