

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Wednesday, August 15, 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, Yvette Balderas, Interim CDBG Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

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

TRANSIT 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 and 2017-2018 Accomplishments for the following:

- Central Station
- Downtown Services
- Transit
- McAllen Express

A brief discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Fares, 2) Depreciation, 3) Speed of Buses, 4) Suggestion was made about Department Heads taking a bus tour, 5) Scooter Program, 6) Bus Shelter Program and 7) Paratransit Vehicles. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

2018-2019 General Fund Non-Profit Applications

Presentations were made for the FY 2018-2019 General Fund Non-Profit Applications for funding consideration. The respective agency applications were reviewed as follows:

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

Mayor Jim Darling noted that the agency recommendations would be reviewed at the Budget Wrap Up. Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for the presentation.

CONVENTION CENTER & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

City Manager introduced the new Convention Center Director Ms. Yahaira Flores. 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 brief discussion was held. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Parking Fees, 2) Membership Packages, 3) Securing Events, 4) Customer Service, 5) Ballroom/Meeting Rooms, 6) Venues, 7) MPAC Lobby/Rentals and 8) Beautification/Landscaping/Lighting/Marking Parking Lot. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

AIRPORT

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A brief discussion was held. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Peak Season, 2) Lease Status, 3) Space for Tenants, 4) Overall Capacity and 5) TSA Line Items. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their 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.

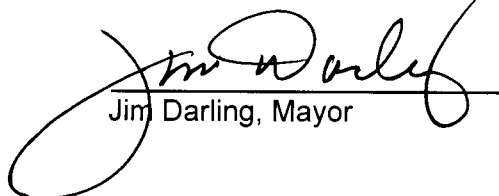
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

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 6:30 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest


Perla Lara, TRMO/CMC, CPM
City Secretary