

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Tuesday, May 26, 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 Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Victor “Seby” Haddad

Absent: Commissioner Javier Villalobos

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 MAY 26, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ADVERTISING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING OPTIONS RELATED TO THE ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT.

Staff gave a brief update on Schneider Electric. Mrs. Lizzy Putegnat presented additional information requested by the Mayor and City Commission. It was noted that clients selected Schneider Electric for the following reasons:

- Expertise & Abundant Resources to Complete Projects In Less Time
- Provide Performance & Savings Guarantee
- Risk Transferred to Schneider
- Performance Assurance Support Services
- Verification, Monitoring, Training 24/7

At this time Ms. Putegnat advised she would take questions from Mayor and City Commission. A discussion ensued and comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were raised relating to: 1) Environmental Benefits, 2) Best Value for Money, 3) CIP Projects, 4) Efficiency in Cost, 5) Did staff receive a report, 6) Deferred Maintenance, 7) Time Frame and 8) Components/Material/Labor. 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.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF STIMULUS LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM.

Mr. Richard Gianni Senior EVP of Microlending gave a brief recap and summarized the program as follows:

- How Program Works
- Loan Terms
- Eligibility
- Requirements
- Costs and Administration
- Brief Summary of Grant Program

A lengthy discussion was held relating to grant program. Comments and questions were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Benefits, 2) Multiple Locations, 3) Criteria, 4) Requesting Non Essential Business, 4) Debt on Equity, 5) Debt Capital, 6) LiftFund Goals, 7) Web Page for City of McAllen, 8) Time Fame, 9) Restrictions, 10) Forgivable Loans, 11) Other Cities, 12) Why Loan vs Grant and 13) Projections and Options. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration staff was directed to move forward with option to reconsider.

Mayor Jim Darling thanked staff for their presentation.

4. UPDATE ON SOUTH MCALLEN STREET LIGHTS.

Said item was not addressed.

5. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020.

Said item was not addressed.

6. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

7. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS.

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)

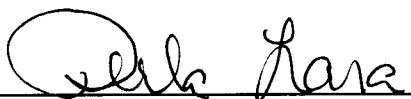
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)**
- B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY: TRACT 1. (SECTION 551.072, T.G.C.)**

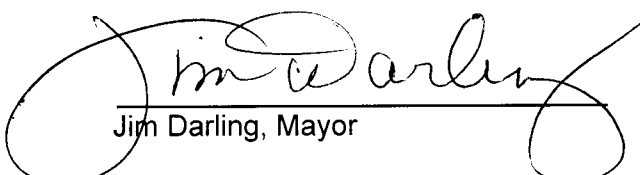
PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No public comment.

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