

SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY COMMISSION  
August 29, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission was held on August 29, 2017 at 5:30 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  
Victor Leal, Commissioner District 5

ABSENT

Ruben de la Rosa, Commissioner District 4

City Staff Present

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

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order shortly after 5:30 p.m. and stated the agenda was duly posted according to State Law.

1) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading adopting the City of Harlingen's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Sergio Villasana, Assistant Financial Director stated effective September 1, 2013 S.B. 656 requires that the City Commission adopt the budget by record vote. The 2017-2018 proposed revenue budget totals to \$72,560,325 and the proposed expenditures budget totals to \$73,535,782. The Harlingen Downtown Fund, Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. (4A), Community Development Block Grant Fund, Harlingen Waterworks System and Valley International Airport budgets are under separate resolutions.

Alan Ozuna, Asst. City Attorney read the caption of the budget ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leal and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to approve an ordinance on first reading adopting the City of Harlingen's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018.

The record vote carried as follow

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Commissioner Uribe	Yes
Commissioner Uhlhorn	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mezmar	Yes
Commissioner De La Rosa	Absent
Commissioner Leal	Yes

2) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading by record vote adopting the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mr. Villasana stated the tax rate also needed to be adopted by record vote. The adoption of the tax rate is done in two (2) parts. The first is the Maintenance and Operation rate, which is proposed at \$0.456327 per \$100 valuation which made up part of the proposed rate.

Alan Ozuna, Asst. City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner Leal to approve an ordinance on first reading by record vote adopting the 2017-18 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The record vote carried as follow:

Commissioner Uribe	Yes
Commissioner Uhlhorn	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mezmar	Yes

Commissioner De La Rosa Absent  
Commissioner Leal Yes

- 3) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading by record vote adopting the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mr. Villasana stated the second part of the tax rate was the Interest & Sinking Fund which is being proposed at \$0.132500 per \$100 valuation. Together with the Maintenance and Operation portion of the tax rate of \$0.456327 totaled to the City's proposed tax rate for FY 2017-2018 of \$0.588827. All legal requirements have been met for the adoption of the tax rate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commission Uribe to approve an ordinance on first reading by record vote adopting the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The record vote carried as follow:

Commissioner Uribe Yes  
Commissioner Uhlhorn Yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Mezmar Yes  
Commissioner De La Rosa Absent  
Commissioner Leal Yes

- 4) Consideration and possible action to change the Harlingen City Commission Regular Meeting date of September 6th, 2017 to September 5th, 2017.

Dan Serna, City Manager stated he and Mayor Boswell would be in Austin Texas Department of Housing meeting during September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and asked the City Commission to postpone the meeting to Tuesday, 5th of September.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uribe and seconded by Commissioner Leal to postpone the Harlingen City Commission Regular Meeting date of September 6th, 2017 to September 5th, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consideration and possible action to adopt Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan.

This item was passed for a future meeting.

- 6) Executive/Closed Session on the following items:

- a) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Gov't. Code to provide legal advice and counsel in connection with certain collective bargaining issues contained in the Notice of Intent to Bargain by the duly recognized majority bargaining agent for the City's law enforcement officer, the Harlingen Police Officer and Law Enforcement Association (HPOLEA) and the Harlingen Professional Fire Fighters Association."
- b) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 regarding contemplated litigation concerning SB 1004.

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission would convene into executive session to discuss Item 6 (a) and (b).

Motion was made by Commissioner Leal and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mezmar to convene into executive session to discuss Item 6 (a) and (b). Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:37 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.

- 7) Consideration and possible action regarding engagement agreement with Bickerstaff Health Delgado and Acosta LLP concerning possible SB 1004.

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

- 8) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading providing for permitting installation of network nodes and related facilities in public rights of way in conformity with SB 1004, establishing fees, establishing an effective date, providing for publication and ordaining other matters relating to the foregoing.

Alan Ozuna, Assistant City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mezmar and seconded by Commissioner Uribe to approve the ordinance on first reading providing for permitting installation of network nodes and related facilities in public rights of way in conformity with SB 1004, establishing fees, establishing an effective date, providing for publication and ordaining other matters relating to the foregoing.

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

CITY OF HARLINGEN

  
Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary