

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Monday, December 3, 2018** at 5:00 pm, at McAllen Convention Center, Boardroom Number 2 with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez and Commissioner Omar Quintanilla

MISD: Danny D. Vela, Marco Suarez, Sam Saldivar, Lawrence Esparza, Debbie Crane Aliseda, Larry Esparza, Tony Forina, Conrado Alvarado (Speaker / Phone) and J.A. Gonzalez, Superintendent

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 Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

JOINT MEETING WITH McALLEN ISD:

President Danny Vela called the meeting to order on behalf of the MISD Board.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE McALLEN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

A discussion was held with regards to the November Elections. The following topics were discussed:

- Changing City's Elections from the 1st Saturday in May in odd-numbered years to the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November
- City's Charter was discussed
- Election Code provides authorization for a political subdivision to change the date on which it holds its general elections to the November Election Date
- House Bill 358 and 365 – Both house bills propose to require all political subdivisions to change its general election date to the November uniform election date

It was noted the staff's recommendation was to pursue legislative action to extend the current section 41.0052 (a) deadline during the current legislative session to provide option for City Commission.

Questions and concerns were addressed. Comments were raised as it related to: 1) Ballots, 2) Polling Places, 3) House Bills, 4) Logistics, 5) Judges and Clerks and 6) City being at the bottom of ballot. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

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2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISITING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

Staff provided a brief report on revisiting Memorandums of Understanding. The following topics were discussed:

- Garza Elementary-Safety (Fence)
- Perez Elementary – MOU expired
- McAuliffe Elementary
- Jackson Elementary
- Victor Fields Elementary

- Fencing Perez Elementary
- Lark Community Center (Playground – No division between school and center)
- Brown Middle School
- Travis Middle School
- New High School
- City / School Parks
- CDBG Funds – Community Park Projects
- Boards and Committees

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STADIUM RENOVATIONS.

Staff provided a brief report on Stadium Renovations and Improvements. The following topics were discussed:

- Sports Tourism (Doing more in the City)
- National Wide Championship, Bands of America, Soccer Teams

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NATATORIUM.

Staff provided a brief report on Natatorium. The following topics were discussed:

- Nikki Rowe Natatorium – Benches
- Sponsors
- Property / Front of Ware Road

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UTILIZATION OF CONVENTION CENTER.

Staff provided a brief report on the utilization of Convention Center. The following topics were discussed:

- Joint City/School Ventures
- Graduations
- Tuba Christmas Event

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TENNIS COURTS ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

Staff provided a brief report on Tennis Courts/Athletic Facilities. The following topics were discussed:

- Post Times and City's Time
- Not for Profit Use
- Boys & Girl's Club
- Facilities
- Improvements by City and MISD

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees. Direction was given to City Manager and Superintendent to set up a meeting regarding this item and bring back to the City Commission.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITY AND SCHOOL HEALTH PLANS.

Staff provided a brief report on City and School Health Plans. The following topics were discussed:

- 5000 (+) employees between both entities
- Networks within the Health Plans

- Claims
- Focus Groups
- Finding out what other entities have done joint health plans
- Meeting with Health Representatives
- Demographics
- Administrative Fees
- Objectives

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITY AND SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

Staff provided a brief report on City and School Police Departments. The following topics were discussed:

- Safety
- Holiday Parade and other major events
- Trainings
- Dispatch and Communications
- Emergency Management
- Establishing Joint Centers
- Protocol
- Current MOU – 22 years old

Questions and concerns were addressed. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission and MISD Board of Trustees. After due consideration, Trustee Aliseda moved to proceed with revising the MOU and move forward with establishing a joint center. Trustee Saldivar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by both present.

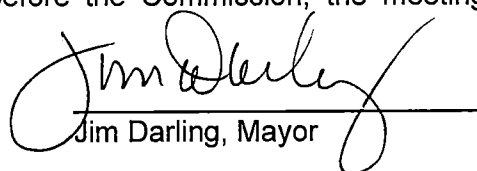
Commissioner Javier Villalobos moved to move forward on revising the MOU and move forward with establishing a joint center. Commissioner Joaquin Zamora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by both present.

9. OTHER DISCUSSIONS.

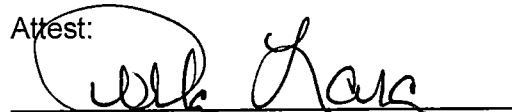
It was mentioned that the next Joint Meeting would be set for February 4, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

President Danny Vela adjourned the MISD Meeting as there was no business to come before the board. There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary