

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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 (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.

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order**
 - a) Invocation - Commissioner Rene Perez
 - 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) Proclamation: proclaiming October 5–11, 2025 as "Fire Prevention Week"
 - c) Proclamation — Proclaiming October 11, 2025 as "John G. York Day"
 - d) Proclamation — Proclaiming October 12, 2025, as "Alan Y. Taniguchi Day"
- 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 June 18, 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 authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of \$20,000 and execute the grant and terms and conditions agreement from Petco Love. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to approve and sign Amendment Four (4), to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Harlingen (HPD) and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) for the efficient and effective use of resources regarding the coordination of law enforcement services. Attachment **(Police)**
 - c) Consideration and possible action to approve the installation of speed hump(s) in the following location(s): **(This item was requested by Commissioner Frank Morales and Mayor Pro-Tem Ford Kinsley)**
 1. 200 Blk of Louisiana St.

2. 1300/1400 Blk of South "G" Street
3. Hale Avenue between New Hampshire and Ed Carey Drive

- 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
 - c) Presentation by Chief of Police Alfredo Alvear on the 2025 Harlingen's crime statistics, community events and collaboration with other agencies.
- 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.*
- 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:

- a) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances Master Fee Schedule, Chapter 18 by increasing the green fee/cart membership and coupons by 10%. Attachment (**Golf**)
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve a variance to the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances to allow one instead of two required entrances for the proposed Horseshoe Pointe Subdivision, located in the 3.5-mile ETJ, on the south side of Morris Road, approximately 2,095.97 feet southwest of S. Ed Carey Drive. Applicant: Melden & Hunt, Inc. c/o Leonard P. Simmons III & Mary Beth Simmons. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
- c) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shneider Electric with the revisions requested. Attachment (**Public Works**)
- d) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to grant \$50,000 to Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) for FY 2026 to benefit Harlingen residents. Attachment (**HEDC**) (**This item was tabled on the Regular CC MTG of 9/17/25**)
- e) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Harlingen EDC to enter into a contract with Retail Strategies for retail recruitment and consulting services. Attachment (**HEDC**)
- f) Presentation of the final report FY 2025 Revitalize Harlingen program and consider approval of funding for the FY 2026 Revitalize Harlingen Matching Grant Program. Attachment (**HEDC**)
- g) Presentation and possible action to approve the funding for Boost Harlingen, a new small business marketing matching grant program developed by the Small Business Advisory Committee of the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation. Attachment (**HEDC**)
- h) Consideration and possible action to approve the Harlingen EDC Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Work Plan. Attachment (**HEDC**)

- i) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract with SLR Contractors for RFP NO 2025-11 Dixieland Park Basketball Court Improvements. Attachment (**Engineering Dept.**)

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)

Civil Service Commission

Community Development Advisory Board

Construction Board of Adjustments (4)

Convention & Visitors Bureau

Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.

Golf Course Advisory Board

Harlingen Community Improvement Board

Harlingen Housing Authority Board

Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)

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

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board

Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)

Tax Increment Finance Board 1, 2 & 3

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.*

- a) Pursuant to Tx. Government Code Section 551.071 — attorney consultation and contemplated litigation; Section 551.072 — deliberation regarding real estate; and Section 551.087 — economic development relating to the following projects: (**HEDC**)
 - 1. Project Auntie
 - 2. Project Tyler
 - 3. Project Its Thyme
 - 4. Project DC
 - 5. Project Skyline
 - 6. Project Shrimp
 - 7. Project Emerald Green
 - 8. Project Smoke Signals
 - 9. Project Organic
 - 10. Project Beach
- b) Pursuant to Tx. Government Code Section 551.071—attorney consultation and contemplated litigation. (**City Attorney**)

- c) Pursuant to Tx. Govt Code Section 551.072—deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange or lease of real property. **(City Manager)**.
 - d) Pursuant to Tx Government Code Section 551.071 - consultation with legal counsel to receive information protected of attorney client communication privilege. **(Mayor)**
- 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.*
- a) Consideration and possible action on items 12a (1-10) as discussed in executive session.
 - b) Consideration and possible action on Item 12(b) as discussed in executive session.
 - c) Consideration and possible action on allocating funds for the ADK Consulting and Executive search for a Director of Aviation position.
- 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 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**, at or before 2:40 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 30th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2025**



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary