

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, February 24, 2020** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

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

Absent: Mayor Jim Darling and Commissioner Javier Villalobos

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, Deputy City Attorney Iris Dominguez, 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 Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

A question was asked on items 3C and 3E of regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF ACCESSIBILITY.

Staff provide a brief update on ADA and TAS Federal Enforcement / Compliance. Staff highlighted on the following:

ADA Federal Compliance

- Americans with Disability Act
- Addressing Title Public Accommodations
- Example of Public Accommodations
- Minimum Standards for accessibility for alterations, new construction and existing buildings
- Federal Law regulated by the Department of Justice

TAS State Enforcement Compliance

- Texas Accessibility Standards
 - Code Law
 - TAS regulates compliance for any Public Building (Commercial Building)
 - Project of \$50,000 of improvements are required to Register project with TDLR through a License Registered Accessibility Specialist
 - Projects under \$50,000 do not require to register but must comply with TAS
- Our role when the project is under \$50,000 is notify the applicant on building permit application through a condition for permit approval that they are required to comply 100% with Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS)

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL ASSESSMENT.

Staff provided an update of the Downtown Traffic Signal Assessment noting that the Traffic Operations staff found that the following signals were no longer warranted, as prescribed in the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices:

- ✓ Main Street and Erie Avenue
- ✓ Main Street and Dallas Avenue
- ✓ Main Street and Beaumont Avenue
- ✓ Main Street and Austin Avenue
- ✓ 16th Street and Beaumont Avenue
- ✓ 15th Street and Beaumont Avenue

- ✓ Broadway Street and Beaumont Avenue
- ✓ Broadway Street and Chicago Avenue

Staff also noted that they conducted a pedestrian study on Saturday, February 15, 2020 during typical peak hours of 11 am and 1 pm on the following streets:

- ✓ Beaumont Avenue and Main Street
- ✓ Chicago Avenue and Main Street
- ✓ Dallas Avenue and Main Street
- ✓ Austin Avenue and Main Street
- ✓ Erie Avenue and Main Street

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Traffic Study, 2) Migrating to Signalized Stations, 3) 90 Day Trial, 4) Typical Cost for removing, 5) Using surplus equipment and 6) Red lights and intersections. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT.

Staff provided a recap of the progress of the streetlight upgrades and installations. It was noted that staff conducted a streetlight outage survey and a streetlight compliance survey on a couple of sectors of the city. Staff reported the outages to corresponding electric company and is creating the recommendations for upgrade and new streetlight installations.

Staff discussed the following:

- ✓ Total Survey Areal
- ✓ Identified Existing Streetlights
- ✓ Identified Non-Compliance Streetlights
- ✓ Created Sectors for Field Investigations
- ✓ Streetlight Survey
- ✓ Report Submitted to AEP
- ✓ Streetlight Outage Credit – AEP
- ✓ Small Cell Node Streetlight

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Obtaining Weekly Updates, 2) Funding, 3) Mechanical System, 4) Water Bill Announcements, 5) Keeping track of underdeveloped areas, 6) Business 83 west of Ware Road Area, 7) Tag on Poles and Colors, 8) Question on AEP Credit, 9) Ware Road and Taylor, 10) Percentage of Completion and 11) Standards. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

5. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020.

Staff provided a status report of various projects that are currently under construction as follows:

- ✓ McAllen Public Safety Building Parking Garage
- ✓ Kennedy Avenue Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Westway Heights Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Bond Projects
- ✓ Bicentennial Boulevard Extension
- ✓ Dove (41st to Bentsen)
- ✓ Kennedy Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements
- ✓ 29th Street (Oxford to 107)
- ✓ 2018 Bond – Traffic Fiber & Cabinet /Controller Installation
- ✓ Anzaldua International Bridge NB Inspection Station
- ✓ McAllen Public Works Automotive Warehouse Expansion and Elevator
- ✓ TxDot Update on Bicentennial and I2

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

6. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Staff provided an update on the Parks & Recreation Projects and reported on the following:

- ✓ Airport Park Restroom
- ✓ Airport Park Existing Restroom Demolition
- ✓ Vine and Ware Road Landscape
- ✓ Travis Tennis Courts
- ✓ Bill Schupp Landscaping
- ✓ Morris Park Trail
- ✓ Ware and Colbath

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were raised as to: 1) Canal Area, 2) Irrigation District/Right of Way, 3) Connection from Bicentennial to Auburn, 4) Track behind Brown, 5) MISD and 6) In-House Projects. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

7. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

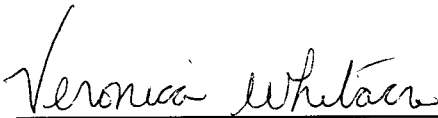
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF REAL ESTATE NEAR BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO PERSONNEL MATTERS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 1) Pedro Ayala, 2) Nedra Kinerk, 3) Bert Guerra, 4) David Ceron and 5) Jason R. Zuniga

ADJOURNMENT

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


Veronica Whitacre, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary