

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, March 9, 2020** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

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

Absent: Mayor Jim Darling and Commissioner Joaquin Zamora

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 Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE MARCH 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions relating to regular meeting agenda.

2. STATUS UPDATE ON THE MCALLEN 311 CENTER.

Said item was not addressed.

3. DISCUSSION OF MASS GATHERING PROCESS.

Staff provided an update of the mass gathering process.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were posed by the City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Notification Requirements, 2) Public Sentiment, 3) Code Enforcement, 4) Logistics, 5) Animal Practice Concerns and 5) Amending Ordinance. Staff answered questions posed by the City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to bring back options.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE CENTER EXTERIOR LIGHT PROJECT.

Staff provided an update of the Heritage Center Exterior Light Project. Staff mentioned that the Heritage Center Museum Director requested exterior decorative lighting project with the savings from the original budget allocated for the Heritage Center Restroom remodel. Staff mentioned that the estimate shows a remaining balance from the original budget of \$117,875.05. The estimated cost for the lighting project is estimated at \$35,000.00. It was noted that the \$35,000.00 came under the original amount of money in the budget.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) Updated Lights, 2) Being Conservative, 3) Was building currently lighted, 4) Landscape Lighting, 5) Decorations and 6) Adjusting the Landscaping. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

5. DISCUSSION OF ARCHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Staff provided a status of Archer Park Improvements. Staff noted that the improvements included lighting and bathroom fixtures and the finishing of the basement office space.

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. DISCUSSION OF USE OF SOCCER FIELDS.

Staff provided an update of use of soccer fields at Springfest Park.

Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission. Questions were raised as to: 1) How many acres, 2) Ideas for Polo Fields, 3) Auburn and Main, 4) Busy Season, 5) CoEd Soccer, 6) Springfest Park Full Soccer, 7) Green Space/Turf and 8) Finding another Polo Location. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre thanked staff for their presentation.

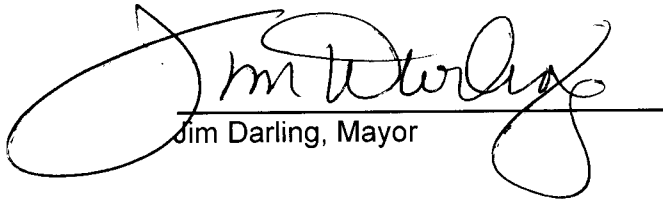
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: HIDALGO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. ONE V. CITY OF MCALLEN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT. (551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY: TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072)
- F) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO PERSONNEL MATTERS. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 1) Jan M. Klinck

ADJOURNMENT

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


Jim Darling, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary