

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COMMISSION

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

June 4, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Chris Boswell
Danny Castillo, Mayor Pro-Tem District 1
Tudor Uhlhorn, District 2
Michael Mezmar, District 3
Basilio "Chino" Sanchez, Commissioner District 4
Victor Leal, Commissioner District 5

Staff Present

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary
Richard Bilbie, Interim City Attorney

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

Invocation/Victor Leal, City Commissioner

Commissioner Leal gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Mayor Boswell led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed those in attendance.

1) Public Announcement of Events

David Ralph, Public Information Officer announced the following events.

- a) New Views of Historic Downtown Harlingen Photo Exhibit –D'Arte Center , 115 Jackson Street, Thursday, June 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;
- b) Blues on the Hills Concert Series – McKelvey Park, Saturday, June 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m. to 11p.m.;
- c) Valley Kings of Comedy – Harlingen Municipal Auditorium, Saturday, June 28, 2014;
- d) 2nd Annual Freedom Festival & Ms. Stars & Stripes Pageant - Lon C. Hill-Fair Park , July 4th & 5th, TBA; and
- e) Rotary Club Bark Park Grand Opening – Victor Park, Friday, June 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

2) Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to performers who participated in the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Mayor Boswell and Commissioner Sanchez presented Certificates of Appreciation to Juan and Connie Salas who helped organize the Cinco de Mayo Celebration; Nora A. Estrada, Frutty Villarreal, Danny Leal, David de Jesus, Javier Jaramillo and Carlos Canas for performing at no cost to the City and Judge Mike Trejo for his contribution for a successful event.

3) Proclamation – proclaiming the month of June, 2014 as National Homeownership Month.

Mayor Boswell read and presented a proclamation to Olga Gonzalez of the Harlingen Community Development Corporation and Odet Vallejo, homeowner proclaiming the Month of June 2014 as "National Homeownership Month."

- 4) City of Harlingen’s Community –Wide TRASH-OFF DAY held Saturday, May 24, 2014, Soccer Complex Parking Lot – 4515 E. Harrison Street.

Carlos Yerena, City Manager thanked Jeff Lyssy, Parks Superintendent, his kids and Parks Department employees for assisting after the Cinco De Mayo Celebration. He reported on the Community-Wide Trash-Off Day held May 24, 2014 and stated 13.26 tons of debris and 140 tires were collected. He thanked members of La Luz de Mundo Church, Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department for volunteering their services in this event. The next Community Trash Off-Day was scheduled for August 23, 2014.

Mr. Yerena and Commissioner Leal presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of La Luz de Mundo Church, Tamayo Home for Boys and Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department for participating in the Community Trash-Off Day. Those present to receive the certificates were: Samuel Sanchez, Alejandro Soto, Joe Andres Flores, Dr. Samuel Joaquin Flores, Gabriel Rangel, Angel Rosales, Eduardo Mendoza, Isaac Torres, Eric Dimas, Abel Meza, and Leslie Villarreal.

- 5) Approval of Minutes
 - a) May 13, 2014 – Special Meeting
 - b) May 21, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner Leal to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6) Consider and take action to approve the final plat of Woodland Oaks Subdivision Phase I, being 15.798± acres with 2.690 acres out of Block 4 and 5.096 acres out of Block 5, Stuart Place Subdivision of Survey 138 and 8.012 acres out of Reserve Lot, Stuart Place Section I & Reserve, generally located along the north side of Queen Sago Road between Beckham Road and North Taos Drive.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mezmar and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castillo to approve the item under the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Public Hearing and take action to approve the One Year Action Plan (Budget) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (Year 40) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (Year 20) of the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

Tammy DeGannes, Community Development Director made a power point presentation on the allocations for the proposed One Year Action Plan Budget. The Community Development Advisory Board met six times to review the applications received for funding totaling \$3.5 million. The board cut \$2.5 million and arrived at the following recommendations.

C.D.B.G AND HOME FUNDS
PROPOSED 2014-2015 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

C.D.B.G. Allocation.....	\$ 801,930.00
HOME Allocation	\$ 231,912.00
Anticipated Program Income (from Rehabilitation, Economic Development to City)...	\$ 55,284.00
Anticipated Program Income (to HCDC).....	\$ 18,000.00
Combined Total Allocations.....	\$1,110,126.00
03F- Parks Recreation Facilities – CB Wood Park	\$175,000.00
05 – Public Services (People) Ronald McDonald House	\$5,000.00
05A - Public Services (Seniors) Seniors Companion Program	\$20,300.00
05D - Public Services (Youth) Boys & Girls Club	\$48,300.00
05D - Public Services (Youth) Girl’s Scouts	\$6,900.00
05M - Public Services (Health) Sunshine Haven	\$19,000.00
05N - Public Services (Health) CASA	\$19,000.00

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14A - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$252,430.00
14H - Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$96,000.00
21A – General Administration	<u>\$160,000.00</u>
Total CDBG Administration	\$801,930.00
12 – HOME Affordable Housing Program (Harlingen Community Development Corp.)	\$234,912.00
21H – HOME-Administrative Support	<u>\$23,000.00</u>
Total HOME Funding	\$257,912.00
14A – Housing Rehabilitation (anticipated RL program income)	\$55,284.00
12- Construction of Housing (anticipated AHP-RL Program Income)	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Program Income	<u>\$73,284.00</u>
Total Anticipated Funding	\$1,110,126.00

Commissioner Mezmar inquired if the federal government continued to allocate less funding.

Ms. DeGannes responded yes. This year the CDBG received \$26,000 less.

Public Hearing

Mayor Boswell announced this was a public hearing and anyone wishing to speak for or against the item could do so.

There being no comments, Mayor Boswell declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Boswell thanked and gave special recognition to the CDBG Board members for their hard work in making decisions regarding the allocation of funds to the different projects and organizations. He was pleased that C.B. Wood Park was allocated some funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castillo to approve the One Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Consider and take action to authorize the Community Development Director to negotiate the price for Aquatic Engineering Design and Construction Management Services for the Lon C. Hill Pool Renovation Project with the most qualified firm, The Brannon Corporation and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract after negotiation of price.

Ms. DeGannes stated thirty five engineering firms were notified of the request. Two firms submitted statement of qualifications for consideration. Staff evaluated statement of qualification and requested permission to negotiate a contract with the Brannon Corporation for the renovations at Lon C. Hill Pool.

Commissioner Mezmar stated he received numerous calls and complaints about the quality of the pool. The renovations were long overdue.

Motion was made Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner Leal to authorize the CDBG Director to negotiate the price for Aquatic Engineering Design and Construction Management Services with The Brannon Corporation for Lon C. Hill Pool and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Consider and take action to approve an ordinance on first reading to amend the City of Harlingen's budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Elvia Trevino, Finance Director stated the amendments were required to account for grants that were awarded after the fiscal year ended. She stated "Exhibit A" listed all fund budget revenues and expenditures which were as follows:

General Fund – Revenues increase by \$74,604 Expenditures increase by \$856,930

Special Investigation Fund– Expenditures increase by \$168,673

Hotel Motel Fund – Expenditures increase by \$619

Communication Center Fund – Revenue increase by \$41,235
Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant Fund - Revenues & Expenditures decrease by \$716,390
FEMA Jefferson Street Drainage Grant Fund-Revenue & Expenditures increase by\$207,212
TDRA Northwestern Area Drainage Fund – Revenues & Expenditures increase by \$68,969
TXDOT 25TH Street Trail Grant Fund – Revenues & Expenditures increase by \$4,654
3rd Street Drainage Ditch Imp. Fund – Revenues & Expenditures increase by \$530,000
\$132,500 in matching funds allocated from 2007 C.O. Bond Fund
Street Improvement Fund - Revenues Increase by &127,273 & expenditures increase by \$129,380
HCIB Fund – Expenditures increase by \$50,000
Infrastructure Fund - Revenues increase by \$220,000 & Expenditures increase by \$226,643
Sanitation Fund - Revenues increase by \$2,426 & Expenditures increase by \$679,265
Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum Fund - Expenditures increase by \$295
Municipal Golf Course Fund – Expenditures increase by \$397
Motor Vehicle & Warehouse Fund – Expenditures increase by \$44,600

Richard Bilbie, Interim City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Board Appointments

Mayor Boswell

Chris Bowell – Audit Committee (Re-appointment)
Michael Mezmar – Audit Committee (Re-appointment)
Michael Lamon – Audit Committee (Re-appointment)
Nicholas Consiglio – Harlingen Proud Advisory Board (Re-appointment)

Commissioner Sanchez

Ernesto Flores - Construction Board of Adjustments
Alfonso Gonzalez – Construction Board of Adjustment (Re-appointment)
Robert Dunkin – Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (Re-appointment)
Lorenzo Hernandez – Harlingen Proud Advisory Board (Re-appointment)
Jose Garcia – Harlingen Proud Advisory Board (Re-appointment)
Frank Garcia – Zoning Board of Adjustments (Re-appointment)
David Wolf – Zoning Board of adjustments (Re-appointment)
(For the record this appointments were done based on the list of boards presented to the City Secretary)

11) Citizen Communication

None.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary