CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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, August 5, 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 YouTube 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 4 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 4 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) Board Recognition

2) Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting of July 1, 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.

3a) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a group home facility in a Residential Single-Family (R-1) District located at 221 McGregor Street, bearing a legal description of the North Part of Lot 9 and the South 66.4 ft. of Lot 9, Block D, Hunter No. 2 Subdivision. Applicant: Lolly Burns. Attachment (Planning & Zoning)

b) Second and final reading to approve and adopt an ordinance for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a school in a Single Family Residential (R-1) District located at 401 N. 21st Street, bearing a legal description of 1.54 acres, part of Block 64, Harlingen Land & Water Co. Subdivision. Applicant: Daniel Ybarra. Attachment (Planning & Zoning)

c) Second and final reading to adopt an ordinance approving the negotiated resolution between the City of Harlingen and Texas Gas Service regarding the company’s April 30, 2020 Cost of Service Adjustment filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable. Attachment (Gabriel Gonzalez, Asst. City Manager)

d) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Harlingen to accept funding in reference to a grant application submitted by the Harlingen Police Department to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding
Program FY 20 formula grant solicitation from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office – Criminal Justice Division. Attachment *(Police Dept.)*

e) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to submit a grant application to the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2020 JAG Local Formula Solicitation. Attachment *(Police Dept.)*

4) Consideration and possible action to propose a desired Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, schedule a public hearing to be held Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. and authorize the publishing of the required notice for said public hearing. Attachment *(Finance)*

5) Consideration and possible action to approve the Harlingen Helps Site Improvement Grant Agreement authorizing the disbursement of site improvements grants funds of $1,500 to El Vaquero Adult Daycare. Attachment *(Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.)*

6) Consideration and possible action to approve a proposal from the Boy Scout, Modesto Abers, who will fund and construct improvements to Hugh Ramsey Nature Park as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Attachment *(Parks and Recreation)*

7) Consideration and possible action to authorize staff to contract LED Electric and Lighting Contractors, LLC utilizing the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program in lieu of bids or RFP’s for the electrical repairs to Town Hall and to include the replacement of the emergency generator. Attachment *(Parks & Recreation)*

8) Consideration and possible action to accept or reject the recommended logo change for the Tony Butler Golf Course. Attachment *(Parks & Recreation)*

9) Consideration and possible action to award the Voluntary Whole Life Insurance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, naming the insurance agents and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract as recommended by Scott Gibbs, City’s Insurance Consultant. Attachment *(Human Resources)*

10) Presentation by the Planning and Development Director on Storm Water Pollution Awareness and Prevention. Attachment *(Planning and Zoning)*

11) Public hearing and action to amend the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 111, Zoning, Article XII, Section 111-329 Gasoline Stations, by deleting this section in its entirety. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment *(Planning & Zoning)*

   a) Public Hearing
b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to amend the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 111, Zoning, Article XII, Section 111-329 Gasoline Stations, by deleting this section in its entirety.

12) Public hearing and possible action to amend the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 103-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, Section 103-2: Restrictions on Permits for Storage or Dispensation Facilities, by deleting this section in its entirety. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment *(Planning and Zoning)*

a) Public Hearing

b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to amend the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 103-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, Section 103-2: Restrictions on Permits for Storage or Dispensation Facilities, by deleting this section in its entirety.

13) 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 (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 (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
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.
14) Executive/Closed Session on the following items:

   a) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section §551.071(2), of the Texas Government Code, to receive legal advice and counsel in connection with the City's rights, duties, privileges, and obligations under Chapters 143 and 174 of the Texas Local Government Code and related to the collective bargaining labor agreement between the City and the duly recognized bargaining agent for the City's law enforcement personnel, the Harlingen Police Officers Law Enforcement Association (HPOLEA). (City Manager)

   b) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Government Code to receive legal advice and counsel in connection with the City's rights, duties, privileges, obligations, possible resolution, and related legal issues arising out of acceptable expenditures for temporary hazard pay for police and fire personnel under the CARES Act. (City Manager)

15) Discussion and possible action to provide a temporary Covid-19 hazard pay stipend to the Fire and/or Police Department civil service employees. (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, July 31, 2020, at or before 4:25 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2020

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary