CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20TH, 2020
@ 5:30 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, 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 – Mayor Chris Boswell
Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Approval of Minutes

   a) Regular Meeting of April 1, 2020
   b) Joint Special Meeting of the City Commission and Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. April 21, 2020

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.

2a) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance amending the City of Harlingen’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

   b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Cameron County Election Department to use the Cultural Art Center, Studio A & B located on 576 “76” Drive, Harlingen, Texas, July 6 thru July 10, 2020 as an Early Voting site for the 2020 Democratic and Republican Runoff Election. Attachment (Public Building)

   c) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Popp Hutcheson, PLLC on behalf of the LCV Partnership LTD, Acct. #17-1100-0000-0010-00 in the amount of $6,141.90 due to a change of value for Year 2019 as per agreed Judgment Cause #2019-DCL-04847. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

   d) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Popp Hutcheson, PLLC on behalf of Lowe’s Home Centers, Inc., Acct. #21-6242-0010-0010-00 in the amount of $1,863.29 due to change in value for Year 2019 as per agreed Judgment Cause #2019-DCL-5297. Attachment (Finance Dept.)

3) Presentation by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA(s) and Advisors, regarding the City of Harlingen Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (Finance)
4) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application in reference to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program FY 20 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office – Criminal Justice Division. Attachment (Police Dept.)

5) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application in reference to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program FY 20 from the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance. Attachment (Police Dept.)

6) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the Harlingen Fire Department to submit a resolution as part of the Homeland Security Grant Application process for Year 2020/2021 for $28,750.00 for (1) Polaris Ranger and (1) Firelite Transport Darley for the Regional Hazmat UTV Transport Vehicle Project Grant App #4049401. Attachment (Fire Dept.)

7) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s Application to amend Distribution Cost Recovery Factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied. Attachment (Gabriel Gonzalez, Asst. City Manager)

8) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract agreement for consulting services to develop a Regional 5 Year Consolidated and Strategic Plan. Attachment (Gabriel Gonzalez, Asst. City Manager)

9) Consideration and possible action to enter into a Laboratory Services Agreement with Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Attachment (Health)

10) Consideration and possible action to enter into a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement with Valley Med Urgent Care as it relates to COVID-19 Testing for Harlingen residents and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Attachment (Health)

11) 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 (4)
c. Audit Committee (2 - 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 (2)
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 (1)
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.

12) Executive/Closed Session - Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Gov't Code to provide legal advice and counsel in connection with the City's rights, duties, privileges, and obligations in connection with Federal Aviation Administration correspondence pertaining to ARFF performance issues and related legal matters. (City Manager)

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 15th, 2020, at or before 3:00 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 15th, day of May, 2020

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary