

CITY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

March 18, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commission

Mayor Chris Boswell  
Mayor Pro-Tem Victor Leal, District 5  
Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner District 2  
Basilio "Chino" Sanchez, Commissioner District 4

Absent

Danny Castillo, Commissioner District 1  
Michael Mezmar, Commissioner District 3

Staff Present

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

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order and stated the meeting had been duly posted according to state law.

- 1) Public hearing to consider a petition for a voluntary annexation consisting of a 25.64 acre tract of land situated within Block 23 of the Palmetal Company Subdivision and also being the FM 509 right-of-way within Blocks 23-26, 39, and 40 of said Palmetal Company Subdivision, and establish the initial zoning to Light Industry ("LI") District for the 14.52 acre tract of land within Block 23 of said Palmetal Company Subdivision located on FM 509 north of Millennium Drive.

Joel Olivo, Planning and Zoning Manager stated the City of Harlingen and the Texas Department of Transportation submitted a petition for the voluntary annexation of a 25.64 acre tract of land. The subject property consisted of a 14.52 acre tract of land along with 150 feet wide by a 3,230 feet deep right-of-way strip (11.12 acres) located on FM 509. The City recently purchased the property and a two story commercial building located within the property. The building would be used for city offices to provide various public and emergency services to the Harlingen citizens. The 14.52 acre tract of land would be zone as Light Industry ("LI") District which was consistent with the City's Future Land Use Plan. Mr. Olivo recommended approval of the voluntary annexation.

a) Public Hearing

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

Yolanda Shoffeitt complained that she did not hear Mr. Olivo's presentation.

Mayor Boswell explained it was a voluntary annexation regarding the property purchased by the City formally known as the Ballenger Building for fire training and other city purposes.

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

- a) Consider and take action to accept the petition from the City of Harlingen and Texas Department of Transportation for voluntary annexation of the above described property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Leal to accept the petition from the City of Harlingen and the Texas Department of Transportation for voluntary annexation of the above described property. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Consider and take action to approve an ordinance on first reading for the voluntary annexation of a 25.64 acre tract of land situated within Block 23 of the Palmetal Company Subdivision, and also being the FM 509 right-of-way within Blocks 23-26, 39 and 40 of said Palmetal Company Subdivision, and establish the initial zoning to Light Industry ("LI") District for the 14.52 acre tract of land within Block 23 of said Palmetal Company Subdivision located on FM 509 north of Millennium Drive.

Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager read the caption of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Boswell adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF HARLINGEN

  
Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary