

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Thursday, August 13, 2019**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

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

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.

The following departments were reviewed:

PUBLIC WORKS

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. The beginning and ending working capital was summarized. A brief review of the department's highlights and accomplishment was given by staff. Staff briefly summarized on the following:

- Street Maintenance
- Sidewalk Construction
- Drainage
- Sanitation Fund
- Residential
- Commercial Box
- Roll Offs
- Brush
- Street Cleaning
- Recycling
- Facilities Administration
- Fleet Fund
- Internal Services

Staff mentioned that the following proposed positions were being requested:

- 1 Heavy Equipment Operator
- 1 Past Time Mechanic Apprentice

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Funds, 2) Composting Facility, 3) Recycling, 4) Pumps, 5) New Projects, 6) Texas Recycle Event, 6) Days in Reserve Fund Balance, 7) Fleet Fund, 8) Issues with Older Vehicles and 9) Internal Services. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. A brief review of the department's highlights and accomplishment was given by staff. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget requests as follows:

- Replacing stained and damaged windows throughout Terminal
- Miscellaneous Landscaping
- 15 Radio Replacements
- Servers (Replacement)
- Replacement of 3 computers and 3 phones

Staff briefly touched on operating revenue, operating expenses, exlements and performance trends.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Parking Issues, 2) Professional Services, 3) Airport Hangars, 4) Landscaping, 5) Cargo, 6) Drainage Projects, 7) Fence Area, 8) Federal Funding Grants and 9) RFP. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

COVENTION CENTER

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. A brief review of the department's highlights and accomplishment was given by staff. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget requests as follows:

- Fiber Line
- Replacement of Broken Inventory
- Holiday Lanterns
- Lighting Strips for Building Façade
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Also highlighted on proposed positions requested:

- 1 Event Coordinator
- 1 Sales Coordinator
- 2 Operations Supervisors
- Overtime to cover vacant positions

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Parking Fees, 2) Security, 3) Number of Events, 4) Consumer Shows, 5) Positions, 6) Night Shifts, 7) Temporary Vs. Outsource, 8) Sales Coordinator Position, 9) Community Outreach, 10) Generators and 11) Seasonal Employees. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

PALM VIEW GOLF COURSE

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. Staff briefly reviewed accomplishments for fiscal year and reviewed decision package.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Projections, 2) High Schools Practices at Golf Course, 3) Limitations, 4) Trail Fees and 5) Winter Texan Groups. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

METRO MCALLEN

An overview of the department's proposed budget was reviewed. A brief review of the department's highlights and accomplishment was given by staff. Staff briefly summarized working capital summary. A handout was distributed to the Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget requests and 2018-2019 accomplishments were summarized.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to the following: 1) Shelters, 30 UTRGV Route, 3) Drivers, 4) Transit Study and 5) Terminal Issues. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

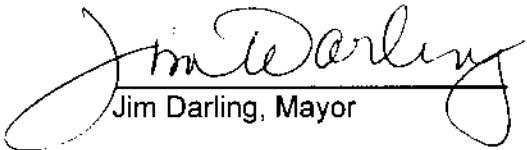
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2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).**

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