

April 20, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission was held on April 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Chris Boswell
Mayor Pro-Tem Victor Leal, District 5
Danny Castillo, City Commissioner District 1
Tudor Uhlhorn, City Commissioner, District 2
Michael Mezmar, City Commissioner District 3
Ruben De La Rosa, City Commissioner District 4

Staff Present

Dan Serna, City Manager
Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary
Richard Bilbie, City Attorney

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was duly posted according to State law. The following proceedings were held.

Invocation/Commissioner Uhlhorn

Commissioner Uhlhorn gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

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

1) Special Recognition

Dan Serna, City Manger stated he would like to recognize Mrs. Elvia Trevino, Finance Director for forty (40) years of service to the City of Harlingen. Mrs. Trevino started as a clerk was now the Finance Director. He compliment her for a great job and was an inspiration to others staff members.

Mayor Boswell presented Mrs. Trevino a plaque and congratulated her on behalf of the City Commission and staff members. The City's financial condition has been stable and part of it was because of Mrs. Trevino. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Trevino for her services and hard work.

2) Presentation of proclamations proclaiming the following:

Mayor Boswell read and presented proclamations to following recipients.

a) May 1st - 7th, 2016 as "Drinking Water Week."

Mr. Josh Fields, Utility Board of Trustees, Chairman and Ms. Nilda Sanchez, staff member.

b) Month of May, 2016 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month."

This item was pass on to the next regular meeting.

c) May 1st -7th, 2016 as "National Travel & Tourism Week"

Ms. Melissa A. Landin and Ms. Esmeralda Martinez, CVB.

Mayor Boswell thanked all of the recipients for their great work and services to the City of Harlingen.

3) Report on the Community Wide Trash-Off Day held April 2, 2016.

Juan Leal, Code Enforcement Manager reported the Community Wide Trash-Off Day was held at the Soccer Complex Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A total of 100 tires and 6.70 tons of debris were collected. He thanked the Military Marine Academy, Commissioner De La Rosa, and the DeLua Family for their continued participation in the City's Wide Trash-Off Day.

4) Report on the Neighborhood Clean-Sweep held April 9, 2016.

Mr. Leal reported the Neighborhood Clean-Sweep started from W. Cleveland, W. McKinley & W. Roosevelt from South "B" to Circle Place in District 4. Thirty-six tires and 4.4 tons of debris were collected. He thanked the Delua and De La Rosa family; Tamayo House and other participants for assisting in the Neighborhood Clean Sweep. The next Clean up event was schedule for May 14, 2016 at the Harlingen Ad-Hoc School from Aragon Drive to S. Arden starting on Arbor, Adrian, Ann Arbor and Acadia between 8:00 am -12 noon.

5) Presentation by the Fire Chief, Roy Rubio regarding the Emergency Management Division Hurricane Preparedness Meeting held in Harlingen, Texas, April 11, 2016.

Roy Rubio, Fire Chief reported a meeting was held for City department heads in regards to Emergency Management Division Hurricane Preparedness to review all annexes. Information was also provided by John Ovalle, Region Officer from the Texas State Department. The Air Evacuation Exercise was schedule for June 8, 2015 at Cameron County. The City of Harlingen would be activating the Emergency Operation Center for a practice drill on June 6th starting at noon and ending on June 8th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. for a hurricane preparedness exercise. There would be representatives from FEMA, Texas A&M, State Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety and Department of State Health Services. The exercise program consisted of doing a role play and evacuating about 460 individuals. They would be flown to Dallas, Texas from the Harlingen Valley International Airport and would fly them back into Harlingen. Several other local entities would be involve in the role play. This would be a test for the whole Cameron County area and would allow the City the opportunity to test the EOC activation system.

Mayor Boswell said it was a great exercise for the region and appreciated Chief Rubio's leadership.

6) Presentation by the MPO Director regarding "Viva Streets Harlingen Event."

Joel Garza, MPO Director stated Viva Streets Harlingen was an Open Streets Event and would be held in the Downtown Area on Jackson Avenue from Commerce Street to 6th Street and from 6th Street to the Harlingen Public Library. One mile of Harlingen streets would be converted into a safe, fun, and open environment for walking, cycling, skating, jogging, aerobic classes, and much more for the whole family. The event would be on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Along with the Viva Streets Event, the City of Harlingen and Footwork's would be sponsoring a 5K Adventure Run/Walk to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Harlingen. The 5K Run/Walk would at 8:15 a.m. and would start and end at the Harlingen Public Library. They partnered with the school district and had informed them that the campus with the most signed-in would receive a trophy for the first year.

Mayor Boswell thanked Mr. Garza for organizing the first time Viva Street Event and were excited about it.

7) Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting of March 16, 2016

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal and seconded by Commissioner De La Rosa to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 with a correction on Page 7, line 34 & 35 to read "power plant" instead of "company." Motion carried unanimously

- 8a) Consider and take action to approve a request from Saint Anthony's Catholic Church to close Van Buren Avenue between 10th and 11th Street, Friday, April 22, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their Annual Walk-A-Thon.
- b) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance designating a "No Parking Zone" along the north and south side of Kimble Avenue.
- c) Consider and take action to approve the final plat of the proposed M.V. Soto Subdivision, being a 4.287 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block 32, Stuart Place Subdivision Survey 298 located on the north side of Drury Lane west of Altas Palmas Road. Applicant: Juan Alonzo of Vanguard Engineering, c/o Marcelo and Vanessa Soto.
- d) Consider and take action to approve a refund of property taxes to Lereta (Tamez Aida), Acct. #16-1160-0020-0130-00 for \$1,444.08 due to a homestead adjustment and 100% veteran's exemption for Years 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to approve the items under the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

For the record, the caption of the Ordinance No 16-24 read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-24

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A "NO PARKING ZONE" ON THE NORTH SIDE AND SOUTH SIDE OF KIMBLE AVENUE BEGINNING AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH BONITO ROAD EXTENDING WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 185 LINEAR FEET IN LENGTH; AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OF VEHICLES PARKED IN SAID "NO PARKING ZONE"; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 6th day of April, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on this 20th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF HARLINGEN
/s/ Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

- 9) Consider and take action to approve a Resolution of Reinstatement of the Qualified Retirement 401 (a) Plan for the City of Harlingen.

Mr. Serna stated a resolution was required to adopt the conditions of the TCG Retirement Plan for City employees. All the conditions of the plan remained the same on the contribution side. He recommended approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mezmar and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Leal to approve a Resolution of Reinstatement of the Qualified Retirement 401 (a) Plan for the City of Harlingen. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Consider and take action to approve the Governmental Volume Submitter Plan Adoption Agreement for the City of Harlingen's 401(a) Plan and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Mr. Serna stated this item was related to Item No. 9 and would authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Uhlhorn and seconded by Commissioner De La Rosa to approve the Governmental Volume Submitter Plan Adoption Agreement for the City of

Harlingen's 401(a) Plan and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Board Appointments

Commissioner Mezmar

Minerva Simpson - Zoning Board of Adjustments (Re-Appointment)

Commissioner de la Rosa

Alma Becerra - Harlingen Proud Advisory Board (New Appointment)

Jerry A. Rounds - Harlingen Proud Advisory Board (New Appointment)

Mayor-Pro Tem Leal

Elizandro Munoz - Zoning Board of Adjustments (New Appointment)

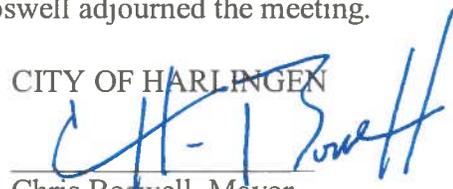
Motion was made by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn to approve the re-appointment of Minerva Simpson to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and appointment of Alma Becerra and Jerry Rounds to the Harlingen Proud Advisory Board; and Elizandro Muniz to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Citizen Communication

Mr. Jaime Rodriguez, 217 West Harding Avenue, thanked Commissioner de la Rosa and Mr. Serna for responding to his concern on the needs of the neighborhood. The pictures provided by Code Enforcement showed some wires on the trees which related to the issue with a AEP. Eight years had pass since Hurricane Dolly and probably this was the last time AEP took any action to trim the trees.

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

CITY OF HARLINGEN


Chris Boswell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary