Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 15th, 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 – Richard Uribe, City Commissioner
Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Proclamation – proclaiming the week of April 13th through April 17th, 2020 as “Community Development Block Grant Week”

2) Presentation in regards to City of Harlingen response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Attachment (Carlos A. Sanchez, Asst. City Manager, Police Dept and Fire Dept)

3) Presentation by South Texas Emergency Care Foundation.

4) Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting of March 18, 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.

5a) Second and final reading to approve an ordinance to abandon and vacate a portion of a 1.0 foot non-access easement being a 0.00037 acre tract of land more or less (16 square feet), out of Lot 33, Block 1, Thomasville Estate Subdivision, located at 2802 Georgia Court. Applicant: Hector M. Saldivar Attachment (Planning and Zoning)

b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from the Rotary Shrimp Fest of South Texas, Inc. to close Jackson Avenue from 1st Street to Commerce Street and “A” Street from Van Buren to Monroe Avenue from 2 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. for their 2020 Shrimp Fest Event on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Lozano Park from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attachment (Police Dept.)

c) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by 99 Cent Stores, Acct. #00-0100-8000-1295-08 for the amount of $861.17 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)

d) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of property taxes paid by Southern Multifoods Inc., Acct. #22-9340-0010-0020-00 for the amount of $893.26 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)

e) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of taxes paid by GMRI Inc., Acct. #00-0100-0217-6500-93 for the amount of $862.23 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)
f) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of taxes paid by Cheddar’s Casual Café Inc., Acct. #00-0100-2018-1118-00 for the amount of $2,143.32 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)

g) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of taxes paid by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (Popp Hutcheson PLLC), Acct. #00-0100-0240-5310-00 for the amount of $2,721.03 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)

h) Consideration and possible action to approve a refund of taxes paid by Sam’s East Inc. (Popp Hutcheson PLLC), Acct. #00-0100-2015-0204-00 for the amount of $4,117.18 due to an adjustment of value. Attachment (Finance)

6) Public hearing to consider on ordinance on first reading 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)

a) Public Hearing

b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading 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 at the above location.

7) Consideration and possible action to approve the Annual Investment Policy for the City of Harlingen. Attachment (Finance)

8) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Marshals Service, to join efforts to investigate and apprehend local, state, and federal fugitives to improve public safety and reduce violent crime. Attachment: (Police Dept.)

9) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Award via the Harlingen Police Education and Community Fund Inc. in the amount of $22,240.00 for the purchase of 10 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and 350 Combat Application Tourniquets (CAT) with pouches. Attachment (Police Dept.)

10) Consideration and possible action to accept or reject bids and award the contract for the construction of the Tennis Center Pro Shop at Pendleton Park under Bid No. 2020-07 to the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents. Attachment (Parks Dept.)

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 (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.

12) Executive Closed Session

a) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 552.071, Texas Gov’t Code, to receive legal advice and counsel with respect to the City’s rights, duties, privileges, and obligations relating to existing installment agreements related to the payment of hotel occupancy taxes. (City Manager)

b) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Gov’t Code to receive legal advice and counsel with respect to the City’s rights, duties, privileges and obligations pertaining to the existing franchise license agreement for the provision of emergency medical and transport services by the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation (STECF) and related legal issues between STECF and the City of Harlingen, Texas. (Legal)

13) Consideration and possible action, if any, to direct administrative and legal staff to take the necessary steps to modify the existing licenses, agreements, ordinances, and resolutions to allow for alternative outside ambulatory services and care within the City of Harlingen and its surrounding areas, to temporarily remove STECF’s exclusive rights in order to offer a choice of ambulatory services for a period of six months or until the Governor and County Judge lift the
state of emergency, whichever comes first, and to present the required legal instruments for consideration and action. *(Commissioner Puente & Commissioner Uribe)*

Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting is a true and correct copy of said notice posted on the City's bulletin board, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Avenue, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said notice was posted on Thursday, April 09th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 09th day of April, 2020

Mayra Herrera, Asst. City Secretary