

HARLINGEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING

October 8, 2015

A meeting of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board was held Wednesday, October 8, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at Town Hall, City Hall located at 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Harlingen Community Improvement Board

Jesse Robles - President

Paul Durant

John Guevara

Danny Villarreal

Daniel Arazia

Gina Cano-Monreal

Staff Present

Dan Serna, Interim City Manager

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

Richard Bilbie, City Attorney

Elvia Trevino, Finance Director

President Jesse Robles called the meeting to order and stated the agenda had been duly posted accordingly to State Law.

- 1) Consider and take action to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015.

Motion was made by John Guevara and seconded by Paul Durant to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Executive/Closed Session on the following items:

- a) pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A>, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and 551.072 regarding the negotiations for the purchase and redevelopment of the Baxter Building in downtown Harlingen and possibly seek legal advice from consel regarding said negotiations between the City of Harlingen and Flint Hills Development Group, LLC.

- b) pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D. V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.087 regarding deliberations related to the economic development negotiations with respect to the Hotel/Conference Center Project and or to discuss or deliberate financial matters and possibly seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the matter.

At 12:07 p.m., President Robles announced the Harlingen Community Development Board would convene into executive session to discuss Item 2 (a) and (b).

Motion was made by Paul Durant and seconded by John Guevara to go into executive session to discuss Item No. 2 (a) and (b). Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:40 p.m., President Robles announced the Harlingen Community Development Board had completed its executive session and declared the meeting open to the public.

- 3) Consider and take action to authorize the Interim City Manager to retain an architect to draft and submit an application for the state and federal historic tax credits for Baxter Building Project and to prepare the schematics and rendering in support of the application.

Dan Serna, Interim City Manager recommended the approval of the Norman Alston Architectural Firm to submit an application for state and federal historic tax credits for the Baxter Building and the allocation of \$40,000 for their services.

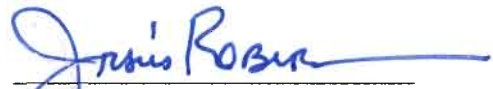
Motion was made by Danny Villarreal and seconded by John Guevara to approve Norman Alston Architectural Firm and the allocation of \$40,000 for their services. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consider and take action to authorize the Interim City Manager to retain the Law Firm, of McCall, Pankhurst & Horton, L.L.P. to draft a development agreement for the proposed conference center.

Mr. Serna recommended the approval of the allocation of \$45,000 to retain the Law Firm of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP for the proposed conference center.

Motion was made by John Guevara and seconded by Gina Cano-Monreal to approve the recommendation of Interim City Manager to retain the law firm of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP and to draft a development agreement for the proposed conference center Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, President Robles adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.



Jesse Robles, President

ATTEST:



Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary