

**CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 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, August 3, 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](http://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](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 Rene Perez

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) Approval of Minutes
  - a) Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022
  - b) Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022
  - c) Regular Meeting of May 18, 2022
- 2) Consent Agenda
  - a) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from St. Anthony Catholic Church to close certain sections of roadways / streets surrounding the Church property from 10th Street between Harrison and Van Buren Avenue and Van Buren Avenue between 10th and 11th Street, Friday, November 4 thru Sunday November 6, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., for the Annual Fall Festival. Attachment (**Police**).
  - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas General Land Office Resilient Communities Program. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
  - c) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants Program. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
  - d) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Annual Application from Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. to provide emergency shelter to families and individuals in need, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing. Attachment (**City Manager**)
  - e) Second and final reading to approve an ordinance 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 to the company's and the City's legal counsel. Attachment (**City Manager**)

- f) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing 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**)

NEW BUSINESS

- 3) Consideration and possible action to select the highest ranking firm and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract pursuant to RFQ No. 2022-16 Request for Qualifications for Classification and Compensation Study and Staffing Analysis. (**City Manager**).
- 4) Consideration and possible action to propose a desired Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and schedule (two public hearings to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (Special Meeting), and Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (Regular Meeting) at 5:30 p.m. Attachment (**Finance**))
- 5) Consideration and possible action to declare the itemized list of non-real estate personal property as surplus personal property, as recommended by staff, and authorize city personnel to conduct a public auction of said property, Saturday, August 27, 2022. Attachment (**Finance**)
- 6) Consideration and possible action to approve the installation of speed humps along Lexington Ave. Attachment (**This item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Perez and Commissioner Frank Morales**).
- 7) Presentation by Robert Espericueta on the proposed: "The House Club." (**City Manager**)
- 8) Board Appointments  
Discussion and possible action regarding membership in 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 (9)
  - 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 (5)
  - Zoning Board of Adjustment (8)

- 9) Executive/Close Session on the following items:
- a) Consultation with legal council pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to receive legal advice protected by attorney client communication privilege. **(City Attorney)**
  - b) Consultation with legal council pursuant to Texas Government Code Sub-Section 551.071 (2), to receive legal advice protected by the attorney/client communication privilege and pursuant to 551.074 to deliberate the appointment of qualified applicant for Municipal Judge of City of Harlingen Municipal Court. **(City Attorney)**
  - c) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, regarding the purchase, lease or value of real estate, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City of Harlingen in negotiations with a third person regarding some of the following project; and Texas Government Code Section 551.087, regarding commercial and financial information from business prospects with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations and/or to discuss or deliberate financial or other incentives relating to the following project:
    - a) Project San Pedro
- 10) Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Harlingen Municipal Court Judge. **(City Manager)**
- 11) Consideration and possible action on Project San Pedro. **(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, July 29, 2022 at or before 7:30 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2022

  
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Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary