

*Proclamation Honoring McAllen City Manager
Roel “Roy” Rodriguez upon his retirement*

Whereas since March 2014, Roel “Roy” Rodriguez, P.E., has exemplified unparalleled dedication and leadership as the City Manager for the City of McAllen, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to public service and the betterment of our community; and

Whereas during his tenure, Mr. Rodriguez has overseen the administration of 35 departments—including two international ports of entry, an international airport, a municipal golf course, and the Convention Center District—while managing the City's substantial \$197 million operating budget with exceptional proficiency; and

Whereas Mr. Rodriguez brings over 35 years of invaluable experience in public service. Within the City of McAllen, he previously served as General Manager for the McAllen Public Utility and Assistant City Manager. Additionally, he held key positions in Harlingen, Texas, including City Engineer; Assistant City Manager; and City Manager. He also served as City Engineer in Weslaco, Texas; Jefferson County Engineer in Beaumont, Texas; and Area Engineer in Oklahoma; and

Whereas Mr. Rodriguez earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A&I University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas - Pan American, further enhancing his expertise with ongoing contributions to various advisory councils and boards; and

Whereas he is currently serving on the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Board of Trustees, recently appointed by Governor Greg Abbott, and previously served on the TMRS Board from 2005 to 2018 under Governor Rick Perry. He was also appointed by Governor Perry in 2009 to the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority Board. Additionally, he is active on the engineering advisory council at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; the Public Administration Advisory Council at South Texas College; and the Dean’s Advisory Board at Texas A&M University Kingsville College of Engineering. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Texas City Manager Association, where he was honored as Administrator of the Year in 2017; and

Whereas he is a devoted family man, married with two daughters and one son, and his commitment to community service extends beyond his professional roles, reflecting dedication to the advancement of both engineering and public administration; and

Whereas as a key member of the McAllen community, he balances his work responsibilities with personal commitments. These include teaching catechism at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and participating in various local organizations; and

Whereas as he prepares for his well-deserved retirement, we recognize the significant contributions Mr. Rodriguez has made to the City of McAllen and the region, leaving a lasting mark that will guide future efforts.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby extends its deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Roel “Roy” Rodriguez for his exceptional service and leadership. We wish him continued success and fulfillment in his retirement and acknowledge his remarkable contributions to our community.

Approved this 3rd day of September 2024.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

EVERARDO “EVER” VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk