

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, June 8, 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 JUNE 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions regarding the regular meeting agenda.

2. UPDATE ON SOUTH MCALLEN STREET LIGHTS.

Staff gave a brief update of the proposed street lighting plan for an area on the south side of the City from Taylor Road to 10th Street and Expressway to Military. Staff recommended the use of LED 250 wat equivalent fixture on wood poles with overhead electrical and additionally, as fixtures burn out, staff recommended replacing them to LED 250 wat equivalent fixtures. It was also noted that the City Commission had authorized \$100,000.00 toward street light improvements within the subject area.

Comments and concerns were expressed by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Doing a combination of both, 2) Overhead, 3) Construction Time, 4) Concrete Poles / Underground, 5) Pilot Program and 6) Priorities. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to proceed with the wood poles and overhead with the \$100,000.00 that was budgeted.

3. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN SIGNAL DECOMMISSIONING.

Staff gave a brief update of the proposed decommissioning of downtown signals. Staff noted that after careful evaluation of the downtown signals it was noted that the following no longer warranted that a stop condition be placed on the east/west streets:

- Main and Erie Avenue
- Main and Dallas Avenue
- Main and Beaumont Avenue
- Main and Austin Avenue
- 16th Street and Beaumont Avenue
- 15th Street and Beaumont Avenue
- Broadway St. & Beaumont Avenue
- Broadway St. & Chicago Avenue

Staff noted that the 90 day flashing period for the decommissioning of the downtown signal was reached on June 1, 2020 and staff is prepared to remove the signals. Staff recommended the removal of the signals.

After due consideration staff was instructed to leave downtown as is.

4. UPDATE ON 2020 CENSUS.

Said item was not addressed.

5. CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF YOUTH SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EVENTS.

A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to youth sport and outdoor events. Comments and concerns were shared by the Mayor and City Commission. Questions were asked relating to: 1) Training, 2) Sanitizing, 3) Expenses/Line Item, 4) CDC/State Guidelines, 5) Longer Park Hours,

6) Waiting till the Fall, 7) Contracting, 8) Other Cities, 9) Programs and 10) Financial Impact/Cost. Staff answered questions posed by the Mayor and City Commission.

After due consideration, staff was directed to submit application. In addition, staff was instructed to work with the Boy's and Girls Club to open up to the extent that we can and lower the extent of sanitizing so that we can start to reopen.

6. 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)

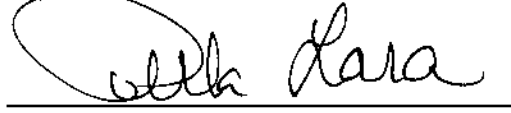
- A) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE HERTZ BANKRUPTCY AND POSSIBLE ACTION THEREIN. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES REALTED TO THE SCHNEIDER ELECTRI CONTRACT. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING TIRE NUISANCE CASES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- D) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF CARES ACT FUNDING. (SECTION T.G.C. 551.071)
- E) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO BICENTENNIAL ROADWAY EXTENSION. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Gary Hamilton and Ms. Dalinda Alcantar spoke on agenda item #5.

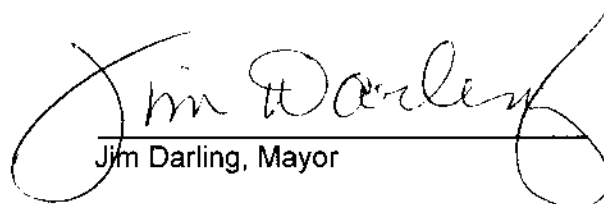
ADJOURNMENT

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