

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, August 5, 2019**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Mayor Pro Tem Whitacre, Commissioner Javier Villalobos, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad and Commissioner Tania Ramirez

Staff: City Manager Roel Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, City Secretary Perla Lara, Budget Director Angie Rodriguez, Finance Director Maria Chavero

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2019-2020 CITY OF MCALLEN BUDGET.

Management staff gave an overview of the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP). Staff reported on the reserves and mentioned the number of days of operating budget.

Staff briefly reviewed the following:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Debt Service Funds
- Capital Projects Funds
- Enterprise Funds
- Internal Funds

A recap of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 general fund decision packages was provided. It was reported that for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year the following general fund new employee positions were being recommended as follows:

- Police Department – 3 Police Officers
- Fire – 2 Firefighters
- Parks – 5 positions
- City Secretary – 1 position
- Environmental Code Compliance – 3 positions
- Increase for city employee compensation

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Loop Cutting, 2) City Hall Boiler/Chiller and 3) Roadway Safety. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Staff also reviewed personnel requests were not being recommended.

City of McAllen Capital Improvements Projects were briefly reviewed.

- City Fiber
- Planning Comprehensive Plan
- Restroom Facility Training
- Traffic Operation Equipment
- Street Repaving
- Mile 5 Widening – Ware Road to Taylor Road
- Horticulture Improvements
- Miracle Field
- Monarch Butterfly Habitat
- Morris Hike and Bike

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Compensation and Increases, 2) Public Safety, 3) Health and Welfare, 4) Street Maintenance, 5) CIP and 6) General Fund Departments. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

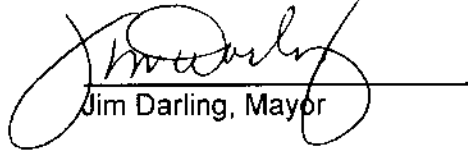
Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

2. **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).**

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary