

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
@ 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 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 submit 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. (limited to 400 words or less).

PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BY 12:00 (NOON) 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 Daniel N. Lopez
 - 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) Presentation of Proclamation — "Spay/Neuter Awareness Month"
 - c) Presentation of Proclamation - "Engineers Week"
 - d) Mayor's Business of the Month — "Chikas Boutique"
 - e) Certificate of Recognition — Ruth Trevino for winning the John German Award
 - f) Certificate of Recognition — Tanya Lugo for winning Administrative Manager of the Year Award
 - g) Certificate of Recognition — Public Works for In-House Project of the Year Award
- 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 November 5, 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 Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Fiscal Year 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program. Attachment. (**Special Projects Department**).
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program FY 26 Click It or Ticket Grant Program from the Texas Department of Transportation to fund overtime costs for additional manpower to increase occupant restraint use in vehicles during the enforcement period. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).

- c) Consideration and possible action to approve a one-year subscription agreement between the City of Harlingen and EUNA (formerly eCivis) Solutions Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor Operation Lonestar Grant Program (OLS) FY 2027. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor Operation Stonegarden Solicitation – FY 25. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the FY26 Texas Department of Transportation – Operation Slowdown Program. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program Flagship Grant. 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 of STEC Report

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 to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program and nominate Harlingen Medical Center, Limited Partnership, 5501 South Expressway 77, Harlingen, Texas 78550 to the Office of the Governor as an Enterprise Project. (**HEDC**)

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 Ordinance No. 2025-10 to ensure the full compliance with Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code. Attachment (**HEDC**)
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading, amending the City of Harlingen's budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Attachment (**Finance**).
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on Second and Final Reading for the voluntary annexation and to establish the initial zoning of Planned Development ("PD") District to allow internal streets to have 50 feet R-O-W, with 32 foot wide paved roads, and for 135 out of 358 Residential, Single Family lots to be less than the required 6,000 square feet,

for a property bearing a legal description of 35.754 acres out of a Part or Portion of Blocks 65, 66, and 72, and out of Reserved Horseshoe Lake, Lon C. Hill Subdivision, located south of Morris Road, approximately 2,095.97 feet southwest of South Ed Carey Drive. Applicant: Melden & Hunt, Inc. c/o Leonard P. Simmons III & Mary Beth Simmon Attachment. (**Planning & Development**).

- d) Consideration and possible action to abandon a utility easement located at 3744 Expressway 77, bearing a legal description of Midway Subdivision Blocks 6 and 7 & MIDWAY Resubdivision, Block 1, Lots 3 thru 7. Applicant: Chris Hamby/H2O Construction. Attachment. (**Planning & Development**).
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution updating authorized signatory designations and authorized investment officers for the City of Harlingen's bank accounts, external investment pools, and safekeeping agreements. Attachment (**Finance**).
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve an amendment to the Heat and Pregnancy charge being increased from \$30.00 to \$37.50 per animal, when necessary, on the contract between the City of Harlingen and Dr. Shelly Mitchell, DVM. Attachment (**Health**)
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution appointing Carolina Garcia as the Local Registrar for the City of Harlingen Vital Statistics Office. Attachment (**Health**)
- h) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract agreement for consultant services with TDA Consulting, Inc., for the development of a Regional 5-year Consolidated Plan and Strategic Plan (2026-2030) in collaboration with the Cities of Brownsville and San Benito. Attachment (**CDBG**)
- i) Consideration and possible action to approve a request to assign the Community Development's Program Manager for the HOME Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to negotiate then authorize the City Manager to finalize the purchase of property within the city limits of Harlingen to convert and/or rehabilitate into affordable rental housing for qualifying populations as approved by HUD in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan dated September 11, 2023. Attachment (**CDBG**).
- j) Consideration and possible action to amend the 2026 Streets Improvement Program (SIP) Project to add South "J" Street from Filmore Avenue to Tyler Avenue. Attachment (**Engineering**).
- k) Consideration and possible action to authorize staff to commission a new mural, designed in alignment with public input, at Lozano Plaza, as previously approved by the Keep Harlingen Beautiful Advisory Board. (*This item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel N. Lopez and Commissioner Rene Perez.*)

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 (CDBG)
Construction Board of Adjustments (3)
Convention & Visitors Bureau
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. (HEDC)
Golf Course Advisory Board
Harlingen Community Improvement Board (4B)

Harlingen Housing Authority Board
Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (1)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Historic Preservation Council (3)
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
Library Advisory Board (1)
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Board
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (1)
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)
Tax Increment Finance Board 1, 2 & 3 (1)
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 Sections 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 Go Sam
2) Project Organic
3) Project Garden

b) Consultation pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 regarding personnel matters and pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 to receive legal advice regarding an audit. **(City Manager)**

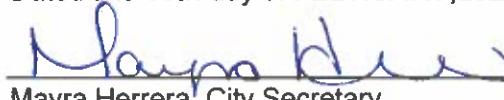
13) **Action on Executive Session Items:** *The City Commission will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session Section of this agenda.*

a) Consideration and possible action to approve Item 12 (a) as discussed in executive session. **(HEDC)**

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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, at or before 2:45 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least 3 business days preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 11th day of FEBRUARY, 2026


Mayra Herrera, City Secretary