

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 11, 2019** 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, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Engineer Yvette Barrera, Chief Victor Rodriguez and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Questions were asked as it related to items: 2D, 2F, 2G, 3B and 4A of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

2. PRESENTATION BY MCALLEN CHAMBER ON MxLAN.

Staff gave an update on the MxLan 2019 event which consists of a 5-day interactive arts and music festival that celebrates the past, present and future of our culture. It was mentioned that thousands of visitors will come to McAllen to engage in this unique experience. Also mentioned was that the McLan event will culminate in the daily lighting of each letter M-X-L-A-N, the Oaxacan Calenda-Sytle street parades with iconic dancing dolls, artisanal family excursions, the MXLAN Unite Concert, fireworks and an unforgettable experience of Oaxaca's La Guelaguetza performers sharing ancient traditions with a new generation.

MxLan Performances were discussed as follows:

- SHAH Calenda Parade
- La Guelaguetza
- MxLan Lights – Low Rise Fire Works
- MxLan Unite – Main Concert Finale
- MxLan Food Tours
- Zapotec Chef – Abigail Mendoza
- FireMasters – Top Grillers of Mexico
- Tequila, Mezcal & Catrinas Festival

Staff discussed the MxLan Festival Market and touched on the following:

- Rio Grande Valley Attendees
- South Texas Triangle Attendees (Laredo, San Antonio, Corpus Christi)
- Mexican Tourists
- Destination Travelers
- Other States

Also discussed were the sponsorship benefits. Staff briefly commented on the following:

- Festival Presence
- Brand Recognition & Brand Recall
- Hispanic & Latino Market Presence
- Low Logo Cutter
- Printed Material
- Social Media
- Additional Value

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Outside Event Times, 2) Parade, 3) Development Corporation, 4) How much marketing was anticipated, 5) Social Media in Monterrey and Saltillo Areas and 6) Local Vibe. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

3. PRESENTATION BY UTRGV AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING.

Update was given on UTRGV and request for funding. Chief of Staff Sofia Hernandez briefly reviewed their efforts to establish a cancer immunology center.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) What types of Cancer Studies, 2) Initiative, 3) Funding, 4) Lab Support/Animal Housing, 5) Community Benefits, 6) Request of a 1 page brief & projections for Mayor and City Commission, 7) Future Candidates, 8) Obesity Team and 9) Total Cost and Operating Perspective. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

It was noted that said item was listed on the Regular City Commission Meeting for consideration and approval.

The City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN PHASE FOR PARKS ADMINISTRATION AND METRO TRANSFER STATION.

Said item was not addressed.

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO METAMORPHOSIS, INC. FOR QUINTA MAZATLÁN PALM HOUSE TO PROVIDE LEED CERTIFICATION AND ADD ALTERNATES.

Staff provided an update of additional services to Metamorphosis, Inc. for Quinta Mazatlan Palm House to provide Leed Certification and add alternates. The goals to achieve silver, gold or platinum were highlighted as follows:

Leed Silver – Possible Credits Include:

- Rainwater Management
- Water Use Reduction
- Optimized Energy Performance (25%)
- Low-Emitting Materials
- Green Utility Provider
- Vehicle Charging Stations

Leed Gold – Possible Credits Include:

- All Points from Leed Silver plus
- Further Increased Water Use Reduction
- Water Metering
- Bicycle Facilities, Showers and Connectivity to Trails
- Increased Low-Emitting Materials
- Air Testing

Leed Platinum– Possible Credits Include:

- All Points from Leed Gold plus
- Enhanced Commissioning
- Optimized Energy Performance (50%)
- Renewable Energy Production (Solar Panels)
- Advanced Energy Metering & Enhanced Refrigerant Management
- CO2 Monitoring
- Thermal Comfort

At this time Commissioner Veronica Whitacre walked in.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Silver Projects, 2) Additional Alternates, 3) Elements to Main Building, 4) Cost and 5) Design Fee. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

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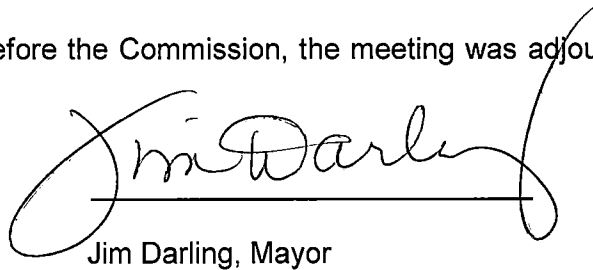
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO RISK, CLAIMS AND DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO QUINTA MAZATLAN FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: There were no public comment forms submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary