

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, May 13, 2019** at 4:00 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers, with the following present:

Mayor Jim Darling, Commissioner Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner John Ingram and Commissioner Veronica Whitacre

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Aida Ramirez and Commissioner Javier Villalobos

Staff: City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Kevin Pagan, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, City Engineer Yvette Barrera, Chief Victor Rodriguez and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Darling called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE MAY 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

Questions were asked relating to items 4B and 5E of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS FOR 2019-2020.

Staff briefly reported that on January 18, 2019, a joint meeting with the City Commission and McAllen Public Utility Board was held to discuss the funding strategy of the Employee Health Plan. From said meeting, a three-year premium adjustment recommendation was reviewed that would align the premiums with the actuarial evaluation of premiums. A detailed outline was presented of the premium recommendations discussed was provided to the Mayor and City Commission, reflecting the anticipated increase over a three-year period that would bring the City to an expected fully funded plan by the third year should all things remain equal.

It was noted that in addition to the employee contribution adjustments, there is a need for a City subsidy adjustment in order to achieve funding goals. Staff presented Options A and B. Option A – Fund fully through published premium rates and Option B – Fund partial through Published Rates / Partial through Transfers. Staff noted that the recommendation was approving the employee contribution changes for the next three years with Option B of City Subsidy changes. It was noted that this approach had the least burden to those impacted by the increases and that approval of this action was contingent upon both City Commission and McAllen Public Utility Board approvals.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised as it related to: 1) Budget/Deficit, 2) Was there another plan that could be utilized, 3) Was City better off being Self-Insured, 4) Potential Savings and 5) Amount of I.S.O. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

It was noted that said item was listed on the Regular City Commission Agenda for consideration.

3. CONSIDER PARKING NEEDS AROUND THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Staff gave an update on the parking need around the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. It was noted that for the past 17 years, First Baptist Church had allowed the McAllen Chamber to use its Church parking lot for Chamber activities, hence has now decided to close the parking lot from all public use. In light of the Church's decision, the Chamber has begun discussion of possible alternative parking option for Chamber events.

Staff noted on the key challenges as follows:

- Impact for our whole community and all non-profits that hold public events at Archer Park
- Impact for the Chamber's Food Truck Park

It was noted that chamber is proposing adding additional street parking to address the loss of parking spaces in the Church parking lot. The City Commission were provided with handouts depicting same.

Discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked and staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission. Staff was directed to bring back a proposal.

The City Commission thanked staff for their presentation.

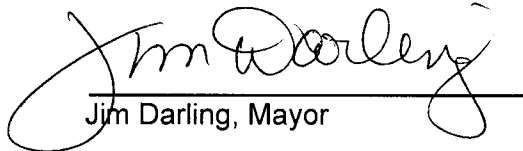
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONVENTION CENTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY PARKING GARAGE CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
- C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**
- D) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)**

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: 1) David Asher, 2) Lazaro Fernandez, 3) Jorge Salinas

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