

SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COMMISSION

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

DECEMBER 9, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission was held on Monday, December 9, 2013 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and City Commission

Mayor Chris Boswell
Danny Castillo, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1
Michael Mezmar, Commissioner District 3
Basilio "Chino" Sanchez, Commissioner District 4
Victor Leal, Commissioner District 5

Absent

Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner District 2

Staff Present:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Gabe Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Dan Serna, Assistant City Manager
Elena Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Alan Ozuna, Assigned Counsel

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order; a quorum was established. A notice of the meeting was duly posted according to state law and the following proceedings were held.

- 2) Consider and take action to confirm the City Manager's appointment of a department head of the Harlingen Police Department effective immediately and until another Chief of Police is appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the Harlingen City Commission.

Carlos Yerena, City Manager recommended appointment of Assistant Police Chief Stephen Mayer, as the Interim Police Chief.

- 1) Executive/Closed Session pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding personnel matters involving the appointment of an Interim Chief of Police for the City of Harlingen.

At 5:40 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission would convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Leal to convene into executive session to discuss Item No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanchez exited the executive session room and left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Boswell announced the City Commission had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.

Mayor Boswell entertained a motion for Item No. 2.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mezmar and seconded by Commissioner Leal to accept the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Stephen Mayer as Interim Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

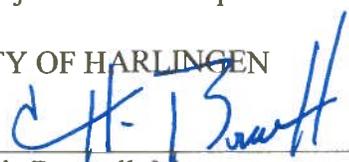
- 3) Consider and take action to approve a professional consulting services contract between the City of Harlingen and Thomas Whitten.

Mr. Yerena recommended approval of a contract between the City and Tom Whitten, former Chief of Police to provide professional consulting services to the Harlingen Police Department at a fee of \$1,000 per month. The contract would be effective as of this date and terminated by either party upon written notice.

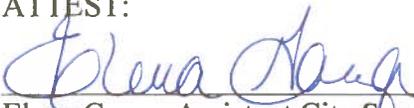
Motion was made by Commissioner Leal and seconded by Commissioner Mezmar to approve the contract between the City of Harlingen and Tom Whitten for a fee of \$1,000 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elena Garza, Assistant City Secretary