

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, August 6, 2019**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre, Commissioner Tania Ramirez and Commissioner Javier Villalobos

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, Interim 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 answered questions from previous day workshop.

The following departments were reviewed:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed Police Department budget and touched on their accomplishments and objectives. A handout was reviewed depicting decision packages and capital outlay.

It was mentioned that staff is requesting seven (7) police officers and that management is recommending three (3).

Also highlighted were the following requests:

- Equipment
- Computer Hardware
- Winnebago Motorhome (2)

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Crime Rate, 2) Personnel Distribution, 3) City's Ratio, 4) Shooting Range, 5) Animal Control and Vaccines and 6) Other City Salaries. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the Fire Department budget and touched on their accomplishments and objectives. A handout was reviewed depicting decision packages and capital outlay.

It was mentioned that staff is requesting two (2) firefighters and that management is recommending one (1) and 1 Emergency Communications Dispatcher also recommended by management.

Also highlighted were the following requests:

- Clothing and Uniforms
- Vehicles
- Fuel Adjustments
- Bunker Equipment for New Cadets
- Furniture
- For F-250 Pickup

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Volunteer Fire Fighters, 2) Mobile Command RV's, 3) Shared Buildings, 4) Fee Schedules and 5) City's ISO. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Staff reviewed the parks budget. A handout was reviewed depicting decision packages and capital outlay. Staff highlighted on the following:

- Request for Master Plumber
- Request for Electrician
- Request for Trades Helper 1
- Request for Crew Leader
- Request for Groundskeeper I and II

Also highlighted were the following requests:

- Clothing and Uniforms
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Fuel Adjustment
- Vehicles

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Events and Tournaments, 2) Onsite Personnel, 3) Holiday and Other Events, 4) Park at Zinnia, 5) 40 Days of Christmas Event, 6) Park Maintenance, and 7) Seasonal Employees. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Staff reviewed the Traffic Operations budget. A handout was reviewed depicting decision packages and capital outlay. The following was discussed:

- Traffic Signal Installation
- Auburn/Trenton Intersection Improvement
- Dove Avenue Widening
- City Hall Boiler
- City Hall Chiller
- Upgrade Traffic Control Signs for Retro Reflectivity
- Loop Cutting Project by Corridors
- Vision Zero
- Signal Re-Lamping 23rd from Uvalde Avenue and Idela Avenue
- Storage Building
- Trenton Road Intersection Improvement and Bridge Replacement

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Drainage, 2) Vision Zero, 3) LED's, 4) Roadways, 5) Auburn Area, 6) Corridors, 7) Street Improvement, 8) Street Lighting and 8) Traffic Signals. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

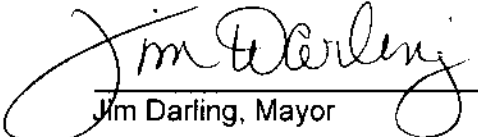
Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

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 7:15 pm.


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary