CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3rd, 2020
@ 5:30 P.M.
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Harlingen, Texas, and provide 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 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 Pro-Tem Michael Mezmar

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Presentation of Proclamation - proclaiming the month of June, 2020 as “Homeownership Month.”

2) Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular City Commission Meeting of April 15, 2020

3) Public Hearing and take action to approve a substantial amendment on the proposed substantial amendment regarding the City of Harlingen’s request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow a one year extension to the City’s 5 Year Consolidated Plan for the period of 2015-2019. This amendment consists of extending the end date from 2020 to 2021. Attachment (Community Development)

4) Public Hearing and take action to approve a substantial amendment to the City of Harlingen’s 2018-19 One Year Action Plan in the amount of $151,804.00; and a substantial amendment to the 2019-20 One Year Action Plan in the amount of $57,050.00. Attachment (Community Development)

5) Public Hearing and take action on amending the City of Harlingen’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan (2019-2020) to include the special allocation of $522,136 in CDBG-CV funds authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Attachment (Community Development)

6) Public Hearing and take action to approve the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Attachment (Community Development)

7) Public Hearing and take action to approve One Year Action Plan (Budget) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Year 46) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Year 26) of the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Attachment (Community Development)

8) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading to rezone from General Retail ("GR") District to Planned Development ("PD") District to allow for a single family residential and multi-family residential use for a 14.64 acre tract, out of Lots 15-16, Block 146, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, located on the
north side of Haine Dr., east of Treasure Haven Dr. Applicant: Armando Elizarde. Attachment (Planning & Zoning)

a) Public Hearing

b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to rezone from General Retail ("GR") District to Planned Development ("PD") District to allow for a single family residential and multi-family residential use for a 14.34 acre tract, out of Lots 15-16, Block 146, San Benito Land Water Company Subdivision, located at the above described property.

9) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an Adult Business (Microblading Studio) in a General Retail (GR) District located at 5505 S Expressway 77 Suite 204, bearing a legal description of Lot 1, Block 1, Harlingen Medical Center Subdivision. Applicant: Diana Lozano, MD. Attachment (Planning & Zoning)

a) Public Hearing

b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an Adult Business (Microblading Studio) in a General Retail (GR) District at the above described property.

10) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting the anticipated Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvements Program (AIP) Grant 3-48-0101-063-20, contingent upon the receipt of the FAA Grant. Attachment (Airport)

11) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting the Valley International Airport’s amended Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Attachment (Airport)

12) Consideration and possible action to approve a four (4) grant agreements authorizing the disbursement of site improvement grant funds of $1,500 to Ricardo Rodriguez, Ken Soles, Roy E. Garrison III, and Maria Cortez, subject to the recipients meeting all of its obligations under the agreement. Attachment (Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.)

13) Consideration and possible action to approve the installation of a speed hump on Wild Persimmon between Wild Orchid and Wild Olive. Attachment (Mayor)

14) Consideration and possible action to accept or reject bids and award a contract for the 2019-2020 Street Improvement Program Project under bid number 2020-09. Attachment (Engineering)

15) Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the possible resumption of in person City Commission meetings or continuation of Zoom City Commission meetings. (Mayor)

16) 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 (2)
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 29th, 2020, at or before 4:20 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 29th, day of May, 2020

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary