

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
HARLINGEN ELECTIVE COMMISSION
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HARLINGEN, INC.**

MARCH 22, 2010

A Special Joint Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission and the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. was held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and City Commission

Mayor Chris Boswell
Robert Leftwich, Mayor Pro Tem
Larry Galbreath, Commissioner District 1
Kori Marra, Commissioner District 3
Joey Trevino, Commissioner District 5

Absent:

Jerry Prepejchal, Commissioner District 4

Development Corporation Board Members:

Armando Elizarde, President
Scott Alex, Vice President
Terry Gray, Secretary
Eddie Medrano, Treasurer

Absent:

Rick Rodriguez, EDC Board Member

Staff Members present:

Bill Martin, EDC CEO Gabriel Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
Brendan Hall, EDC Attorney Roxann P. Cotroneo, City Attorney
Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary
Raul Sanchez, Sr. Accountant

Others Present: Randy Whittington, Nic Consiglio

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order on behalf of the Harlingen Elective Commission.

Armando Elizarde called the meeting to order on behalf of the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.

With everyone's consensus, Mayor Boswell proceeded with Item No. 2 first, which required action by the City Commission only.

MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AS GOOGLE FIBER COMMUNITIES APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN AND THE COMMUNITY TO GOOGLE

Nic Consiglio explained, in summary, that Google launched a campaign to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the country. Google will deliver internet speeds at more than 100 times faster than what most individuals currently have access today with 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the home connections. The parties involved will be Charley Kidder, Rick Ledesma, his brother, Dominic and VTX BroadBand. Mr. Consiglio explained that they have all the data they need and are ready to submit the application. A stimulus grant will be awarded and Harlingen has a very good chance of being awarded the money. This is a tremendous opportunity for the City.

Mayor Boswell affirmed that there is no commitment of funds at this time—just a lot of cooperation to experiment with internet capability. One of the advantages is that VTX

has already received stimulus money to expand their capabilities and this will be a plus for Harlingen. Nic Consiglio also pointed out that VTX actually has a direct connection to Mexico.

Commissioner Galbreath made a motion to authorize the Mayor to submit the application as recommended and explained by Nic Consiglio. Commissioner Leftwich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Galbreath made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D., *V.T.C.A. Government Code*, for legal consultation with attorney (Section 551.071), the exchange or value of real property (Section 551.072), and deliberations regarding prospective economic development negotiations (Section 551.087), regarding:

- (a) city consultant's advice, opinion and recommendations (Section 552.111), Subchapter C., *V.T.C.A. Government Code* relating to development of University of Texas Health Science Center – South Texas and four-year medical school; and
- (b) proposed contractual agreement between Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. and South Texas Medical Foundation.

Commissioner Leftwich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Scott Alex made the same motion as above on behalf of the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. Terry Gray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D.,
V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION WITH
ATTORNEY (SECTION 551.071), THE EXCHANGE OR VALUE OF REAL
PROPERTY (SECTION 551.072), AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING
PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS (SECTION
551.087), REGARDING:**

- (c) CITY CONSULTANT'S ADVICE, OPINION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS (SECTION 552.111), SUBCHAPTER C., V.T.C.A.
GOVERNMENT CODE) RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER – SOUTH
TEXAS AND FOUR-YEAR MEDICAL SCHOOL; AND**
- (d) PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HARLINGEN, INC. AND SOUTH
TEXAS MEDICAL FOUNDATION.**

The Executive Session convened at 4:15 p.m. and concluded at 6:32 p.m. with no action taken in closed session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Chris Boswell, Mayor

Armando Elizarde, EDC Board President

Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary