

**CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBURARY 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, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 –Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Mezmar

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Presentation of proclamations proclaiming the following:
  - a) The month of February, 2021 as "Black History Month"
  - b) February 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as "Engineers' Week."
- 2) Approval of Minutes
  - a) Regular Meeting of December 16, 2020.

	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	
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- 3a) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Michael and Frances Mascorro, Acct. #98-4207-0010-0130-00 in the amount of \$1,467.22 due to an adjustment adding a homestead and 100% veteran exemption for Year 2020. Attachment (**Finance**)
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Elia Aguirre, Acct. #98-5291-0020-0040-00 in the amount of \$624.77 due to an adjustment adding a prorated 100% veteran exemption for Year 2020. Attachment (**Finance**)
- c) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending the City of Harlingen Code Ordinances, Chapter 103, Buildings and Building Regulations, by adding Sections 103-4 and 103-5, pertaining to the abatement of substandard structures through the City Construction Board of Appeals. Attachment (**Planning and Zoning**)
- d) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a bar/lounge in a General Retail ("GR") District to include an outdoor patio located at 640 N. Ed Carey Dr., bearing a legal description of Lots 3 & 4, Block 1, South Point Subdivision, Unit 2. Attachment (**Planning and Zoning**)
- e) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Medical Center Drive to 25 mph between IH-69E Northbound Frontage Road to Victoria Lane. Attachment (**Engineering**)



- 4) Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt an ordinance on second and final reading amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances by adding various provisions governing the location, use, existence, and operations of food truck parks as follows: Chapter

111, Zoning, Article III, Section 111-62, Use Chart, establishing a category in the use chart; Article VI, Section 111-140, (b) adding off-street parking requirements; Article XII, Section 111-135 Special Use Regulations and Restrictions, establishing other regulations; and Article XV, Section 111-413, Special Use Permit Process, requiring a special use permit. Applicant: City of Harlingen. **(This item was tabled at the last Regular Meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)**  
Attachment **(Planning & Zoning)**

- 5) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow a bar/lounge in a General Retail ("GR") located at 407 W. Harrison Ave., bearing a legal description of Lots 8-9, Block 84, Harlingen Original Townsite Subdivision. Applicant: Nora Herrera Manriquez. Attachment **(Planning & Zoning)**
  - a) Public Hearing
  - b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow a bar/lounge in a General Retail ("GR") located at 407 W. Harrison Ave., bearing a legal description of Lots 8-9, Block 84, Harlingen Original Townsite Subdivision.
- 6) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a storage building greater than 144 sq. ft. in a Single Family Residential (R1) District located at 5218 Garrett Road, bearing a legal description of Lot 5, Block 3, Remington Subdivision. Applicant: Gerry Taylor Hatch. Attachment **(Planning & Zoning)**
  - a) Public Hearing
  - b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a storage building greater than 144 sq. feet in a Single Family Residential (R1) District located at 5218 Garrett Road, bearing a legal description of Lot 5, Block 3, Remington Subdivision.
- 7) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute the second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Harlingen for the Federal Transit Administration 5307 Project of Sidewalk Improvements. Attachment **(Engineering)**
- 8) Consideration and possible action to update the Harlingen Convention & Visitors name to the public as "Visit Harlingen" upon recommendation by the Harlingen CVB Board. Attachment **(CVB Director)**
- 9) Consideration and possible action to provide a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to Loaves and Fishes to assist with financial expenses incurred for assistance provided to immigrants in Harlingen. Attachment **(Gabriel Gonzalez, Asst. City Manager)**
- 10) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Election Agreement between the City of Harlingen and the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District to share polling places, equipment and election personnel for Election Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and share City Hall as a joint polling place for Early Voting by Personal Appearance April 19<sup>th</sup> thru April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of two (2) days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Attachment **(City Secretary)**


- 11) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 2021-07 Calling and Ordering the City of Harlingen May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 General Election to delete Precinct No. 43 from Stuart Place Elementary School Polling Place. Attachment (**City Secretary**)
  
- 12) Board Appointments  
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:
  - a. Airport Board
  - b. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (4)
  - c. Audit Committee (3 - vacancy) (terms expired June, 2019)
  - d. Civil Service Commission (2)
  - 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 (5)
  - m. Harlingen Finance Corporation (4)
  - n. Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (13)
  - o. Library Advisory Board (2)
  - p. Mayor Wellness Council
  - q. Museum Advisory Board (1)
  - r. Parks Advisory Board
  - s. Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
  - t. Senior Citizens Advisory Board
  - u. Tax Increment Finance Board (7)
  - v. Utility Board of Trustees
  - w. Veterans Advisory Board
  - x. Zoning Board of Adjustments (2)
  - 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.

#### 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, February 12, 2021, at or before 3:00 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2021

  
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary