

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

December 17, 2015

A Special Joint Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission and Harlingen Community Improvement Board was held Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Chris Boswell
Mayor Pro-Tem Victor Leal, District 5
Danny Castillo, Commissioner District 1
Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner District 2
Michael Mezmar, Commissioner District 3

Harlingen Community Improvement Board

Jesse Robles - President
John Guevara
Paul Durant
Gina Cano Monreal
Deloria N. Davis

Absent

Ruben De La Rosa, Commissioner District 4

Danny Villarreal, HCIB Member
Daniel Arazia, HCIB Member

Staff Present

Dan Serna, City Manager
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary
Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Richard Bilbie, City Attorney
Elvia Trevino, Finance Director

Mayor Boswell called the meeting of the Harlingen City Commission to order and stated the agenda was duly posted according to State law.

President Jesse Robles called the meeting of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to order and stated the agenda was duly posted according to State law.

1) Approval of Minutes

- a) Joint Special Meeting of the City Commission and Harlingen Community Improvement Board – May 18, 2015.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal and seconded by Commissioner Castillo to approve the minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the City Commission and Harlingen Community Improvement Board of May 18, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Guevara to approve the minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the City Commission and Harlingen Community Improvement Board of May 18, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) May 1, 2014

Motion was made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Guevara to approve the minutes of May 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.087 regarding deliberations with BC Lynd relating to economic development negotiations with respect to the Hotel Convention

Project and/or to discuss or deliberate financial matters and possibly seek legal advice from counsel regarding the subject matter. (City Manager).

At 5:42 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission would convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:43 p.m., President Robles announced the Harlingen Community Improvement Board would convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Guevara and seconded by Ms. Monreal to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:41 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission had completed its executive session on Item No. 2.

At 6:42 p.m., President Robles announced the Harlingen Community Improvement Board had completed its executive session on Item No. 2.

- 3) Consider and take action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Harlingen Community Improvement Board and BC Lynd, Developers and authorize the President of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hotel Convention Project (City Manager) Harlingen Community Improvement Board)

Dan Serna, City Manager recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Harlingen Community Improvement Board and BC Lynd, Developers as discussed in executive session.

Motion was made by Mr. Guevara and seconded by Ms. Monreal to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Harlingen Community Improvement Board and BC Lynd, Developers and authorize the President of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hotel Convention Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consider and take action to approve the recommendation of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to authorize the President of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between BC Lynd Developers and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board for the Hotel Convention Center Project. (City Manager) (Harlingen City Commission).

Mr. Serna recommended approval of the MOU as recommended by the Harlingen Community Improvement Board.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal and seconded by Commission Uhlhorn to approve the recommendation of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to authorize the President of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between BC Lynd Developers and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board for the Hotel Convention Center Project.

Mayor Boswell congratulated everyone who worked on this project for a job well done. He wished everyone in attendance a very Merry Christmas and Happy New.

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

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

Harlingen Community
Improvement Board

Jesse Robles, President

ATTEST:


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary