

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2025
@ 5:30 PM
CITY HALL, TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, 118 E. TYLER AVENUE
HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas and provide the public the ability to view the meeting via internet live-streaming at www.harlingentx.gov and the City of Harlingen YouTube Page.

The public will be permitted to offer citizen communication or participate in items listed as public hearings as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

To offer citizen communication or participate in scheduled public hearings, go to www.harlingentx.gov 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.

To submit written comments requesting an item for City Secretary, go to www.harlingentx.gov 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 3:00 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 (356) 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.

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order**
 - a) Invocation - Mayor Pro-Tem Ford Kinsley
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance
 - c) Welcome Citizens
- 2) **Conflict of Interest**

"Under State Law, a conflict of interest exists if a commission member, or certain members of that person's family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item. Are there any known conflicts of interest to disclose at the time?" **(City Attorney)**
- 3) **Announcements:** *With respect to items not listed elsewhere on this agenda, the City Commission may report on items of community interest, including announcing community events, announcing employee or community recognitions.*
 - a) Mayor's Announcements
 - b) City Manager's Announcements
 - c) City Commission Member Announcements
- 4) **Proclamation/Presentation of Awards:**
 - a) Harlingen Animal Shelter - "Pet of the Week"
 - b) Mayor's Business of the Month - Tito Resendez-State Farm Insurance
 - c) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition - "The Greater Chamber of Harlingen"
 - d) Proclamation - Proclaiming the Month of July 2025 as "Parks and Recreation Month"
- 5) **Citizen Communication:** *At this time, the public is invited to address the City Commission and speak on any matter not specifically listed for public hearing elsewhere in this agenda. Please note that the City Commission members may not respond to comments or deliberate on topics addressed.*
- 6) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) Regular Meeting of April 7, 2025
- 7) **Consent Agenda:** *No discussion is anticipated on any of the items in this section because they are routine business, were included in the budget adoption process, or have been previously discussed as a staff report or discussion item. These items will be considered collectively by a single vote, unless a commission member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda.*
 - a) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for a request for a Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow an adult business (Tattoo Studio) in a General Retail ("GR") District located at 602 S. "F" Street, Suite D, bearing a legal description of Lots 1-4, West Harlingen Addition. Applicant: Jerry Lopez. Attachment. **(Planning & Development)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from the Harlingen Police Department to close the following intersections for their National Night Out Event, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attachment **(Police)**

Fair Park Blvd. between North "L" Street and North "J" Street; (no thru traffic) to include all entries and exits from the Performing Arts, Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad Parking Lots; Northside Intersection of North "L" Street and West Adams Avenue; and, Detour signs at North "L" Street and Fair Park Blvd. to direct traffic north onto Wichita Avenue. Street closures will begin on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 12:00 noon so that it will allow for officers, partners

and vendors to set up prior to the event and facilitate the safety of the attendees and participants.

- c) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from the Jaques Royal to close the following streets, Saturday, August 30, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for their Sage Touch, Inc. Non-Profit Concert Event. Attachment **(Police)**.

Eastside Intersection of West Jackson Avenue and "D" Street;
Southside Intersection of the 100 Block of North "C" Street and alleyway;
Northside Intersection of the 100 Block of South "C" Street and alleyway; and,
Westside Intersection of West Jackson Avenue and West Street.

- d) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from St. Anthony Catholic Church to close certain sections of roadways/streets surrounding the Church's property, Friday, October 31, 2025 and Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for their Annual Fall Festival. Attachment. **(Police)**.

South and Eastside Intersections of 10th Street and Van Buren Avenue;
Alleyway in the 200 Block of South 10th Street;
Northside Intersection of 10th Street and Harrison Avenue;
Westside Intersection of 11th Street and Van Buren Avenue

- e) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Texas Veterans' Commission – Housing for Texas Heroes Grant Program. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**
- f) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Texas Veterans' Commission – General Assistance Grant Program – Financial Assistance. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**

- 8) **Staff Reports and Other Discussion Items:** *Items in this section are not expected to require action by the City Commission and are generally for information only. However, any item listed in this section may become an action item at a future meeting with the request of the Mayor, or after the request of any two Commission members, or the City Manager.*

- a) City Manager's Report
- b) Staff Reports - Presentation by Engineering Dept. on completed and upcoming projects for FY 2025-2026.
- c) Presentation by Texas Music Office (TMO) on the Music Friendly Designation.
- d) Presentation by the Public Works Department on Proposed Monumental Signs for City Hall and Lon C. Hill Building Entrances.

- 9) **Public Hearings:** *At this time, the Mayor will invite members of the public who have filled out the Public Hearing and the Citizen Communication Form to address each item listed in this section. Please limit your comments to the topic of that public hearing. If more than one public hearing is being held, you will be allowed to speak during each topic, provided you have filled out the Public Hearing and Citizen Communication Form for the appropriate topic. If you are signed up for two (2) or more Public Hearings, you will be limited to 5 minutes for all topics.*

- a) Public hearing for a rezoning request from Not Designated ("N") District to Light Industry (LI) District for a 479.25-acre tract of land out of Survey 279, located along the north side of Rio Hondo Road, approximately 8,540 feet east of Loop 499. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**

- b) Public hearing for the voluntary annexation of 10.00 acres of land out of Block 3, F.H. Handley Subdivision, located on the east side of Paloma Lane, approximately 2,010.46 ft. south of Garrett Road, including all the right-of-way on the south side of Garrett Road approx. 320.77 ft east of Paloma Lane and all the right-of-way along Paloma Lane south of Garrett Road to and through the property. Applicant: Casa Engineering c/o J.V. & Jessica Garcia. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**
- c) Public hearing for the voluntary annexation of 126.50 acres of land out of the Cameron County School Lands Survey 279 located along the west side of Bob Youker Road and all the adjacent right-of-way along Rio Hondo Road, Woodall Avenue, and Bodenhamer Road, and the east 1,413.96 feet of Rio Hondo Road. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**
- d) Public hearing amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 109, Subdivisions, Section 109-91, Plat Requirements, Form, and Content, by adding a section pertaining to the expiration of the plat and moving the current content of Section (f) to Section (g). Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**
- e) Public hearing amending the previously adopted Ordinance No. 2025-26 to extend the waiver of certain permit fees within the City of Harlingen caused by the recent State of Emergency, and amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances, Chapter 103, "Buildings and Building Regulations," Section 103-6, "Waiver of Permit Fees for Rehabilitation during Declared State of Emergency." Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**

- 10) **Action Items:** *City Commission will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a resolution or an ordinance.*

Ordinances:

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- [REDACTED]
- f) Discussion and possible direction regarding the regulation of on-street parking on Barton Avenue, including consideration of potential parking restrictions, signage, or other traffic control measures. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
 - g) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending the Harlingen Code of Ordinances, Article VI, Section 111-142 to add Sections 11-142(e).(f.) to regulate certain on-street parking within the City of Harlingen, to prohibit on-street parking at Barton Avenue to create exception to allow for service of utilizes and providing for severability. Attachment (***This item was requested by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Perez)(This item was tabled during the Meeting of July 2, 2025)***)
 - h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). (**Public Works**)
 - i) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Environmental Health Director to purchase a vehicle via TIPS-USA to replace unit 612, which was assigned to an Animal Control officer. Attachment (**Health Dept.**)
 - j) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to permanently close "C" Street from Adams Avenue to Jefferson Avenue as part of the Union Pacific Railroad Rail Track Realignment Project. Attachment (**Engineering Dept.**)
 - k) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution approving the One-Year Action Plan (Budget) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Year 51) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Year 31) of the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Attachment (**CDBG**) (***This item was tabled during the Meeting of July 2, 2025.***)
 - l) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution of the City of Harlingen suspending the August 19, 2025, effective date of Texas Gas Service Company's requesting increase to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates approving cooperation with other Cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission(PUC); hiring Lloyd Gosslink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of Cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel. Attachment (**City Manager**)
 - m) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution of the City Commission of Harlingen, Texas accepting for public use and maintenance a portion of an ingress and access easement located on Lots 1 and 2, previously dedicated for public use on the final plat of Camelot Professional Plaza. Attachment (**City Attorney**)
- 11) **Board Appointments:**
Specifically, appointment or discussion and possible action to include appointment and/or removal of any position subject to appointment or removal by statute, ordinance, or bylaws.

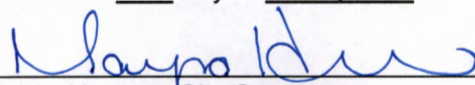
Airport
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (2)
Audit Committee (Terms expire in June) (3)
Charter Review Committee (Ad Hoc)
Civil Service Commission

Community Development Advisory Board (1)
Construction Board of Adjustments
Convention & Visitors Bureau
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
Downtown Improvement Board
Golf Course Advisory Board
Harlingen Community Improvement Board
Harlingen Housing Authority Board
Harlingen Finance Corporation
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (2)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
Library Advisory Board
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board (1)
Parks Advisory Board(1)
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)
Small Business Committee
Tax Increment Finance Board
Utility Board of Trustees
Veterans Advisory Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment

- 12) **Executive Session:** *All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive Session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor. However, City Commission will not take any action in closed session.*
- 13) **Action on Executive Session Items:** *The City Commission will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session Section of this agenda.*
- 14) **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 City's Internet Website and said Notice was posted on **FRIDAY, JULY, 11, 2025** at or before 3:35 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 11th day of JULY, 2025



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary