

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 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 17th, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas and provide 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 MONTH DD, YYYY, 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 – Mayor Chris Boswell

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Award Recognitions and Presentation
 - a) Harlingen High School South "Hawks" Air Force JROTC Competition Results
 - b) Harlingen High School North "Cardinals" Volleyball Team
 - c) Presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) regarding the proposed improvements along Loop 499 and Business 77 in Harlingen. **(City Manager)**

- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular City Commission Meeting of July 7, 2021

- 3) **Consent Agenda**
 - a) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Orlando Gonzales to close the 300 Block of West Madison Avenue on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a surprise birthday celebration event. Attachment **(Police Dept)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve the acceptance of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Texas Supports Libraries 2022 Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Attachment **(Library Dept)**
 - c) Consideration and possible action to approve and authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to accept a grant award of \$115,000.00 from HEB to improve the tennis courts at the HEB Tennis Center. Attachment **(Parks Dept)**
 - d) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City of Harlingen Fire Department to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor Fiscal Year 2022 Border Zone Fire Departments. Attachment **(Fire Dept)**
 - e) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending Section 1, Exhibit "A" of Ordinance No. 2018-1 and Chapter 18, Master Fee Schedule of the Harlingen Code of Ordinances establishing a fee for parades. Attachment **(DID)**

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- 4) Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Harlingen Police Department and Cameron County Emergency Management for the donation of sixty-four (64) Motorola XTS 2500 radios to be used solely for official purposes. Attachment **(Police Dept)**
- 5) Consideration and possible action to approve a lease agreement between the City of Harlingen Health Department and the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Attachment **(Health Dept)**
- 6) Consideration and possible action to provide a Written Statement and Finding of the City's Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Delinquent Tax Legal Services required under Texas Govt. Code 2254. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- 7) Consideration and possible action to award a contract for Delinquent Tax Collection Services to Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- 8) Consideration and possible action as required under Texas Government Code 2254 for the City Commission to provide a Written Statement and Finding of the City's Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Municipal Court Legal Services. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract for Fees and Fines Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- 10) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading calling for an election to be held on the date of the City of Harlingen's next General Election amending Harlingen's City Charter, Article III, Section 1 to move the date for Regular Municipal Elections to elect the Mayor and/or City Commissioners to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. **(This Item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**
- 11) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending Harlingen City Code Chapter 8, Aviation, Article II, Section 8.86 to repeal Section 8.86 and to replace with a new Section 8.86 regarding the created Composition, Appointment, Removal Terms, Vacancies and Ethics of the Airport Board. **(This item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**
- 12) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending Harlingen City Code, Article VII, Board, Commissioners and Authorities to repeal Section 2-434 and replace it with a new Section 2-434 amending the manner in which City Board members may be removed. **(This Item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**
- 13) Consideration and possible action to award a contract for Performance Auditing Services. **(Item was tabled at the Regular City Commission Meeting of Oct. 20, 2021) (This item was request by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Puente)**

- 14) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:

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 (6)
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.

- 15) **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

a) pursuant to Section 551.072 Gov't Code regarding the purchase and value of property located at 102 T Street for Economic Development and other public purposes. **(City Manager)**

b) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to receive privileged attorney client communication on confidential matter. **(City Manager)**

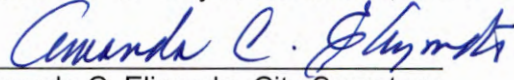
RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

- 16) Discussion and possible consideration to approve Item No. 15(a) as discussed in executive session. **(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, November 12th, 2021 at or before 3:20 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2021



Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary