

**CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021  
@ 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL, TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
2ND FLOOR, 118 E. TYLER AVENUE  
HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas and provide the public 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 in person and provide viewing options for the public using live stream in order to advance the public health goal of limiting in-person 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 or in person, 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.

**If you prefer 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 - Commissioner Frank Puente

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Presentations and Award recognitions
  - a) Harlingen High School South Hawks Tennis Team.
  - b) Harlingen High School South Hawks Cross Country Team.
  - c) Presentation by the Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Genealogical Society to the City of Harlingen. **(City Manager)**
  - d) Presentation of a Proclamation - proclaiming the month of November, 2021 as "Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Genealogical Society Day". **(City Manager)**
- 2) Approval of Minutes
  - a) Special City Commission Meeting of September 7th, 2021
- 3) Consent Agenda
  - a) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution amending Resolution # 2021-09 approved on March 3, 2021 to remove the name of Dan Serna, former City Manager, to City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez. Attachment **(Police)**.
  - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution amending Resolution # 2021-19 approved April 7, 2021 to remove the name of Dan Serna, former City Manager, to City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez. Attachment **(Police)**.
  - c) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Gulf Coast Gun Busters to destroy firearms set for disposal on behalf of the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment **(Police)**.
  - d) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award of \$54,088.30 from the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division to equip peace officers with rifle resistant body armor via the FY 22 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department. Attachment **(Police)**
  - e) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award of \$132,471.60 from the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division for funding mobile data terminal upgrades in police units via the FY 22 Justice Assistance Grant on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department. Attachment **(Police)**
  - f) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award of \$43,857.03 with HPD responsible for \$10,964.26, from the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division for funding the Crime Victim Liaison position via the Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department. Attachment **(Police)**
  - g) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award of \$37,446.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice to equip peace officers with bulletproof vests



via the FY 21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Police**)

- h) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance to rezone from Light Industry ("LI") to Planned Development ("PD") District for townhouses/condominium and commercial uses for 31.98 acres out of Block 139, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, located on the west side of FM 509 approximately 4,000 feet south of FM 106. Applicant, Ferris, Flinn and Medina for Eko Corporate. Attachment (**Planning and Zoning Dept.**)
- i) Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt an ordinance on second and final reading to rezone from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to General Retail ("GR") District for Lots 101 and 102, Homeland Addition located on the west side of Ed Carey Drive approximately 200 feet south of Expressway 83. Applicant: Juan Aldape (**Planning and Development**)
- j) Consideration and possible action to approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Harlingen and Harlingen Adult Soccer League for the use of the Harlingen Soccer Complex and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Attachment (**Parks Dept**)
- k) Consideration and possible action to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Harlingen and Rio Valley Amateur-Adult Soccer Association for the use of the soccer fields at Vestal Park and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Attachment (**Parks Dept**)
- l) Investment Report for the City of Harlingen for the quarter ending September 30, 2021, and the year ending September 30, 2021. (**Finance**)

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- 4) Presentation made by Texas Southmost College (TSC) regarding the possibility of opening a satellite office in the City of Harlingen. (**City Manager**)
- 5) Consideration and possible action in regards to the lease agreement between the Harlingen Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce . Attachment (**CVB**)
- 6) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending Ordinance No. 2018-1, "Exhibit A", Chapter 18, Master Fee Schedule of the Harlingen Code of Ordinances establishing new rental rates for parade entry fees for the Christmas Parade. Attachment (**DID Dept**)
- 7) Consideration and possible action to extend the COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program to November 30, 2021. Attachment (**Health Dept.**)
- 8) Discussion and action to remove the City Manager as City of Harlingen appointment to STECF Board and appoint a replacement to STECF Board of Directors. (**Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente**)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Jeffrey D. Blume, Limited for services for the Tony Golf Course Renovation Design and Project Management and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (**Parks**)
- 10) Board Appointments  
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:
  - a) Airport Board

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (6)  
 Audit Committee (4-vacancy) (terms expired June, 2019)  
 Civil Service Commission  
 Community Development Advisory Board (3)  
 Construction Board of Adjustments (7)  
 Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)  
 Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.  
 Downtown Improvement District Board (7)  
 Golf Course Advisory Board (1)  
 Harlingen Community Improvement Board (5)  
 Harlingen Housing Authority Board (3)  
 Harlingen Finance Corporation (5)  
 Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (13)  
 Library Advisory Board  
 Mayor Wellness Council  
 Museum Advisory Board (3)  
 Parks Advisory Board (1)  
 Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (1)  
 Senior Citizens Advisory Board (4)  
 Tax Increment Finance Board (5)  
 Utility Board of Trustees  
 Veterans Advisory Board  
 Zoning Board of Adjustments (4)  
 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.

- 11) Executive/Closed Session regarding the following items
- a) Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and Sec. 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Harlingen has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations related to Project MTB. **(EDC)**
  - b) Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and Sec. 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Harlingen has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations related to Project Jack. **(EDC)**
  - c) Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and Sec. 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Harlingen has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations related to El Clavo Lumber. **(EDC)**
  - d) Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and Sec. 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Harlingen has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the



City is conducting economic development negotiations related to J. Gonzalez Law Firm. **(EDC)**

- e) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 (2) for the purpose of receiving information protected by the attorney - client communication privilege and the attorney work product privilege in regard to present city ambulance services contract. **(Item request by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**
- f) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 regarding pending litigation. **(Attorney)**
- 12) Deliberation and possible action to provide notice of non renewal of present ambulance service contract and intent to engage in negotiations for an amended ambulance service contract. **(Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**
- 13) Discussion and possible action regarding item discussed in executive session regarding currently pending litigation. **(City Manager)**
- 14) Consideration and possible action on Items 11 a - f as discussed in executive session, projects: MTB, Project Jack, El Clavo Lumber and J. Gonzalez Law Firm. **(EDC)**

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, October 29th, 2021 at or before 4:37 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2021



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Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary