Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. via videoconference, while providing the public the ability to view the meeting via internet live streaming at www.myharlingen.us and the City of Harlingen Facebook Page.

In accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Harlingen, Texas will conduct the meeting via videoconference and provide viewing for the public using live stream in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). To view the City Commission meeting live, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on "CITY COMMISSION LIVE."

The public will be permitted to offer citizen communication or participate in items listed as public hearings telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted for City staff to read aloud during the meeting.

To offer citizen communication or participate in scheduled public hearings telephonically, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on “PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORM.” Fill out the form and indicate the item you wish to address, and submit the form.

Please indicate (1) the agenda item on which you wish to speak, (2) whether you prefer to speak on the item during citizen communication or at the time the agenda item is brought for consideration before the City Commission, and (3) a working telephone number at which you may be reached to submit your comments. The City will then call you when the item you wish to address is being considered. You will then address the City Commission through speakerphone, and your call will be made audible to the City Commission and to the public through the live stream. Please submit this request before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

To submit written comments for City staff to read aloud during the meeting, go to www.myharlingen.us and click on “PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORM” write your comments (limited to 400 words or less) and submit the form.

Please submit written comments before 5 p.m. the day of the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City of Harlingen meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary’s Office at (956) 216-5001 or write Post Office Box 2207, Harlingen, Texas 78550 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The Harlingen City Commission reserves the right, pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to enter into closed executive session on any item posted on the agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for closed discussion.

Invocation – Frank Puente, City Commissioner
Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Presentation of Proclamations:
   a) Proclaiming the week of May 4-9, 2020 as "National Economic Development Week"
   b) Proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 2020 as "National Public Works Week"

2) Approval of Minutes
   a) Special Meeting of the City Commission of April 24, 2020
   b) Joint Special Meeting of the City Commission and Harlingen Water Works System of November 6, 2019
   c) Special City Commission Meeting of November 1, 2019

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background material on each item and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote, without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Commission member. Items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration in their normal sequence will be heard after the remainder of the Consent Agenda has been acted upon.

3a) Investment Report for the City of Harlingen for the quarter ending March 30, 2020. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

   b) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Maria G. Valdez, Acct. #23-6970-0040-0110-00 for $592.58 due to a homestead reinstatement and disabled veteran's exemption for Year 2018-2019. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

   c) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance to amend the Planned Development ("PD") Site Plan to adjust the layout and land use for a 16.49 acres out of 18 acres, out of Block 6, F.Z. Bishop Subdivision, Survey 41, located on the west side of Tucker Road, north of Garret Road. Applicant: Juan Garcia of JNH Surveying Co. LLC. c/o Elena Villarreal. Attachment (Planning and Zoning)

4) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of Harlingen Police Department with the U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to designate a Task Force Officer to perform certain HSI duties. Attachment (Police Dept.)

5) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department, to submit a grant application for a proposed $57,650.00 made available through the Officer of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division, to provide additional overtime hours for manpower, enhance, and improve border security under the Operation Stone Garden Program (OPSG). Attachment (Police Dept.)

6) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to amend the City of Harlingen's budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

7) Consideration and possible action to prioritize landscape beautification projects at gateways into our city and authorize the City Manager to utilize the $270,000 grant funding from the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) to construct the improvements for priority Project #1. Attachment (Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager)

8) Consideration and possible action to change the primary and alternate appointments from the City of Harlingen to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO). (Carlos Sanchez, Asst. City Manager)

9) Consideration and possible action to approve the preliminary ranking of the Insurance Consulting Firms for Professional Consultant Services for Insurances to assist in researching, developing, and implementing an employee self/fully funded Health Insurance, Life, AD&D, Employee Assistance Program, Vision Insurance, Dental Insurance, and Cafeteria Plan and Products, and Windstorm Insurance, and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked firm. Attachment (Human Resources)

10) Board Appointments

Discussion and possible action regarding membership on any of the following listed board/entity:

a. Airport Board (2)
b. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (1)
c. Audit Committee (1 - vacancy) (terms expired June, 2019)
d. Civil Service Commission (2)
e. Community Development Advisory Board (1)
f. Construction Board of Adjustments (5)
g. Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
h. Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. (1)
i. Downtown Improvement District Board (1)
j. Golf Course Advisory Board
k. Harlingen Community Improvement Board
l. Harlingen Housing Authority Board (2)
m. Harlingen Finance Corporation (4)
n. Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (4)
o. Library Advisory Board (1)
p. Mayor Wellness Council
q. Museum Advisory Board (1)
r. Parks Advisory Board
s. Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
t. Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)
u. Tax Increment Finance Board (7)
v. Utility Board of Trustees
w. Veterans Advisory Board
x. Zoning Board of Adjustments (4)
y. Complete Census Committee

Specifically, appointment or discussion and possible action to include appointment bylaws and/or removal of any position subject to appointment or removal by statute, ordinance or bylaws.

Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Regular Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission is a true and correct copy of said notice posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of said City of Harlingen, Texas in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and on the Corporation's Internet Website and said Notice was posted on Friday, May 1st, 2020, at or before 12:15 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 1st, day of May, 2020

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary