

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION
& DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HARLINGEN, INC.
May 30, 2017

A Joint Special Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission and Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. was held on May, 30, 2017 at 5:15 p.m., City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Chris Boswell
Michael Mezmar, Mayor Pro-Tem District 3
Richard Uribe, Commissioner District 1
Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner District 2
Ruben de la Rosa, Commissioner District 4
Victor Leal, Commissioner District 5

Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.

Dr. Gilbert Leal, President
Michael Lamon, Vice President
Mickey Boland, Secretary
Eliseo Gonzales, Treasurer
Lupita Gutierrez Garza, Member

City Staff Present

Dan Serna, City Manager
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary
Alan T. Ozuna, Asst. City Attorney

EDC Staff

Raudel Garza, Executive Director for the Development Corporation of Harlingen

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

- 1) Consider and take action to approve a resolution in support of the formation of the LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee, appointment of Ad Hoc Committee member, and the Memorandum of Understanding between Rail-to-Trails Conservancy and the LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee.

Javier Mendez, Parks & Recreation Director stated last year the City of Harlingen and eight other municipalities in Cameron County went out and created a regional tourism and transportation plan. The City of Brownsville received a grant from the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation and the City of Harlingen committed \$10,000 as matching funds towards the grant. On October 2016, the City Commission unanimously approved the plan. On January 2017, the City Commission approved funding in the amount of \$5,000 to authorize the City's participation on an Economic Impact Study as part of the plan. This project is now at the level where the Action Committee needs to pursue with the projects identified in the plan. The proposed resolution establishes the goals, roles, and responsibilities of the Rail-to-Trails and LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee. He recommended approval of the resolution and Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mezmar and seconded by Commissioner Leal to approve the resolution in support of the formation of the LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rail-To-Trails Conservancy and the LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leal and seconded by Commissioner Uribe to appoint Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager to the LRGV Active Plan Advisory Committee as an Ad Hoc Committee member. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Executive/Closed Session – Deliberations regarding possible modifications to the Development Agreement between the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. and Texas State Technical College, and to receive information from possible successors to agreement, pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

At 5:55 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 Mezmar and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:55 p.m., President Leal announced the Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. would convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamon and seconded by Mr. Boland to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:20 p.m. Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.


At 6:21 p.m. President Leal announced the Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amanda C. Elizondo
City Secretary

Development Corporation of
Harlingen, Inc


Dr. Gilbert Leal, President