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Harlingen Names New Public Works Department Administration

Harlingen, Texas– City Manager Dan Serna has appointed Rodrigo Davila as the new Public Works Director. Davila, a Certified Public Manager, has more than 19 years of Municipal Government experience having worked for the Cities of San Benito and Harlingen as well as Cameron County.



Most recently he served as the Harlingen Director of Planning and Development overseeing Planning, Building Permits, Plan Reviews, Environmental Services, and Code Compliance. He joined Harlingen in 2016 after serving four years as Planning Director for the City of San Benito.

He spent 12 years with Cameron County where he was promoted to Geographic Information System Coordinator and is credited with producing the first county-wide GIS Map with emphasis on 9-1-1 addresses. Today, the map is used throughout the Rio Grande Valley by municipalities and emergency responders.

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Davila also worked as an Instructor of Computer Drafting and Design at Texas State Technical College. He is a proud Veteran who served in the United States Army with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

His first day on the job was May 1, 2019. The search for a new Planning & Development Director has already begun. The position is posted online in the City's Career Portal which can be found on the homepage of the City's website.

Meantime, Lily Anne Garcia, a Harlingen employee of more than 25 years has been named as the Assistant Public Works Director.



She began her career with the City in 1994 as an Administrative Secretary in the Human Resources Department. In 1999 she transferred to the Public Works Department where she served as Office Assistant II, Administrative Secretary, Administrative Assistant, and most recently as the Public Works Administrative Manager responsible for assisting the director and assistant director with the daily operations of the department.

Garcia holds a type "B" State License in Solid Waste Management and is certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk.

Please join the City in congratulating Lily Anne Garcia and Rodrigo Davila as they begin new responsibilities within the City of Harlingen Municipality.

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