

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, August 19, 2019**, at 5:00 pm, at the Palm View Golf Course, with the following present:

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

Absent: Commissioner Javier Villalobos, 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, 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.

MCALLEN-HIDALGO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Staff presented an overview of the department's proposed budget. A handout was distributed to Mayor and City Commission depicting the department's budget.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised with respect to the following: 1) Tolls, 2) Traffic, 3) Revenues and 4) Operating Expenses. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

ANZALDUAS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

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Discussion ensued. 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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Positions Requested, 2) Network Phones, 3) Information Security Officer, 4) Security Concerns and 5) Workshop Training on Phishing/Emails. 5) Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

311 CENTER

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Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

CIP FUND

A brief update was given on the Capital Improvement Fund. Fund balance, transfers, total expenditures and other sources were also discussed. The following items were briefly reviewed:

- Downtown Improvements
- Network Technology Research
- Phone System Upgrade
- Fire Station #4 Exhaust System
- Vector "Mosquito Control" Storage Building
- Adaptive Inclusive Playground
- Fireman's Park H2O Hut Relocation
- Quinta Mazatlán Storage Building

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Report request on Main Street, 2) Signs, 3) Network, 4) Phone System Upgrade, 5) Special Needs Parks, 6) Crocket and 7) H.R.-Waiver on GED Education Requirement. It was mentioned that the CIP fund items would get reviewed again at the Wrap Up Budget Workshop scheduled for August 27th.

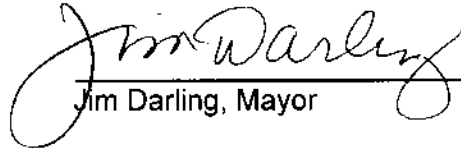
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2. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary