

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 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, DECEMBER 1ST, 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 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 - Commissioner Michael Mezmar

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

- 1) Recognitions and Presentations
 - a) Recognition to the Harlingen High School South "Hawks" Football Team
 - b) Presentation by the Humane Society of Harlingen
- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular City Commission Meeting of August 4, 2021
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance of the City of Harlingen ordering and calling a Charter Amendment Election during the General Election, being May 7, 2022, on the question of an amendment to its Home Rule Charter to move the General Election date from the uniform election date in May to November. ***(Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Frank Puente)***
 - b) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending the Harlingen City Code Chapter 8, Aviation,, Article II, Section 8.86 to repeal Section 8.86 and to replace it with a new Section 8.86 regarding the created Composition, Appointment, Removal Terms, Vacancies and Ethics of the Airport Board. ***(Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Frank Puente)***
 - c) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending the Harlingen City Code, Article VII, Board, Commissioners and Authorities to repeal Section 20434 and replace it with a new Section 2-434 amending the manner in which City Board members may be removed. ***(Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Uribe and Commissioner Frank Puente)***

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) Consideration and possible action to approve a variance to the Subdivision Ordinance to allow a 14-foot dedication of right-of-way along Dixieland Road as opposed to the 34-foot dedication required as per the adopted thoroughfare plan for the proposed Bothwell Subdivision located at 1401 Dixieland Road. Applicant: Melden & Hunt, Inc. on behalf of Rick Caballero. ***(Planning & Development Dept)***

- 5) Consideration and possible action to authorize the purchase of a Skeeter Ford F-550 Type 5 Brush unit from Siddons- Martin Emergency Group, LLC for \$195,225.00 through buy board. **(Fire Dept)**
- 6) Consideration and possible action to approve the installation of street bumps at the following streets: Kingbird Drive between Viriole Lane and Red Oaks Avenue, Traxler Way between Bass Blvd. and the irrigation ditch and El Cielo Lindo Ct. between Wilson and the Cul-De-Sac. **(Item requested by Commissioner's Rene Perez and Frank Puente)**
- 7) Board Appointments
Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:

Airport Board
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (5)
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 (3)
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
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.

- 8) **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
 - a) Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.087(1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Harlingen has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations related to Project Cube. **(City Manager)**
 - b) Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.087 (1) regarding commercial or financial information that the government body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have located, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body, and 551.087 (2) to deliberate an offer of financial or other incentive to a

business prospect described by Section (1). **(City Manager)**

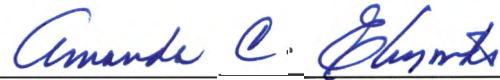
- c) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to receive privileged attorney client communication on confidential matter. **(Legal)**

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

- 9) Consideration and possible action to approve Item 8 (a), "Project Cube" as discussed in executive session. **(City Manager)**
- 10) Consideration and possible action to approve Item 8 (b) as discussed in executive session. **(City Manager)**
- 11) Consideration and possible action to approve Item 8 (c) as discussed in 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 November 24, 2021 at or before 10:00 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2021



Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary