CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 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, July 15, 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 – Commissioner Frank Puente

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Citizen Communication/Input

1) Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020

2) Consideration and possible action to award the Employee Health & Group 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)

3) Consideration and possible action to renew the Voluntary Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Voluntary Vision Insurance, and Voluntary Dental Insurance Plans for the City of Harlingen Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Attachment (Human Resources)

4) 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)

5) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a group home 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)
   a) Public Hearing
   b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a group home in a Residential Single-Family (R-1) District, at the above described property.

6) Public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading 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)
   a) Public Hearing
   b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a school in a Single Family Residential (R-1) District at the above described property.

7) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department to submit a grant application in reference to the Southwest Border
Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program from the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance. Attachment (Police Dept.)

8) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and the Harlingen Police Department to staff Police Officers as School Resource Officers (SRO). Attachment (Police Dept.)

9) Consideration and possible action to accept or reject proposals and award the contract for the Hunter Park Improvement Project under Proposal No. 2020-11 to the most responsible respondent submitting the most advantageous design, product and to waive any informalities. Attachment (Parks & Recreation Dept.)

10) Consideration and possible action to permit the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District to install a temporary crosswalk across Haine Drive, adjacent to Treasure Hills Elementary School. Attachment (Engineering)

11) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of commitment for the TCEQ on-Point Source Program FY 2020 Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant Program for the Design and Construction of the City Hall Parking Lot and Traffic Medians Using Low Impact Development Methods; and Development of Feasibility Study for the Dredging of the Llano Grande Lake located along the Arroyo Colorado Floodway. Attachment (Carlos A. Sanchez, Asst. City Manager)

12) Consideration and possible action on adopting 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)

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 (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  
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 - a) Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Gov't. Code to receive legal advice pertaining to the City's rights, duties, privileges, and obligations under the Convention Center Lease and Operation Agreement and the Working Capital Fund contemplated therein, and related legal issues. *(City Manager)*

15) Consideration and possible action regarding the direction to be taken pursuant to the Convention Center Lease and Operation Agreement and Working Capital Fund. *(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 10, 2020, at or before 4:15 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2020

[Signature]

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary