

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 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, March 02, 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.

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 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 Pro-Tem Richard Uribe

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Recognition and Proclamation

- a) Recognition to the Harlingen High School "Cardinal" Band
- b) Proclamation - proclaiming the month of March 2022 as "Red Cross Month"

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Special City Commission Meeting of September 28, 2021.

3) **Consent Agenda**

- a) The Harlingen Police Department's Racial Profiling Report is presented for information and review by the City Commission and Administration. No action is required. Attachment (**Police**).
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application, accept related award and ultimately expend said funding in the amount of **\$52,494.52** to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division in regards to the General Victim Assistance Program, FY2023 that will continue to fund the Crime Victim Liaison position at the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Police**)
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application, accept related award and ultimately expend said funding in the amount of **\$38,997.84** to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division in regards to the Criminal Justice Grant Program, FY2023 which will be used to fund computer upgrades at the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Police**).
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve 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 **\$30,484.00** to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division in regards to the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, FY2023 which will be used to fund rifle resistant body armor for peace officers of the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Police**).
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application, accept related award and ultimately expend said funding in the amount of **\$36,485.00** to the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division in regards to the 2022 State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L) which will be used to fund negotiator equipment for the Harlingen Police Department SWAT Team. Attachment (**Police**).
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to accept a **\$20,059.00** grant award from the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2021 JAG Local Solicitation as part of an interlocal agreement with the City of Brownsville and the County of Cameron. Attachment (**Police**).
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to accept and ultimately expend one time supplemental funding awarded to the Harlingen Police Department in the amount of **\$43,857.03** from the Office of the Governor –

Criminal Justice Division in regards to the General Victim Assistance Program, FY2022. Attachment (**Police**).

- h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harlingen and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Attachment (**City Manager**)

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- 4) Consideration and action to adopt a resolution Honoring, Commending and Expressing Appreciation for Commissioner Michael Mezmar's unselfish service in completing 40 hours of volunteer time administering Covid-19 vaccines at City of Harlingen sponsored vaccine clinics. (**Mayor**)
- 5) Public hearing and possible action to consider an ordinance on first reading to rezone from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Duplex ("R-2") District for Lot 11, Block 2, Valley Estates Subdivision, located at 5914 Queen Sago Drive. Applicant: Rick Caballero (**Planning and Development**)
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Consideration and possible action to rezone from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Duplex ("R-2") District for Lot 11, Block 2, Valley Estates Subdivision, located at 5914 Queen Sago Drive.
- 6) Public hearing and possible action to consider an ordinance on first reading for the rezoning from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Multi-Family ("M-2") District for the property at 1226 East New Hampshire Street, bearing a legal description of Lot 1, Block 1, New Hampshire Commercial Subdivision. Applicant: Fernando Russek. (**Planning and Development**)
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Consideration and possible action to rezone from Residential, Single Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Multi-Family ("M-2") District for 1226 East New Hampshire Street, bearing a legal description of Lot 1, Block 1, New Hampshire Commercial Subdivision.
- 7) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 1 with TEDSI Infrastructure Group Inc. for the Hick Hill Road Drainage Improvement Project. Attachment (**Engineering Dept**)
- 8) Consideration and possible action to amend Sections 40-129, 40-130, 40-132, and 40-135 of Ordinance 13-4 and Ordinance No. 10-1 pertaining to the Speed Hump Program. Attachment (**Engineering Dept**)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve a request to install speed humps at two different locations requested by concerned citizens on 25th Street from Van Buren to Jefferson (in front of Bonham Elementary) and Mendez Street between Kelly St. and Findler Drive. (**This item was requested by Commissioner Frank Puente and Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Uribe.**)
- 10) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:

Airport
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (3)

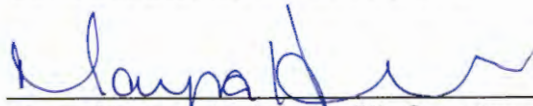
Audit Committee (4-Vacancies) (Terms expired June, 2021)
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Advisory Board (2)
Construction Board of Adjustments (7)
Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
Downtown Improvement Board (7)
Golf Course Advisory Board (1)
Harlingen 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 (1)
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (4)
Tax Increment Finance Board (5)
Utility Board of Trustees
Veterans Advisory Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment (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 Texas Government Code Section 551.072 – to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for the proposed Runway Extension project. **(City Manager)**
 - b) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding pending litigation. **(Legal)**
 - c) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to receive communication protected by the Attorney client communication privilege. **(City Manager/City Attorney)**
- 12) Consideration and possible action to approve Item 11 (a) as discussed in the executive session. **(City Manager)**

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 25, 2022 at or before 4:15 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2022



Mayra Herrera, Assistance City Secretary