

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020** at 5:30 pm, at Administration Building-2000 North 23rd Street, McAllen, Texas 78501, 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

MISD: Mr. Marco Suarez, Mr. Sam Saldivar Jr., Mrs. Debbie Crane Aliseda, Mr. Tony Forina, Mr. Larry Esparza

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Joe Vera, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Deputy Parks Director Sarai Garcia, City Secretary Perla Lara, Convention Center Director Yajaira Flores

CALL TO ORDER

President Marco Suarez called the meeting on behalf of the MISD Board. Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order on behalf of the City Commission.

1. REPORT REGARDING THE STADIUM PRESS BOX.

A lengthy discussion was held on the Veterans Memorial Stadium Pressbox Concept. A power point presentation was given depicting the following:

- Ground Plan
- Mezzanine Plan
- Film Deck Plan
- Press Box Plan
- Film Deck
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Vignette

Comments and concerns were expressed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Final Floor Plans, 2) Schematics, 3) ADA Requirements, 4) Specs, 5) Bids & Big Picture, 6) Length of Corridor, 7) Lobby's, 8) Priorities, 9) Additional Expansions, 10) Investment into Stadium, 11) Track, 12) Bells & Whistles, 13) Visitor Side, 14) Joint Venture and 15) Design Estimates. Staff answered questions posed. Staff noted this is a preliminary concept of \$3 million dollars and a commitment is needed in order to move forward.

After due consideration the Mayor and City Commission agreed that this would be a joint effort.

2. REPORT REGARDING THE AGRICULTURAL LEARNING CENTER.

Staff reported on the Agricultural Learning Center. The following was discussed:

- Concept Design
- Classroom Environment
- Schematic and Preliminary Drawings
- ADA Compliant

Comments and concerns were expressed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Beautification Grants, 2) Type of Facilities, 3) Restroom Facilities, 4) School for the Hearing Impaired, 5) Budget and 6) Fencing. Staff answered questions posed. Report only.

3. DEBRIEF ON CITY OF MCALLEN HOLIDAY PARADE.

Staff gave a brief update on the McAllen Holiday Parade reporting on the total expenses, net income and loss.

Comments and concerns were expressed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Operations, 2) Amount of weight going around stadium, 3) Ticket Revenues, and 3) Various Observations. Staff answered questions posed. Report only.

4. DISCUSSION OF MORRIS/PEREZ PARK.

Staff provided a brief update on Morris and Perez Parks future plans and all-inclusive parks. Update was given on their two projects.

Comments and concerns were expressed. Questions were raised as to: 1) Walking Trail not being enough/adding lights, 2) Interlocal Agreements, 3) Dedicated Funds to Area, 4) Cost Analysis, 5) Original Plans, 6) Phase 1 & 2, 7) Sidewalks, 8) Half Tract at Morris, 9) CDBG Funds, 10) Challenges, 11) Inclusive Parks, 12) Tennis Courts and 13) MOU's. Staff answered questions posed.

5. OTHER DISCUSSION.

Other items were discussed as follows:

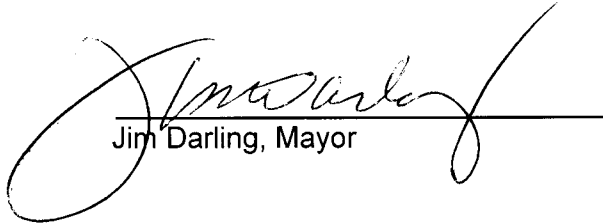
- Monthly/Quarterly Meetings
- More Collaboration / Scheduling Problems
- Joint Committees / Smaller Committees

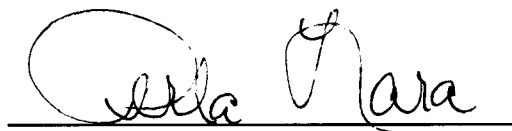
Commissioner Tania Ramirez mentioned that she would be interested in volunteering to be part of the Joint Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:


Jim Darling, Mayor


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary