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The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Thursday, April 25, 2019**, at 12:00 noon 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 and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez and Commissioner John Ingram

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, Deputy City Attorney Iris Dominguez, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Yvette Barrera City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

On behalf of the President Officer, the City Attorney recommended recessing into Executive pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Open Code and Section 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 for Items 6A, 6B and 6C.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to recess the meeting to go into executive session. Commissioner Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Jim Darling recessed the meeting at 12:19 pm to go into executive session. Mayor Jim Darling reconvened the meeting at 3:52 pm.

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING VINE STREET LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS.

Staff mentioned that the primary task was the basic infrastructure followed by quality of life such as parks, libraries and trails. It was mentioned that the quality of life in McAllen is one of the most important topics.

Staff noted that Vine is a short term project and that this is a good example of things the city is experiencing. Also noted, was that there are several areas of town that the city can look at and Vine is one of those areas. Residents in the area have concerns, confusion and questions of whose responsibility Vine is. Staff mentioned it was the City's responsibility. It was noted that in the City Commissions packets there was a handout with proposed landscaping, hours and possible maintenance.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised related to: 1) Right of Way, 2) 29th Street, 3) Maintenance, 4) Grass Areas 5) No Fences, 6) Weedy Lots, 7) Monument Signs, 8) Lights Underneath the Under Pass/Over Pass and 9) Yes to work on Vine Street. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to proceed with working on Vine Street.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING MORRIS PARK.

Staff gave a recap on Morris Park and mentioned Morris Phases 1 Park Proposed Trail and Phase 2 Morris Park Proposed Trail. A handout was distributed depicting Phase 1 and 2 of the Proposed Park Trail. It was mentioned that at every MISD Committee Meeting, Morris Park is mentioned.

A question and answer session was held. A discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff recommended doing both phases. After due consideration, direction was given to proceed with both phases.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING CASCADE POOL.

Staff gave a recap on Cascade Pool and noted that in 2014 the recommendation from City Commission was given to remove the bathhouse. It was mentioned that maintenance was expensive. Staff also mentioned that the pool was built in 1929. It was noted that last year, $79,000 was spent in repairs and patching to the pool. It was mentioned that money had to be placed into the pool and was an item that would be discussed at budget. Staff mentioned that enough work is being done to keep water in the pool.

A question and answer session was held. A discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Roof, 2) Concrete, 3) Rebuild Bath House, 4) Rentals and Public Swimming, 5) Nikki Rowe, 6) Capacity, 7) Gus and Goldie Program, 8) Heated Pool, 9) Olympic Pool Cost, and 10) Not closing until city gets a natatorium. Staff answered question posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, direction was given to staff to continue with Cascade maintenance.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING SIDEWALKS.

Staff gave a recap on sidewalks. The following items were mentioned:

- 10th Street (continuous Business 83 – Trenton Sidewalk)
- North 23rd Street (Martin – Lark)
- Bus Shelters (Bus Stops with no Shade/Seating)
- Fil-in Gaps/Breaks in Sidewalks
- Adoption of Parking Strip or No Parking Strip Policy

A question and answer session was held. A discussion ensued and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Business 83 and Trenton, 2) Type of Areas, 3) Small Gaps, 4) Street Stops, 5) More Continuity, 6) Parking Strip Areas and 7) 2nd Street. Staff answered question posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Future Agenda Items were mentioned as follows: 1) Transfer from Fund Balance to CIP, 2) East and West Corridors and 3) Right Hand Turn Lanes.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEAS 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 ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT. (T.G.C., 551.071)

No action.

B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONVENTION CENTER. (T.G.C. 551.071)

No action.

C) DISCUSSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (T.G.C. 551.087)

Mayor Darling gave a presentation regarding economic development structure.

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Commission the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary