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City of McAllen Commission Meeting:

Revised instructions for public, media

The City of McAllen recognizes the need and importance of transparency as it governs and maintains its daily operations, while limiting exposure to employees and the public alike. For those wishing to make public comments, please call the McAllen's City Secretary's Office at 681-1020 by no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27** to sign up for forms and information to make a public comment or for comments on an agenda item.

For a link to the agenda, please head here:

http://www.mcallen.net/departments/commission/meetings

Please note that only citizens who sign up for public speaking, or zoning/variance participants will be allowed to connect to meeting with video. Additionally, no one will be able to unmute unless they ask to speak, then City of McAllen staff will unmute them.

Please note that anyone who calls in from their phone will have their phone number visible on the live channel and the recorded meeting.

McAllen residents who are Spectrum cable subscribers may watch the **teleconferenced** live commissioners meeting on channel MCN Spectrum 1300, starting at 5:00 p.m.

All others may view the meeting live here:

https://www.mcallen.net/departments/media/mcn-1300-live

McAllen city officials will monitor to ensure that the number of persons in the room does not exceed 10 people. Department directors will enter the room when item is addressed. Members of the public will not be allowed in the room, even if they would like to make a comment in the public comments or on agenda item.

Media will not be allowed in the building. For interview requests, please continue to contact Xochitl Mora to arrange those over the phone or at the appropriate distance.

"We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation as we try to maintain the safety of all in our community, while also doing our job of governing the day-to-day operations of the City of McAllen," said McAllen City Manager Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, P.E. "This is temporary, until the social distancing restrictions are lifted. Our goal throughout this crisis is to continue to remain transparent in our government operations."

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