

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, April 27, 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, 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 APRIL 27, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

On behalf of the Presiding Officer, City Attorney recommended recessing into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on Items 7A, Deliberation Regarding Real Property on Item 7B; and Section 551.087 Economic Development on Item 7C.

Commissioner Joaquin Zamora moved to accept the recommendation for the basis of the discussion in Executive Session under the section cited by the City Attorney and that any action taken would be addressed at the Regular Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Darling reconvened the workshop at 4:35 pm and stated that any action would be taken at the Regular City Commission meeting.

2. DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE ANNUAL UPDATE.

Staff gave an update and noted that the City had adopted the drainage utility fee in 2018 with billing commencing March 2018. Staff reported that the fees were paid through monthly utility bills and fee was based on average impervious cover for residential properties. It was noted that as part of the process, an annual review by the City Commission was required. A brief presentation was given and the following was highlighted:

2nd Annual Update

- Drainage Utility Fee \$11.21 Million
- Year 1 Revenue
- Year 2 Revenue
- Year 1 Update
- Drainage Utility Fee: Project Status

Staff also stated that six projects were under design, 4 projects in negotiation (scope of services/fee schedules) and 1 project was awaiting next cycle funding.

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Balboa Acres Subdivision, 2) 20 year old pumps, 3) Manually Activated, 4) Project Design, 5) Having enough architects and 6) Negotiating time and fees. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. HOLIDAY PARADE RECAP.

Staff gave a brief recap on the McAllen Holiday Parade. Update highlighted the following:

- Economic Impact
- Attendees

- Participants and Volunteers
- Sponsor Investment and Retention Rates
- Television Coverage
- Broadcast / Viewership
- Campaign and Outreach
- Christmas in the Park
- Revenues and Expenditures

A discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Finances, 2) Accounts Receivables, 3) UTRGV Report, 4) Overtime Parade Report and 5) Placing item back on workshop. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020.

Said item was not addressed.

5. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

6. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

Said item was not addressed.

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 COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RE-OPENING OF ECONOMY. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY: TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No public comment.

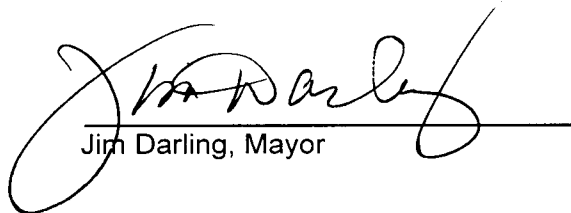
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



Jim Darling, Mayor