

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025
@ 5:30 PM
HARLINGEN ARTS AND HERITAGE MUSEUM
2425 BOXWOOD ST.
HARLINGEN, TEXAS 78550**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, will hold a Regular Meeting on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.** at the Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum, 2425 Boxwood St., 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 - Mayor Pro-Tem Ford Kinsley
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance
 - c) Welcome Citizens
- 2) **Conflict of Interest:**

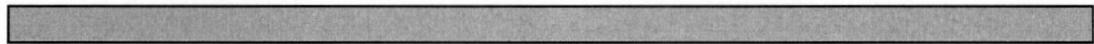
"Under State Law, a conflict of interest exists if a commission member, or certain members of that person's family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item. Are there any known conflicts 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 — "Stefano's Brooklyn Pizza"
 - c) Proclamation — Recognizing J&B'S CAFE
 - d) Proclamation — 80th Anniversary "National Disability Employment Awareness"
- 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 July 2, 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 a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant to the Office of the Governor for the SHSP and UASI – Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Projects (HSGP-BC), FFY 2025. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor FY 2026 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. Attachment **(Special Projects Department).**
 - c) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to accept a grant award from the Office of the Governor FY 2026 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program. Attachment. **(Special Projects Department)**
 - d) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor DJ 24 Justice Assistance Grant Program. Attachment **(Special Projects Department).**

- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - Comprehensive. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
 - f) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program – Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
 - g) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final 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**)
 - h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department, to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Brownsville, Texas, the City of Harlingen, Texas, Cameron County, Texas, the City of McAllen, Texas, the City of Pharr, Texas and the City of Donna, Texas regarding a Mutual Aid (Burglary and Theft of Motor Vehicle FY 26) Law Enforcement Task Force to Cooperate in Certain Criminal Investigations in fighting motor vehicle theft crime problems. Attachment (**Police**)
 - i) Consideration and possible action to allow Police Chief Alfredo Alvear to use \$8,123.00 from Federal Justice Forfeiture funds to complete the purchase of four (4) Chevy Colorado Crew Cab trucks from Same's Motor Company for a total cost of \$134,632.00. Attachment (**Police**)
 - j) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract between the City of Harlingen and Dr. Shelly Mitchell, DVM, to provide services for the Spay/Neuter Program as needed. Attachment (**Health Dept**)
- 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 and possible discussion by Orlando Campos, on the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation Final Report for FY 2025 Annual Work Plan (**HEDC**)
- 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 Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow a bar/lounge in a General Retail ("GR") District located at 323 W. Jackson Avenue, Suite A, bearing a legal description of Lots 1-5, Block 61, Harlingen Original Townsite. Applicant: Jane Mary Martinez. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
 - b) Public hearing for a rezoning request from Not Designated ("N") District to General ("GR") District for 6.08 acres, more or less, out of the South Part of Block 5, Highland Subdivision, located south of South Expressway 77, approximately 845.39 feet east of Maggie Lane. Applicant: Jack L. Brown, c/o Dr. Ameer Hassan. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
 - c) Public hearing for a voluntary annexation and establishing the initial zoning upon annexation to Light Industry ("LI") District for 4.50 acres of Lot 5, Block 1, Harlingen Industrial Park Subdivision No. 4, located north of Millenium Drive, approximately 688.85 feet east of FM 508. Applicant: Emiliano Rosel c/o Whiting Investments Ltd. 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:

- a) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading for a Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow a bar/lounge in a General Retail ("GR") District located at 323 W. Jackson Avenue, Suite A, bearing a legal description of Lots 1-5, Block 61, Harlingen Original Townsite. Applicant: Jane Mary Martinez. Attachment. **(Planning & Development)**
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- d) 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)** *(This item was tabled during the Regular City Commission Meeting of October 6, 2025).*
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract with the Boy's and Girl's Club of Harlingen for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$145,757.00 for Teen Service Programs and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Attachment **(Parks & Recreation)**
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract with the Boy's and Girl's Club of Harlingen for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$140,104.00 for Youth Service Programs and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Attachment **(Parks & Recreation)**
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed list of streets for the 2026 Streets Improvement Program Project. Attachment **(Engineering)**
- h) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution providing the name of the nominee from the City of Harlingen for the Appraisal District Directors for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- i) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution for the City of Harlingen to deny the increased rates from the Texas Gas Service Company and to have the City's reasonable rate case expenses reimbursed. Attachment **(City Manager)**
- j) Consideration and possible action to cancel the City Commission meetings of November 19th and December 17th 2025. Attachment **(City Manager)**

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.

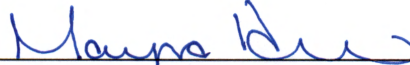
Airport

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 (1)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
Library Advisory Board
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board
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.*
- 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 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**, at or before 4:40 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this **14th** day of **OCTOBER 2025**



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary