

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, January 13, 2020** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

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

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 THE JANUARY 13, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions asked relating to the January 13, 2020 Regular City Commission Meeting.

2. DISCUSSION ON NEGOTIATION PROCESS WITH ENGINEERING DESIGN CONSULTANTS.

Staff provided a brief update on the negotiation process with engineering design consultants. Staff commented that the design fee is established based on industry best practices for the services being performed. Also mentioned were the three methods that are considered: 1) Time Basis, 2) Percentage of Construction Cost and 3) Fixed Fee/Lump Sum. It was mentioned that for services they procure, they generally base the fee on a percentage of construction cost for Architectural Services and a lump sum for Engineering Services.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Expertise, 2) Hourly/Task Performance/Estimates, 3) Type of Work, 4) Similar Size Projects, 5) Bond Projects, 6) Consulting Services, 7) Qualifications, 8) Local Firms, 9) Smaller Projects, 10) Private Sector and 11) Federal Projects. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to bring back more information to Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE DECOMMISSIONING OF DOWNTOWN SIGNS.

Staff provided an update of the decommissioning of downtown signs. Staff mentioned that the following signals were no longer warranted as prescribed in the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices:

- Main Street and Erie Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Eastbound Traffic)
- Main Street & Dallas Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Westbound Traffic)
- Main Street and Beaumont Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Westbound Traffic)
- Main Street and Austin Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Eastbound Traffic)
- 16th Street & Beaumont Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Westbound Traffic)
- 15th Street & Beaumont Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Westbound Traffic)
- Broadway Street & Beaumont Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Westbound Traffic)
- Broadway Street & Chicago Avenue (Proposed "Stop" for Eastbound Traffic)

A 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.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR PARKING LOT OPERATIONS.

Staff provided an update of proposed regulations for parking lot operators. Brief background was given and staff mentioned that several citizens have expressed concerns regarding parking attendants including paying to park only to return to find their vehicle has been towed. In response to these complaints, the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Planning Department and Health and Code Compliance have drafted a proposed regulation for parking lot operators and attendants in the City of McAllen.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) I D Cards and Issuance, 2) Hours of Operation, 3) Public Education Campaign, 4) Other Cities and Valet Parking, 5) Self-Parking, 6) Number of Alleged Offenders, 7) Signs on Empty Fields, 8) Code Enforcement and 9) Developing some form of Standardization. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to bring back a revised version of the rules and regulations governing parking operators.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

5. DISCUSSION OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE ORDINANCE.

Staff provide a brief recap on vehicles for hire ordinance. The following articles were reviewed:

- Article I: In General Proposed Amendments
- Article II: Licenses and Vehicle Permits Proposed Amendments
- Article III: Operator Permit and Conduct Proposed Amendments
- Article IV: Inspection of Vehicles Proposed Amendments
- Article V: Operation of Taxi, Pedicab Proposed Amendments
- Proposed Elimination of Article VI Operation of Limousines
- Elimination of Article VIII Operation of C.P.V. at Airport

Mayor Darling mentioned he and the commission needed more time to review the information. Staff was directed to bring back at the next workshop of January 27, 2020.

6. 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 PENDING LITIGATION – CAUSE NO. CL-19-6290-A: FRANCISCO J. GONZALEZ V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551-071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION – CAUSE NO. CL-19-6503-E; SAUL GONZALEZ V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY; TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)

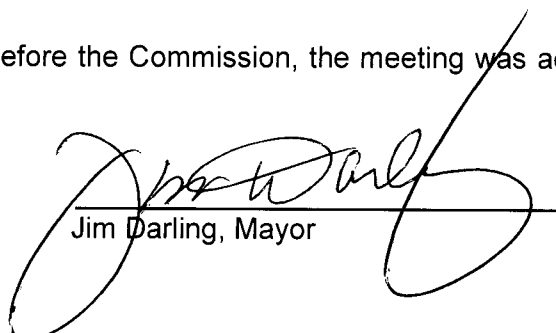
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No one signed up for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary


Jim Darling, Mayor