

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Javier Villalobos and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

ABSENT: Commissioner John Ingram

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, 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 MAY 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Questions were asked relating to items 2D and 3G of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF SIGNAL AT 6TH STREET AND HACKBERRY AVENUE.

Staff gave a brief report on the decommissioning of the traffic signal at 6th Street and Hackberry Avenue and the purpose and process as follows:

Signal Decommissioning – Purpose

- ✓ To Increase Mobility by Decreasing Delay

Signal Decommissioning - Process

- ✓ Identify signals that may no longer be necessary
- ✓ Change in traffic patterns
- ✓ Destination point no longer exists
- ✓ Conduct a Signal Warrant

Warrant and Study

- ✓ If no longer warranted, presented to the Traffic Commission
- ✓ Staff sends out a Friday Highlight for City Commission
- ✓ Staff Flashes Signal for 90 days (Amber for the Major Street)

90 Day Flash Period

- ✓ Install a notification sign
- ✓ Install message board
- ✓ Observe traffic periodically
- ✓ Field concerns from calls or Public Staff
- ✓ Make operational adjustments in the field to address concerns

Safety Improvements

- ✓ "STOP AHEAD" Sign at the approach
- ✓ Rumble Strips at the advisory "Stop Ahead" sign
- ✓ "STOP AHEAD" Pavement Markings

Staff reviewed process for 6th Street and Hackberry Avenue as follows:

- ✓ Identify signals that may no longer be necessary – Staff Observation
- ✓ Staff conducted a Signal Warrant on 6/07/18 – signal did not warrant
- ✓ Item was presented at the August 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting – approved to proceed
- ✓ Staff sent out a Friday Highlight to the City Commission on 8/17/2018
- ✓ Staff Flashed Signal for 90 days: 9/10/18 through 12/10/18
- ✓ Removed the Signal Infrastructure the week of 12/10/18

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked related to: 1) Rerouting, 2) Delays, 3) Harvey, 4) Study, 5) Peak Hours and Congestion, 6)

Accidents in the last 2 weeks, 7) Subjective vs Objective and 7) Benefits to general public. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

It was noted that said item was listed on the Regular City Commission Agenda for consideration.

3. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AGAINST SANCTUARY CITIES.

Staff noted that this item had been requested at the previous City Commission Meeting as a future agenda item.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Suggestions were made as to Mayor Darling making public announcements and or editorials. After due consideration it was the consensus of the City Commission not to place this item as an agenda item.

4. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019.

Staff gave a brief report of various project that are currently under construction and for which the Engineering Department performs Construction Management. The projects reviewed were as follows:

- ✓ Fire Station #2
- ✓ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4223 and DR-4245 Projects
- ✓ Westway Heights Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Pecan Boulevard at N. 27th Street Drainage Improvements
- ✓ El Rancho Santa Cruz Subdivision Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Bond Projects
- ✓ 29th Street (Oxford to 107)
- ✓ Exterior Wall Repairs at Quinta Mazatlán
- ✓ Renovations to Quinta Mazatlán Windows
- ✓ TxDOT Update on Bicentennial and I2
- ✓ Ware Road Project

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Pecan Blvd and North 27th, 2) 29th Street (Oxford to 107) and Rain Days and 3) Lindberg Street. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Said item was not discussed.

6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT ENDING APRIL 30, 2019.

Said item was not discussed.

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).

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONVENTION CENTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT – ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-2189-19-B; JORGE EDUARDO GUAJARDO INDIVIDUALLY AN IN RE: ELEVATE NIGHTCLUB V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CAUSE NO. C-1379-17-F; YOLANDA HERNANDEZ, URBANO LIMON AND IGNACIA LIMON V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO OSCAR ESTRADA. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

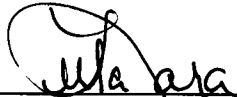
- F) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO JOSE M. GARCIA GARCIA. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
G) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 1) Lazaro Fernandez and 2) Tim Wilkins

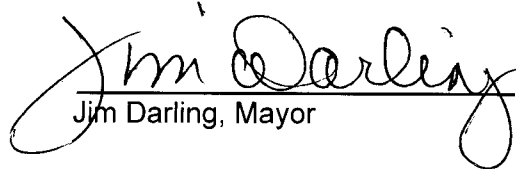
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/SMC, CPM
City Secretary


Jim Darling, Mayor