

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
May 5th, 2021
@ 5:00 P.M.
City Hall, Town Hall, 2nd Floor
118 E. Tyler Street
HARLINGEN, TEXAS
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.** at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Harlingen, Texas and provide the public 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 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 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 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 – City Commissioner Frank Puente

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Presentation of proclamations proclaiming the following:
 - a) “National Historical Preservation Month”
 - b) “National Public Works Week”
- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting of April 21st, 2021

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- 3a) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) to close/barricade Harrison Avenue and 13th Street, Madison Avenue and 13th Street, Monroe Avenue and 12th Street and Van Buren Avenue and 12th Street for HCISD’s graduation ceremonies being held on Friday, June 11, 2021 and Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or until the ceremonies have ended. Attachment (**Police Dept.**)



- 4) Presentation by the Finance Director and possible discussion of a plan for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding. (**Finance**)
- 5) Consideration and possible action to approve a Construction Escrow Agent to establish an account to be use to manage grant funds in accordance with an escrow agreement with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The escrow agent will establish an account for the TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) grant for the 9th and 13th Street Drainage Improvements Project. Attachment (**Finance**)
- 6) Consideration and possible to approve a Construction Escrow Agent to establish an account to be use to manage grant funds in accordance with an escrow agreement with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The escrow agent will establish an account for the TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) grant for a Regional Flood Protection Planning Study. Attachment (**Finance**)
- 7) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution nominating VHS Harlingen Hospital Company, LLC for designation as a qualified business and enterprise project under the Texas

Enterprise Zone Program under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Gov't. Code. Attachment (***Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.***)

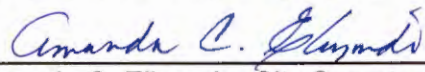
- 8) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting Valley International Airport's Mid-Year Budget Amendments for FY 2020-2021. Attachment (***Airport***)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to accept or deny the donation of one (1) park bench to the City of Harlingen from the Gramley Family to be placed at the Hugh Ramsey Nature Park in memory of Mr. Darius Gramley. Attachment (***Parks & Recreation***)
- 10) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 18 of the Harlingen Code of Ordinances establishing the rental fees for the Lon C. Hill Park Pavilions. Attachment (***Parks & Recreation***)
- 11) Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harlingen and South Texas Literacy Coalition (STLC) and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement for the installation of a Story Walk in the City Lake Park. Attachment (***Library***)
- 12) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied, authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas, authorizing hiring of legal counsel, finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company, finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel. Attachment (***Gabriel Gonzalez, Asst. City Manager***)
- 13) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:
 - a. Airport Board
 - b. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (5)
 - c. Audit Committee (3 - vacancy) (terms expired June, 2019)
 - d. Civil Service Commission
 - e. Community Development Advisory Board (1)
 - f. Construction Board of Adjustments (5)
 - g. Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
 - h. Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
 - i. Downtown Improvement District Board (1)
 - j. Golf Course Advisory Board
 - k. Harlingen Community Improvement Board (1)
 - l. Harlingen Housing Authority Board (5)
 - m. Harlingen Finance Corporation (5)
 - n. Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (14)
 - o. Library Advisory Board (1)
 - p. Mayor Wellness Council
 - q. Museum Advisory Board (1)
 - r. Parks Advisory Board
 - s. Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
 - t. Senior Citizens Advisory Board
 - u. Tax Increment Finance Board (7)
 - v. Utility Board of Trustees
 - w. Veterans Advisory Board

- w. Zoning Board of Adjustments (5)
- x. 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.

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, April 30th, 2021 at or before 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2021



Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary