

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, July 8, 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 Victor Haddad, Commissioner Veronica Whitacre and Commissioner Tania Ramirez

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 Engineer Yvette Barrera and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO JULY 8, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions related to the Regular Meeting Agenda.

2. PRESENTATION ON 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

A presentation was given by McGuire Woods Consulting on the 86th Texas Legislative Session. The following items were discussed:

- 7,324 Bills were filed
- 217 Constitutional Amendments were filed
- 1,429 Bills were passed
- 10 Constitutional Amendments passed
- 1,229 Bills Signed into law
- 144 Bills Passed without signature
- 56 Bills Vetoed

Also noted were the bills that passed as follows:

- SB 2 Texas Property Tax Reform & Transparency Act
- HB 3 School Finance & Property Tax Rate Compression Bill
- SB 11 School Safety Bill – Texas Mental Health Consortium
- SB 12 Teacher Pension Bill
- SB 16 “Born Alive” Bill
- SB 21 Tobacco Age Bill
- HB 1631 Red Light Camera Bill
- HB 3143 Ch. 312 Extension Bill
- SB 1624 Medical Balance Billing Ban
- SB 616 Driver’s License Program Transfer to DMV
- HJR 38 Prohibition of a State Personal Income Tax

The Municipal Bills that passed and did not pass were mentioned briefly.

Vetoes of Interest were touched on as follows: 1) HB 448, 2) HB 455, 3) HB 1059, 4) HB 1168 and 5) SB 1575.

Looking ahead as it relates to Elections the following was mentioned:

- 2020 Primary – March 3, 2020
- 2020 Election – Presidential Ticket – November 3, 2020
- Next session will be a redistricting session, expect a very competitive Primary and General Election
- Representative Stickland announced that he will not seek re-election for HD 92

Supreme Court Rulings were also discussed as follows:

- Census Citizenship Question
- Redistricting
- Anti-Lobby Legislation
- Budgetary Constraints

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF ILLUMINATED STREET NAME SIGNS.

Staff provided a brief history of the City's illuminated street name signals along McColl Road, 2nd Street, 10th Street, Bicentennial Boulevard, 23rd Street, 29th Street, Ware Road, Bentsen Road and Taylor Road Corridors. It was noted that several of those signs were damaged in the hurricane in 2008 and that they also experienced a lot of damage in the hail storms. Additionally, in 2014 the majority of the remaining signs were focused in the commercial areas and any other existing signs were left in place and were replaced with street name blades if they were damaged or ceased working.

It was noted that the Traffic Staff selected the main north/south corridors to prepare a rough cost estimate for the installation illuminated street names signs and signalized intersections. The corridors selected were 2nd Street, 10th Street, Bicentennial Boulevard, 23rd Street and Ware Road noting a cost estimate of \$1,172,720.00.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) 23rd Street Cost, 2) Prioritizing Lighting and Streets, 3) Focus on Street Lights, 4) Budget and 5) Bringing back report on street lights. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Direction was given to staff to bring back a Traffic Report on Street Lights.

4. PRESENTATION OF MCC DISTRICT – ENHANCING INTEGRATION OF THE VETERAN'S WAR MEMORIAL.

Said item was not addressed.

5. 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 CAUSE NO. CL-19-3213-G; PEDRO RODRIGUEZ V. CITY OF MCALLEN (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY PARKING GARAGE CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT ISSUES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY RELATING TO HIRING FEDERAL CONSULTANT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY; TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- F) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Ricardo Garza

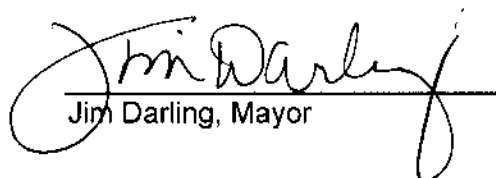
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Jim Darling, Mayor