

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17th, 2021
@ 5:30 P.M.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. via video conference**, while providing the public the ability to view the meeting via internet live streaming at www.myharlingen.us and the City of Harlingen YouTube Page.

In accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Harlingen, Texas will conduct the meeting via videoconference and provide viewing for the public using live stream in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). To view the City Commission meeting live, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on “CITY COMMISSION LIVE.”

The public will be permitted to offer citizen communication or participate in items listed as public hearings telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted for City staff to read aloud during the meeting.

To offer citizen communication or participate in scheduled public hearings telephonically, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on “PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORM.” Fill out the form and indicate the item you wish to address, and submit the form.

Please indicate (1) the agenda item on which you wish to speak, (2) whether you prefer to speak on the item during citizen communication or at the time the agenda item is brought for consideration before the City Commission, and (3) a working telephone number at which you may be reached to submit your comments. The City will then call you when the item you wish to address is being considered. You will then address the City Commission through speaker phone and your call will be made audible to the City Commission and to the public through the live stream. Please submit this request before 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

To submit written comments for City staff to read aloud during the meeting, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on “PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORM” write your comments (limited to 400 words or less) and submit the form.

Please submit written comments before 4 p.m. the day of the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City of Harlingen meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary’s Office at (956) 216-5001 or write Post Office Box 2207, Harlingen, Texas 78550 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The Harlingen City Commission reserves the right, pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to enter into closed executive session on any item posted on the agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for closed discussion.

Invocation –City Commissioner Victor Leal

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021

	CONSENT AGENDA	
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- 2a) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Eddie Frank and Gerry Hatch, Acct. #98-4192-0030-0050-00 in the amount of \$840.38 due to an adjustment of a 100% disabled veteran's exemption for Year 2020. Attachment **(Finance)**
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Garry Patten, Acct. #88-1920-0640-0116-00 in the amount of \$695.37 due an adjustment of 100% disabled veteran's exemption for Year 2020. Attachment **(Finance)**
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Florencia Apartments, LLC Acct. No.#18-4782-0060-0000-00 in the amount of \$734.25 due to an adjustment for a decrease in value, as per arbitrator's determination for Year 2020. Attachment **(Finance)**
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by TGM Management, Acct. #19-0551-0000-0030-00 in the amount of \$1,363.67 due to an adjustment for a decrease in value, as per arbitrator's determination for Year 2020. Attachment **(Finance)**
- e) Consideration and possible to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award for \$64,903.65 on behalf of the Harlingen Police Department in reference to the Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance. Attachment **(Police Dept.)**



- 3) Public hearing to consider a request for a Temporary Amusement Permit to allow a carnival to be held on April 1st to April 11th, 2021 located at 2020 S. Expressway 83, bearing a legal description of 39.359 acres of 60.616 acres, Block 1, Mall #2 Replat. Applicant: Ashley Cory on behalf of Heart of America Shows. Attachment **(Planning & Zoning)**
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Ashley Cory on behalf of Heart of American Shows for a Temporary Amusement Permit to allow a carnival from April 1st to April 11th, 2021 at the above described property.

- 4) Consideration and possible action on a proposal from Boy Scout Ethan Hohnadel, who will fund and manage the "F" Street Cemetery Veteran Grave Marking and Mapping project as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Attachment (***Parks & Recreation***)
- 5) Consideration and possible action to approve the naming of the Tennis Center at Pendleton Park. Attachment (***Parks & Recreation***)
- 6) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution designating the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day. Attachment (***Health***)
- 7) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Texas Water Development Board for funding of the local match for the 9th and 13th Street Drainage Improvement Project and any other related documents. Attachment (***Engineering***)
- 8) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Harlingen and the City of San Benito providing for participation in Regional Watershed Flood Protection Planning Study and authorize the Mayor to sign the inter-local agreement. Attachment (***Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager***)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Harlingen and the City of Palm Valley providing for participation in Regional Watershed Flood Protection Planning Study and authorize the Mayor to sign the inter-local agreement. Attachment (***Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager***)
- 10) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Harlingen and the City of Primera providing for participation in Regional Watershed Flood Protection Planning Study and authorize the Mayor to sign the inter-local agreement. Attachment (***Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager***)
- 11) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Harlingen and the Harlingen Irrigation Water District No. 1 providing for participation in Regional Watershed Flood Protection Planning Study and authorize the Mayor to sign the inter-local agreement. Attachment (***Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager***)
- 12) Consideration and possible action to continue holding the City Commission meetings in person, continue virtually, or a combination of both. (***City Manager***)
- 13) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:
 - a. Airport Board
 - b. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (5)
 - c. Audit Committee (3 - vacancy) (terms expired June, 2019)
 - d. Civil Service Commission
 - e. Community Development Advisory Board (1)
 - f. Construction Board of Adjustments (5)
 - g. Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
 - h. Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
 - i. Downtown Improvement District Board (1)
 - j. Golf Course Advisory Board

- k. Harlingen Community Improvement Board (1)
- l. Harlingen Housing Authority Board (3)
- m. Harlingen Finance Corporation (5)
- n. Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (11)
- o. Library Advisory Board (1)
- p. Mayor Wellness Council
- q. Museum Advisory Board (1)
- q. Parks Advisory Board
- r. Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
- s. Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- t. Tax Increment Finance Board (7)
- u. Utility Board of Trustees
- v. Veterans Advisory Board
- w. Zoning Board of Adjustments (5)
- x. Complete Census Committee

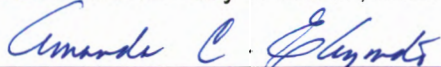
Specifically, appointment or discussion and possible action to include appointment bylaws and/or removal of any position subject to appointment or removal by statute, ordinance or bylaws.

- 14) Executive/Closed Session on the following items:
 - a. Consideration pursuant to Sec. 551.072, Tex. Gov't Code, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, regarding ten acres of real property located on T Street just north of Harrison in Harlingen, more commonly known as Harlingen-Petersburg Pt Block 32 W. **(City Manager)**
 - b. Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Gov't Code to provide legal advice pertaining to possible appeal of AG Ruling on # 867864 and related legal matters.
- 15) Consideration and appropriate action, if any, regarding the purchase of or negotiations to purchase ten acres of real property located on T Street just north of Harrison in Harlingen, more commonly known as Harlingen-Petersburg Pt Block 32 W. **(City Manager)**

Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Regular Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission is a true and correct copy of said notice posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of said City of Harlingen, Texas in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and on the City's Internet Website and said Notice was posted on Friday, March 12th, 2021 at or before 4:00 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2021


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary