

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla and 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, 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.

Staff distributed a handout to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget. Staff reviewed the budget and 2018-19 fund balance summary the following:

- ½ Cent Sales Tax Collections
- Operating Transfers In
- Operating Transfers Out
- Total Expenditures and Transfers Out

Skill-Job Training and Learning Centers:

- After School Learning Centers (MISD) (Boys and Girls Club)
- STC
- VIDA

Health Clinic Facility:

- Health Clinic Facility-El Milagro

Business District Improvements:

- City Entry-Way
- Project Imagine Tomorrow
- Retail-Buxton
- Retail Recruitments

380 Agreements:

- LIFT
- Industrial Incentive Fund
- Potential Investments

Streets and Drainage Improvements:

- 29th – Oxford to SH 107 Street Bond Project
- Daffodil – Taylor Rd to Ware Road
- Dove: 41st St to Bentsen – Bond Project
- El Rancho Santa Cruz Subdivision Drainage Improvements
- Kennedy Ave Drainage Improvement
- Northgate Drainage – Bond Project
- Pecan Boulevard at North 27th Drainage Improvement
- Quince Avenue at 27th Street Drainage Improvements
- Tres Lagos Redevelopment
- Westway Heights Drainage Improvements
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Recreation, Community Centers and Entertainment:

- Bicentennial – Hike/Bike Trail
- City Annual Parade (2018)
- Christmas in the Parks
- Golf course – Leveling of Teeing Grounds
- McAllen Marathon
- Motorcross Park
- Municipal Pool – Bathhouse
- Affordable Homes
- Management Fee
- McAllen Economic Development Corporation
- Comfort House
- Professional
- Storage
- War Memorial
- CDBG Administration Cost – Agencies

City Wide Transit System:

- Metro McAllen Fund – Maintenance & Operations
- Transit Fund – Maintenance and Operations

A brief discussion was held. A question and answer session followed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Subject to 380 Agreement, UTRGV, 3) ½ Sales Tax/Revenue, 4) El Milagro and Cost Needs and 5) Other Funding for Boys and Girls Club. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

City Commission mentioned that the following items would be brought back for review at the wrap up budget workshop of August 28, 2018:

- UTRG-Medical School
- UTRG – Nursing Program School
- Workforce
- Bicentennial – Hike & Bike Trail – Rollover
- Motorcross Park – Rollover
- Affordable Homes
- El Milagro Clinic
- VIDA
- MEDC
- Boys & Girls Club
- McAllen Heritage Center – Rollover
- Broadband Manager Position or Company
- Morris Park Improvements Phase II

A presentation was given on the Cancer Immunology Program. Staff noted that their vision was the creation of a diverse and representative workforce, the stimulation of biomedical innovation and the delivery of patient-centered healthcare for the Rio Grande Valley.

Staff discussed the following:

- Goals
- Focus on cancer immunology & virology
- Recruit scientists – women's health (initial focus)
- House scientists at the new Research Institute in McAllen
- Provide services at the Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic in McAllen
- Generate High-profile research and improve healthcare delivery in McAllen

Community Benefit:

- Promote high profile research
- Develop clinical trials (focus on Hispanics)
- Create new scientific jobs
- Improve women's health (cervical cancer screenings, treatment)
- Attract new industry (spin-off companies)
- Generate extramural funding to grow research
- Build clusters (around cancer)

Mayor Jim Darling reiterated that the agency recommendations would be reviewed at the Budget Wrap Up of August 28, 2018. Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentations.

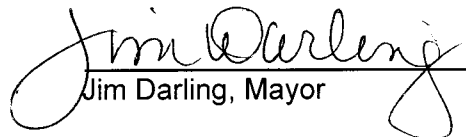
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

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 6:35 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary