

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION AND
HARLINGEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD

April 17, 2015

A Special Joint Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission and Harlingen Community Improvement Board was held Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Chris Boswell, Mayor
Victor Leal, Mayor Pro-Tem District 5
Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner District 2
Michael Mezmar, Commissioner District 3
Basilio "Chino" Sanchez, Commissioner District 4

Absent

Danny Castillo, Commissioner District 1

Harlingen Community Improvement Board

Jesse Robles - President
Joe Rubio Jr.
John Guevara
Daniel Arazia
Paul Durant

Absent

Gina Monreal-Cano
Danny Villarreal

Staff Present

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary
Richard Bilbie, City Attorney

Mayor Boswell and President Robles called the meeting to order and stated the agenda was duly posted according to State law.

- 1) Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and 551.087 regarding deliberations relating to economic development negotiations with respect to the Hotel/Conference Center Project and/or to discuss or deliberate financial matters and seek legal advice from City Attorney regarding the subject matter.

At 11:37 a.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission would convene jointly with the Harlingen Community Improvement Board in executive session to discuss Item No. 1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:39 a.m., President Robles announced the Harlingen Community Improvement Board would convene jointly with the City Commission in executive session to discuss Item No. 1.

Motion was made by John Guevara and seconded by Paul Durant to convene in executive session to discuss Item No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:15 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission and the Harlingen Improvement Board had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.

Mayor Boswell stated this was an important issue for the City Commission and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board. It was a good discussion in regards to the potential negotiations and idea of moving forward with the proposed project.

- 2) Consider and take action by the Harlingen Community Improvement Board on the City's Consultant's recommendation regarding the Hotel/Conference Center Project. (Vote by the Harlingen Community Improvement Board)

Mayor Boswell stated he would like to call upon Item No. 2 only to entertain a motion to table the item. They would like for Mr. Tom Hazinski, City's Consultant to follow up with an interview with each of the three proposers to gather some additional information to help with the evaluation. Then invite the three proposers at a later time to make a formal presentation to the City Commission and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board. Hopefully this would allow them to be in a better position to make a decision and take action on Items 2 and 3.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to table Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

President Robles entertained a motion for Item No. 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Rubio and seconded by Mr. Guevara to table Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consider and take action on the Harlingen Improvement Board's recommendation and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the Hotel/Conference Center Project.

Mayor Boswell announced Item No. 3 would be postponed for the next joint meeting of the City Commission and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board.

There being no further business to discuss, both Mayor Boswell and President Robles adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

Harlingen Community
Improvement Board


Jesse Robles, President