

EDINBURG 2040

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2040 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

City Hall-Community Room
415 West University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541
December 08, 2022
Time: 6:00 P.M.

- I. **Committee Members Present:** Johnny Hernandez, Chair; Aaron Salinas, Sonia Enriquez, Olga Regalado, Ruben Duran, Danielle Mata, Yvonne Garza

Staff Present: Eddie Velarde, Director of Aviation, Jaime Ayala, Chief of Police, Mike Cerda, Assistant Chief of Police, Shawn Snider, Fire Chief, Chad Dufner, Assistant Chief of Police, Maria E. Ortiz, Administrative Assistant, City Secretary Department

- II. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

- III. **Appointment:**
Olga Regalado moved to appoint Sonia Enriquez as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **Discussion:**
In an around the table discussion the goal agreed upon was to improve the quality of life in Edinburg. A few concerns brought up were poor lighting at streets, intersections, walking trails, and cross walks. Low visibility of street lines, and the lack of street/ pedestrian signs. The committee went on to discuss the different solutions to address their concerns. They suggested changing the existing street lights to LED lights/ LED solar lights, and requests that city staff repaint the lines on the street. They also requested pedestrian crosswalk enhancements like motioned lit crosswalks, more pedestrian caution signs and making pedestrians visible way before reaching the intersections/crosswalks etc. Other changes discussed were installing cameras throughout the city, a city owned EMS as part of the Fire Department, for the Police Department and the Fire Department to have their own websites being updated in real time. Ms. Enriquez stated the city's Public Works department was already addressing the lights, but they are working on limited funds.

- V. Mr. Johnny Hernandez stated there are many public safety issues that needed to be addressed and they need to start somewhere. He asked that everyone drive around Edinburg and make a list of the main area that needs better lighting for the next meeting to compare the list with the Public Works Department. No date was discussed for the next meeting.

- VI. Johnny Hernandez, Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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