

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2022
@ 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, July 20, 2022 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.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Conflict of Interest

'Under State law, a conflict of interest exists if a council member, or certain members of that person's family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item. Are there any known conflicts of interest to disclose at this time? **(City Attorney)**

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Presentation of the following Recognition Awards
 - a) UIL One Act Play
 - b) The Athletes of Proscouts
- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022
 - b) Regular Meeting of May 18, 2022
- 3) Consent Agenda
 - a) Second and final reading to approve an ordinance for a rezoning request from General Retail ("GR") District to Planned Development ("PD") District for residential and multi-family use purposes for 25.33 acres out of land comprised of 10.00 acres out of Lot 9, 9.99 acres out of Lot 10, 2.67 acres out of Lot 15. and 2.67 acres out of Lot 16, Block 146, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, located on the northeast corner of Haine Drive and Whalen Road. Applicant: Armando Elizarde Attachment **(Planning & Development Department)**
 - b) Second and final reading to approve an ordinance for a rezoning request from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to General Retail ("GR") District for a property located along the south side of U.S. Expressway 77 approximately 475 feet west from Louisiana Street, bearing a legal description of the south 595 feet of Block 8, WM Sparrow Subdivision. Applicant: Sandra Garcia Attachment **(Planning & Development Department)**
 - c) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Brownsville and the County of Cameron to submit a grant application for joint funding to the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2022 JAG Local Solicitation. Attachment **(Police)**
 - d) Consideration possible action to authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application, accept a related award, and ultimately expend said funding in the amount of \$98,245.80 to the Office of Community Orientated Policing Services in regards to the FY 22 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants – Community Policing Development Solicitation to purchase a training simulator at the Harlingen Police Department which will aid in providing reality-based and de-escalation training. Attachment **(Police)**
 - e) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from the Harlingen Police Department to close the following intersections: Fair Park Blvd between North "L" and North "J" Streets (no thru traffic), to include all entries and exits from the Performing Arts, Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad parking lots; Northside intersection of North "L" Street and West Adams Avenue and detour signs at North "L" Street and Fair Park Blvd. to direct traffic north onto Wichita Avenue. Street closures will begin on Monday, August 1st @ 12 P.M. thru Tuesday,

August 2, 2022, up to 10 P.M., to allow officers, partners and vendors to set-up prior to the event and facilitate the safety of the attendees and participants. Attachment (**Police**)

- f) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Application from Family Crisis Center, Inc. to provide emergency shelter and assistance to survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse who are in danger in their own home. Attachment (**City Manager**)

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- 4) Consideration and possible action to approve the final report from Cobb Fendley on Broadband Connectivity in Harlingen. Attachment (**MIS**)
- 5) Consideration and possible action to reject all bids received under Invitation to Bid No. 2022-15, Lozano Plaza Restroom Project. Attachment (**Javier Mendez**)
- 6) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to award task orders under RFQ 2021-14, Professional Engineering Services for the City of Harlingen American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 Drainage Improvement Projects, to three of nine previously selected firms. Attachment (**Luis Vargas**)
- 7) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract with RBM Contractors, LLC for the Jackson and C Drainage Improvements project which was designed by Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. under RFQ 2021-14 for the City of Harlingen American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Attachment (**Luis Vargas**)
- 8) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to increase Public Safety Communications Officer (PSCO) pay by 20% in order to be competitive with other valley agencies. The proposed increase will put the Harlingen Police Department on par with the market average pay for Telecommunication Officers in the valley. Attachment (**Police**)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading of the City Council of the City of Harlingen, Texas, ("City") approving a negotiated resolution between The City and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "The company") regarding the company's April 28, 2022 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the City's legal counsel. Attachment (**City Manager**)
- 10) Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution approving the One Year Action Plan (Budget) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Year 48) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Fiscal Year (Year 28) of the Home Investment Partnerships Program. (HOME) Attachment (**CDBG Director**)
- 11) Consideration and possible action to appoint Commissioner Ford Kinsley to the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation Board. (**Mayor**)
- 12) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:

Airport
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (2)
Audit Committee (4-Vacancies) (Terms expired June, 2021)
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Advisory Board (1)
Construction Board of Adjustments (5)
Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
Downtown Improvement Board (7)
Golf Course Advisory Board (1)
Harlingen Community Improvement Board (3)
Harlingen Housing Authority Board (2)
Harlingen Finance Corporation (5)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (13)
Library Advisory Board (2)
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board (5)
Parks Advisory Board (3)
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (3)
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (8)
Tax Increment Finance Board (5)
Utility Board of Trustees
Veterans Advisory Board (3)
Zoning Board of Adjustment (8)

- 13) Executive/Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. **(City Attorney)**

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, July 15, 2022 at or before 6:30 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2022


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary