

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 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, MARCH 4, 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.

PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BEFORE 3:00 PM THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

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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 Norma Sepulveda
 - 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 - 35th Annual Henry Roberts Memorial - Jalapeno 100
- 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 19, 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 office of the governor under the State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L) Federal Fiscal Year 2026. 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 Office of the Governor under the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026 for the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**
 - c) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services Inspire Grants for Small Museums Program. Attachment **(Special Projects Department)**
 - d) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the 2026 Fire Authority Digital Equipment Grant Program. 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 under the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026 for the Harlingen Fire Department. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)

- f) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the City of Harlingen's budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Attachment (**Finance**)
 - g) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution for the acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) anticipated Grant offer No. 3-48-011-084-2026 in the approximate amount of \$3,010,748.00 for the upgrade Airfield Electrical project at Valley International Airport. Attachment (**Airport**)
 - h) Consideration and possible action to approve the testing and potential installation of speed humps in the following location(s): (**This item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel N. Lopez and Commissioner Rene Perez**)
- 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:
- 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 to abandon and vacate an existing 20-foot utility easement located within Midway Subdivision, being a 0.30 acre out of Lots 1-9, Block 4, Midway Subdivision, located at 3744 N. Expressway 77. Applicant: Emiliano Rosel of Moore Land Surveying, LLC, c/o Harlingen Oak LLC Attachment (**Planning and Development**)
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to create an advisory committee to advise the City Commission regarding the needs of the Blind and Visually Impaired. (**Mayor**)

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- c) Consideration and possible action to approve a Participation Agreement with the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to authorize the City of Harlingen's participation in TexPool Prime. Attachment (**Finance**)
 - d) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution adopting the Harlingen Community Improvement Board's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Attachment (**Finance**)
 - e) Discussion and possible action to participate in the Blue Zones with the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation. Attachment (**City Manager**)
 - f) Discussion and possible action regarding the City's and/or City Manager's practice, police,

procedures governing city elected officials' attendance to local City events and/or out of town trips and/or conferences paid by either the city and/or the EDC. ***(This item was requested by Commissioner Delia Cavazos-Gamez and Commissioner Frank Morales)***

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 (1)

Audit Committee (Terms expire in June)

Civil Service Commission

Community Development Advisory Board (CDBG)

Construction Board of Adjustments (4)

Convention & Visitors Bureau

Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.(HEDC)

Golf Course Advisory Board(1)

Harlingen Community Improvement Board (4B)

Harlingen Housing Authority Board

Harlingen Finance Corporation

Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (1)

Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board

Historic Preservation Council (2)

Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board

Library Advisory Board (1)

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 (2)

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 Texas 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.

1. Project Roosevelt
2. Project Organic

- b) Consultation with the City Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to receive a confidential briefing protected by the attorney - client communications privilege regarding city legal obligations and responsibilities. ***(City Attorney)***

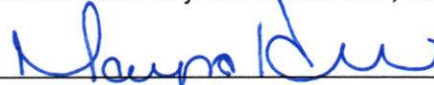
13) **Action on Executive Session Items:** *The City Commission will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session Section of this agenda.*

- a) Consideration and possible action on item 12a (1-2) as discussed in executive session.

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 25, 2026**, at or before 4:30 a.m./3p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this **25th** day of **FEBRUARY, 2026**



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary



REGULAR MEETING

CITY COMMISSION

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

November 19, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Harlingen City Commission was held November 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM, at City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas and providing the public the ability to view the meeting via internet, live streaming and permitting the public to offer citizen communication or participate in items listed on the agenda via videoconferencing or telephonically via www.harlingentx.gov Those in attendance were:

Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Norma Sepulveda
Delia Cavazos-Gamez, Commissioner District 1
Daniel N. Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Mezmar, Commissioner District 3
Frank Morales, Commissioner District 4
Rene Perez, Commissioner District 5

City Staff

Oscar Garcia, Interim City Manager
Mayra Herrera, City Secretary
Mark Sossi, City Attorney

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

- a) Invocation – Delia Cavazos-Gamez
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Welcome Citizens

2. **Conflict of Interest**

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Mark Sossi, read the conflict of Interest and asked the Mayor and City Commissioners if they had a conflict on any item on the agenda. None declared.

3. **Announcements –**

a) Mayor’s Announcements –

Mayor Sepulveda thanked H-E-B for their strong partnership with the city and highlighted the success of the annual Feast of Sharing event, noting it may have been the largest one yet in the region. Mayor Sepulveda emphasized the significant need for food assistance in the Harlingen community and encouraged residents to visit the City of Harlingen’s Facebook page to support a new fundraising campaign. Local nonprofits have formed the Harlingen Hunger Coalition to raise money for the RGV Food Bank.

b) City Manager’s Announcements-

Mr. Garcia informed the community that the non-emergency city offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Commission Member Announcements -

Commissioner Cavazos-Gamez expressed her gratitude, and thanked her family for their unwavering support throughout her campaign, as well as the friends and volunteers who helped along the way. She added that she is deeply appreciative of all the people she met during the process.

1 Commissioner Perez wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving.

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3 **4. Proclamation/Presentation of Awards:**

4 a) Harlingen Animal Shelter - "Pet of the Week"

5 Health Director Shannon Harvill reintroduced "Almond," a one-year-old dog who was previously
6 adopted but returned to the Harlingen Animal Shelter after her owner had to move into assisted living.
7 Almond is spayed, fully vaccinated, and ready for a new forever home. Anyone interested in adopting
8 Almond or other animals may visit the shelter at 1106 Markowsky Ave. or call 956-216-5950. Harlingen
9 Animal Shelter will also hold an adoption event at the Weslaco Petco this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2
10 p.m.

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12 b) Presentation of Recognition — Harlingen High School South: "Hawks" Boys Tennis Team

13 c) Presentation of Recognition — Harlingen High School South: "Hawks" Girls Tennis Team

14 A certificate of achievement was presented to the Harlingen-South Hawks varsity boys' and girls'
15 tennis teams for their outstanding 2025 season, highlighted by their District 32-5A championship, 15
16 All-District honorees, and seven All-Academic Team recipients.

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18 Mayor Sepulveda and Commission expressed their pride in the students' hard work and
19 representation of Harlingen. Commissioner Perez, speaking as a Harlingen South teacher, noted that
20 he sees their dedication firsthand both academically and athletically. He praised the students'
21 commitment and recognized the coaches for their leadership, closing by saying the city is very proud
22 of them.

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24 d) Presentation of Recognition — "Sir's Martini Lounge"

25 A certificate of recognition was presented to Sir Martini Lounge for winning the People's Choice
26 Award for Best Commercial Interior. Owned by Jesús Peña, a Latino immigrant, veteran, and Harlingen
27 native, the lounge has been a downtown favorite since 2019. Its warm, vintage-inspired design and a
28 creative 2022 expansion helped transform the space into a vibrant, welcoming venue. The award
29 honors both its exceptional design and the passion and community spirit behind it.

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31 Owner Jesus Pena thanked the Downtown Committee for the People's Choice Award, expressing
32 gratitude to his staff, siblings, parents, and everyone who voted.

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34 Mayor Sepulveda and Commissioners praised the lounge for transforming its space, becoming a
35 regional favorite, and helping revitalize the west side of downtown. They commended the team's
36 creativity and impact on the community.

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38 e) Presentation of Proclamation — Coach Josue Cano

39 A proclamation was presented honoring Coach Jose Cano Jr. for more than 30 years of dedicated
40 service to Harlingen CISD, all spent at Zavala Elementary. He was recognized for his leadership,
41 humility, and commitment to students, as well as for creating the school's annual Earth Day Run, Walk,
42 Ride Event and leading the Jump/Rope for Heart initiative. The proclamation highlighted his role as a
43 mentor, colleague, and community pillar whose impact extends across generations of families.
44 November 19, 2025, was officially declared Coach Jose Cano Jr. Day in Harlingen.

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46 Coach Cano thanked the Commission, expressing pride in Zavala's close-knit community and the
47 generations of students he has taught.

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49 Mayor Sepulveda and Commissioners commended his decades of service, his influence on
50 students and families, and his commitment to staying at Zavala to make a lasting difference.

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52 f) Presentation of Proclamation — "Children's Bereavement Center-Rio Grande Valley"

53 A proclamation was presented recognizing November as Children's Grief Awareness Month and
54 November 20, 2025, as Children's Grief Awareness Day in Harlingen. The proclamation emphasized
55 the unique ways children and young adults experience grief, the long-term impact of unresolved loss,
56 and the importance of compassionate support, open conversations, and community awareness. It also

1 acknowledged the mission of the Children's Bereavement Center of the Rio Grande Valley in providing
2 healing and resources for grieving youth and families.

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4 A representative from the Children's Bereavement Center thanked the Mayor and Commission for
5 the recognition and invited the community to a candlelight vigil at the center's facility.

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7 Mayor and Commissioners expressed appreciation for the organization's work and its vital role in
8 supporting families.

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10 g) Mayor's Business of the Month — Panchito's

11 The Mayor's Business of the Month recognized Panchitos Mexican Restaurant, located at 1021
12 S. Commerce in Harlingen, a community staple for 24 years. The restaurant is known for serving the
13 community with warmth, kindness, and food made "with love." Owner/Manager Jeanie Diaz shared that
14 Panchitos provides meals to anyone in need, a tradition inspired by her late brother, and emphasized
15 their commitment to spreading hope and compassion.

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17 Ms. Diaz thanked the Mayor and Commission for the honor and expressed pride in serving the
18 community for more than two decades.

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20 Mayor Sepulveda praised Ms. Diaz's generosity, noting that even while facing the challenges
21 common to small restaurants, she continues to put others first.

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23 5. **Citizen Communication:**

- 24 • Raymond Reyes – Transparency, Responsibility and Integrity
- 25 • Mariana Salcedo – Shading
- 26 • Kevin Alcocer – Crosswalk need near Moon Rock Café- W. Jefferson Ave.
- 27 • Pedro Maldonado – Irrigation, Flooding issues
- 28 • Diana Padilla – Funding approval for drainage ditch

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30 6. **Approval of Minutes:**

31 a) Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025.

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33 Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve
34 minutes for Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

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36 7. **Consent Agenda:**

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38 a) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director
39 to accept a grant award from the Office of the Governor for the Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant
40 Program in the amount of \$45,884. Attachment. (Special Projects)

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42 b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to
43 accept a grant award in the amount of \$40,000 from the Texas Historical Commission Texas
44 Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program. Attachment (Special Projects)

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46 c) Consideration and possible action to approve the testing and potential installation of speed humps
47 at the following locations: (This item was requested by commissioner Rene Perez and
48 Commissioner Daniel N. Lopez) 1. Lozano Ave. and N. "D" Street 2. Ona Ave. and N. "E" Street 3.
49 Ballard St. 4. Hughes Rd. between Tamm Lane and Bass Blvd. 5. S. Parkwood between Ebonay
50 Dr. and East Cenizo Dr. 6. Poza Rica Ave. between Marco Ave. and Bea Ave.

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52 Motion made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve items
53 7(a-c). Motion carried unanimously.

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55 8. **Staff Reports and Other Discussion Items:**

56 a) City Manager's Report

1 None.

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3 b) Staff Reports

4 The Harlingen Fire Department, represented by Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Loftus and Deputy Fire
5 Chief Joey Albritton, provided an overview of its structure, operations, and community programs. The
6 department operates eight stations, including the 75-year-old Station 1, and is staffed by 110 civil
7 service personnel and four civilian employees working across four divisions: Operations, Training,
8 Support Services, and Prevention. They maintain two training fields and utilize a burn building
9 developed with HCISD for live-fire training. Specialized capabilities include hazardous materials
10 response, wildland firefighting, aircraft rescue, trench rescue, rope rescue, and confined-space rescue,
11 with personnel certified across each discipline. The department also collaborates closely with HPD,
12 EMS, and regional partners for unified incident and emergency management.

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14 Community engagement efforts include a recent smoke-alarm installation campaign, the CERT
15 disaster-preparedness program, and support for the HCISD fire academy, which has already produced
16 three Harlingen firefighters. The Harlingen Professional Firefighters Association was recognized for
17 providing immediate assistance to families displaced by fires. Financially, the department operates on
18 a \$12 million annual budget, with most funding dedicated to personnel. Fire engines cost up to \$1.6
19 million, and new stations average \$2.5 million; two new engines are currently on order. The department
20 responds to roughly 3,500 calls per year and 80% are medical as well as maintains a fleet of engines,
21 brush trucks, and supervisor units. They recently improved their ISO rating from Class 3 to Class 2,
22 resulting in insurance savings for residents.

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24 Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez expressed strong interest in expanding the CERT program in partnership
25 with neighborhood watch groups.

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27 Harlingen Fire Department confirmed their readiness to provide flexible training and explained that
28 CERT participants receive FEMA-based instruction in first aid, CPR, disaster psychology, utility control,
29 and fire extinguisher use.

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31 Mayor and commissioners praised the department's leadership, community service, and dedication
32 during emergencies.

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34 9. Public Hearings:

35 No items for Public Hearings.

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37 10. Action Items

38 Ordinances:

39 a) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution establishing the 39th Annual Lighting of
40 the Arroyo to be held on December 4, 2025, at McKelvey Park and to request from TxDot a
41 temporary partial road closure of Business 77 Sunshine Strip for the safety of the public during the
42 event from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and authorize the Interim city manager to sign the agreement.
43 Attachment (Parks & Recreation)

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45 Motion was made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve a
46 resolution establishing the 39th Annual Lighting of the Arroyo to be held on December 4, 2025, at
47 McKelvey Park and to request from TxDot a temporary partial road closure of Business 77 Sunshine
48 Strip for the safety of the public during the event from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and authorize the Interim
49 city manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

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51 b) Consideration and possible action to approve a budget of \$240,000 for drainage improvement
52 projects previously approved under the MOU agreements with the Cameron County Drainage
53 Districts and Irrigation Districts. Attachment (Engineering)

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55 City Engineer Roberto Hernandez explained that the MOU partnership allows the City to assist with
56 drainage improvements across jurisdictional boundaries while legal and operational responsibility

1 remains with the drainage districts. He noted that the \$240,000 budget will fund materials for previously
2 approved MOU projects involving City-owned infrastructure, with City crews installing new components
3 to improve stormwater conveyance and reduce flooding.

4 Project Costs:

- 5 - Spanish Acres & Secluded Acres Ditch Improvements: \$190,500
6 - Westgate Drainage Improvements: \$21,500
7 - Contingency: \$25,000
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9 Mr. Hernandez described the planned work in Spanish Acres and Secluded Acres, including five
10 outfalls from Secluded Acres and three from Spanish Acres that discharge into the North Main Drain.
11 Most excavation is complete, but the elevated outfall pipes must be lowered below the berm. The
12 project also includes a new manhole and a backflow preventer to stop water from returning into
13 neighborhoods. Once materials are approved, City crews will begin installation.

14 When Commissioner Perez asked how many homes would benefit, Hernandez stated that over
15 200 homes will see improvements.
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17 Mayor Sepulveda noted that recent flooding highlighted the most impacted areas, especially
18 Secluded Acres and Spanish Acres, where nearly every home flooded. She added that Westgate
19 avoided home flooding thanks to continuous work by City crews and stressed the importance of keeping
20 that area protected. She then asked Mr. Hernández to explain the MOU partnerships.
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22 Mr. Hernandez said eight drainage projects are underway, many in areas maintained by Drainage
23 Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7. The MOU allows the City to assist with ditch cleaning and excavation with district
24 approval. For this project, the infrastructure belongs to the City in others, such as Hick Hill, District 6
25 provides materials while the City performs the work. Partnerships also include Irrigation Districts 1, 2,
26 and 3.
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28 When Mayor Sepulveda asked how much drainage infrastructure the City owns, Mr. Hernandez
29 said the City owns only 20-22%, and all plans are reviewed with each district and Harlingen
30 WaterWorks.
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32 Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez asked about upsizing the pipe from 24 to 30 inches, which Mr. Hernandez
33 confirmed. He explained that the existing pipe is elevated and will be lowered and re-angled to sit below
34 the widened bench. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez then asked whether lowering the pipe and adding a flap
35 gate would cause it to close sooner. Mr. Hernández said no, noting that the flap gate closes only at a
36 specific elevation and the berms are high enough to retain water safely.

37 Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez asked why the City is not upsizing further to 48 inches and expressed
38 concern about the March storm, when flap gates closed and water accumulated. He noted the gates
39 were installed three years ago.
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41 Mr. Hernandez explained that the subdivision's release rate is already controlled and must remain
42 within design parameters. Two outfalls are 36-inch pipes and two are 24-inch; the 24-inch pipes were
43 undersized, so he recommended increasing them to 30 inches. He added that the metal seals on the
44 flap gates may not be functioning perfectly and that downstream restrictions in the North Main Drain
45 can cause water to back up into outfalls.
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47 Commissioner Morales asked whether the improvements would handle a 100- or 500-year storm.
48 Mr. Hernandez explained that systems are designed for a 25-year storm, with 50-year detention,
49 25-year street conveyance, and 10-year release rates. A 30-inch pipe still corresponds to a 25-year
50 storm. He added that no system in the U.S. is designed for a 500-year storm and that Harlingen already
51 exceeds many cities by designing for 25-year conveyance rather than 10-year.
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53 Commissioner Mezmar added that designing for 500 or 1,000-year storms would cost \$300-\$500
54 million, which is not feasible, so the City must focus on what is achievable.
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1 Mayor Sepulveda emphasized that residents want to know whether these improvements will
2 meaningfully reduce flooding. She stressed that drainage is a top priority and that District 2 has faced
3 severe flooding for years. She asked whether upsizing or additional improvements would make a
4 meaningful difference and noted the City does not want to revisit the issue in a few years.
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6 Mr. Hernandez said he is confident in the current design. In addition to pipe upgrades, the project
7 adds about 40 acre-feet of detention, helping keep water in the ditch during storms. A contingency
8 budget allows him to revisit calculations and adjust pipe sizing if needed.
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10 Interim City Manager Oscar Garcia asked about coordination with Drainage District No. 5.
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12 Mr. Hernandez explained that District 5 has secured grant funding to widen the ditch north of Loop
13 499 and build two detention ponds, one about 80 acres and one about 100 acres. He is reviewing their
14 plans and remains in communication with the district. These downstream improvements will help
15 reduce flooding and improve overall system performance.
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17 Commissioner Cavazos-Gamez asked whether the proposed improvements represent the best the
18 City can do with available funding and land. Mr. Hernandez confirmed they do. Eight previously
19 approved projects are underway, and once completed, he will bring the next set of projects for
20 prioritization.
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22 Commissioner Cavazos-Gamez added that the City wants to avoid redoing work and must ensure
23 improvements are meaningful before moving on to the next area.
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25 Motion was made by Commissioner Mezmar seconded by Commissioner Perez to to approve a
26 budget of \$240,000 for drainage improvement projects previously approved under the MOU
27 agreements with the Cameron County Drainage Districts and Irrigation Districts. Motion carried
28 unanimously.
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30 **11. Board Appointments:**
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32 Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez made the following Re-appointments:

- 33 • Debbie Reyes to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDBG)
- 34 • Bill Holloman to the Construction Board of Adjustments
- 35 • Tim Elliott to the Golf Course Advisory Board
- 36 • Roel Rodriguez to the Library Advisory Board
- 37 • Adrian Galvan & Teresita Garcia to the Veterans Advisory Board
- 38 • Shannon Harvill to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- 39 • Jun Ellorimo to the Health Harlingen Advisory Board
- 40 • Debbie Reyes, Cynthia Nava and Rodolfo Andarza to the Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
- 41 • Daniel Villarreal to the Museum Advisory Board
- 42 • Robert Salmeron and Mike R. Ezell to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- 43 • Linda R. Cuellar and Michael Boland to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

44 Commissioner Perez reappointed Narciso Villela III to the Veteran's Advisory Board.
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46 Motion was made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Mezmar to approve all
47 reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.
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49 **12. Executive Session:**
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- 52 a) Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 – attorney consultation and contemplated litigation;
53 Section 551.072 – deliberation regarding real estate; and Section 551.087 – economic
54 development relating to the following projects: (HEDC)
55 1) Project Tyler

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**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the office of the governor under the State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L) Federal Fiscal Year 2026. Attachment (*Special Projects Department*)

Prepared By: Ana Hernandez, Mobility & Special Projects Director

Brief Summary:

The Office of the Governor solicits applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. PSO provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state. Per Congressional mandate (911 Act), at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the combined Homeland Security Grant Program funding must be used for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). FEMA has increased this requirement to 35%. This solicitation supports state, tribal and local preparedness activities that continue to build law enforcement capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks and provide law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support critical prevention and protection activities. All LETPA investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

There is no match for the grant.

The grant period is from 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2027

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount (Yes/No):
*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:

Finance Director's approval (Yes/No/NA):

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

City Manager approval: *LG*

Comments:

City Attorney's approval: *mf*

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM – LETPA PROJECTS (SHSP-L), FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the grant program’s Federal Funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603).

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Harlingen, Texas, and the region to apply for funding from the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L); and,

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or the misuse of the Texas Office of the Governor funds, the Harlingen City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Mobility & Special Projects Director as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Harlingen.

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Finance Director as the grantee’s financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harlingen City Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Harlingen Police Department

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this __ day of ____ 2026 at a Regular Meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, at which a quorum was present, and which was held in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, as amended.

Grant Number: 5893601

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

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**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor under the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026 for the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (*Special Projects Department*)

Prepared By: Ana Hernandez, Mobility & Special Projects Director

Brief Summary:

The Office of the Governor has issued a funding announcement for the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026. The program aims to solicit applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens.

State Homeland Security Projects are intended to support the ability of jurisdictions to:

- i. Prevent a threatened or actual act of terrorism;
- ii. Protect its citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards;
- iii. Mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events;
- iv. Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- v. Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

The City of Harlingen will be applying for a project to assist the region in maintaining capability targets set in the Threat and Hazard Identification Assessment (THIRA) and gaps identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). If funded, there is no cost share required.

The project timeline for equipment and/or supplies is expected to be 09/01/2026 - 08/31/2027. For grant-funded salaries or annual recurring costs, the project timeline may be expected to be 09/01/2026 - 08/31/2028.

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount (Yes/No):

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:

Finance Director's approval (Yes/No/NA):

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

City Manager approval: *669*

Comments:

City Attorney's approval: *mf*

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM – REGULAR PROJECTS (SHSP-R), FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State Homeland Security Program is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. Federal Funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603).

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Harlingen, Texas, and the region to apply for funding from the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R); and,

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or the misuse of the Texas Office of the Governor funds, the Harlingen City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Mobility & Special Projects Director as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Harlingen.

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Finance Director as the grantee’s financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harlingen City Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Harlingen Police Department

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2026 at a Regular Meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, at which a quorum was present, and which was held in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, as amended.

Grant Number:

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:
Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services Inspire Grants for Small Museums Program. Attachment (<i>Special Projects Department</i>)
Prepared By: Ana Hernandez, Mobility & Special Projects Director
Brief Summary:
Inspire Grants for Small Museums (Inspire) is a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, and collections stewardship activities. The goal of the Inspire program is to build the capacity of small museums to provide museum services to their communities through supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of experiential learning and discovery in small museums; and • The management and care of collections in small museums. <p>The City of Harlingen will be applying for an Inspire grant to build the capacity of the Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum. The application is aiming for a Small Project, which is defined as a project between \$5,000 - \$25,000. No cost share is required on behalf of the city. If the project becomes a Large Project, which is defined as a project between \$25,001 - \$75,000, the City of Harlingen is required to provide a one to one cost share (match).</p>
Funding (if applicable):
Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount (Yes/No): *If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:
Finance Director's approval (Yes/No/NA):
Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of this resolution.
City Manager approval: <i>LG</i>
Comments:
City Attorney's approval: <i>MF</i>

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES INSPIRE GRANTS FOR SMALL MUSEUMS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Institute of Museum and Library Services has opened their grant program titled Inspire Grants for Small Museums; the purpose of the program is build the capacity of small museums to provide services to their communities.

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Harlingen, Texas, to apply for a Small Project (\$5,000 - \$25,000) or Large Project (\$25,001 - \$75,000) to improve the Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Large Project requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Harlingen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harlingen City Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2026 at a Regular Meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, at which a quorum was present, and which was held in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, as amended.

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

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**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:	
Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the 2026 Fire Authority Digital Equipment Grant Program. Attachment (<i>Special Projects Department</i>)	
Prepared By:	
Brief Summary:	
Funding (if applicable):	
Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount (Yes/No): *If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:	
Finance Director's approval (Yes/No/NA):	
Staff Recommendation:	
City Manager approval:	<i>GG</i>
Comments:	
City Attorney's approval:	<i>MJ</i>

7(c)

**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor under the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026 for the Harlingen Fire Department. Attachment (*Special Projects Department*)

Prepared By: Ana Hernandez, Mobility & Special Projects Director

Brief Summary:

The Office of the Governor has issued a funding announcement for the State Homeland Security Grant Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) Federal Fiscal Year 2026. The program aims to solicit applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens.

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- V. Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

The City of Harlingen will be applying for a project to assist the region in maintaining capability targets set in the Threat and Hazard Identification Assessment (THIRA) and gaps identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). If funded, there is no cost share required.

The project timeline for equipment and/or supplies is expected to be 09/01/2026 - 08/31/2027. For grant-funded salaries or annual recurring costs, the project timeline may be expected to be 09/01/2026 - 08/31/2028.

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount (Yes/No):

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:

Finance Director's approval (Yes/No/NA):

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

City Manager approval: *GLG*

Comments:

City Attorney's approval: *MM*

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM – REGULAR PROJECTS (SHSP-R), FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE HARLINGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State Homeland Security Program is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. Federal Funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603).

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Harlingen, Texas, and the region to apply for funding from the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R); and,

WHEREAS, the Harlingen City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or the misuse of the Texas Office of the Governor funds, the Harlingen City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Mobility & Special Projects Director as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Harlingen.

WHEREAS, the City Commission designates the Finance Director as the grantee’s financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harlingen City Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Harlingen Fire Department

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2026 at a Regular Meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, at which a quorum was present, and which was held in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, as amended.

Grant Number:

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

7(A)

**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the City of Harlingen's budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Prepared By (Print Name): Robert Rodriguez

Title: Finance Director

Signature:



Brief Summary:

This budget amendment allocates funds for prior fiscal year unspent encumbrances, awards, grants, and other revenues and expenditures not included in the current fiscal year approved budget. Exhibit "A" displays total revenues, expenditures, and estimated fund balances by fund after the amendment. Exhibit "B" displays detailed changes in revenues and expenditures by account number.

General Fund –

Revenues increased by \$100,000

- \$100,000 Department Requests
 - Market Day Donation for Construction of Downtown public restrooms \$100,000

Expenses increased by \$4,962,248

- \$3,983,943 Encumbrance Rollovers
- \$ 978,305 Department Requests
 - Administration—LRGVDC 2026 Membership Dues \$13,491
 - Media & Communications—Car Allowance for Director \$3,600
 - Admin Services—CCAD draft was not mailed out until 10/3/25 \$78,120
 - Internal Auditor—Car Allowance effective Dec. 2025 \$2,000
 - Park and Recreation—Purchase LED lights for City Lake approved by CC on 12/3/25 \$49,990
 - Non-Departmental—380 Project Reimbursement \$146,000
 - Non-Departmental—BPS Rental & 380 Sales Tax \$210,000
 - +Non-Departmental—Principal Promissory Note for the land of Gloria Reyes Garcia \$55,700
 - Non-Departmental—Interest Promissory Note for the land of Gloria Reyes Garcia \$14,500
 - Public Buildings—Cover the abatement and demolition cost for the old PD building \$209,000
 - Public Buildings—Market Day Donation for Construction of Downtown public restrooms \$150,000
 - Building Inspections—Construction of new front desk approved by CC on 1/7/26 \$40,000
 - Non-Departmental—Transfer USTA reimbursement grant and matching funds to resurface Victor Park tennis courts \$5,904

Harlingen Downtown Fund – Restricted Fund –

Revenues Decreased by \$-50,000

- \$-50,000 Department Requests
 - Remove District tax assessment \$-50,000

Expenses Increased by \$40,000

- \$40,000 Department Requests
 - DID contribution Lozano Plaza Improvements including restroom facility and an outdoor Amphitheater \$40,000

CVB Fund – Restricted Fund –

Revenues increased by \$28,000

- \$28,000 Department Requests

- Harlingen Marathon—cover increase in sponsors \$28,000

Expenses Increased by \$33,000

- \$33,000 Department Requests
 - Harlingen Marathon—cover costs of services \$33,000

Grant Award Fund – Restricted Fund –

Revenues Increased by \$8,478,965

- \$2,905,767 Grant revenue
 - HUD—Healthy Homes Grant \$1,000,007
 - Health— Year 4 of PHIG Grant \$234,127
 - TVC—Housing for Heros Grant \$500,000
 - TVC—Gen Assistance Program \$400,000
 - Health—Zoonosis Spay & Neuter Program \$9,029
 - Police—Operation Lone Star \$239,865
 - Parks—SECO Energy Efficient Retrofits Project \$225,577
 - Fire—Border Zone Fire Grant for radios \$100,962
 - Parks—USTA reimbursement grant and matching funds to resurface Victor Park tennis courts \$56,200
 - Engineering/DID—Lozano Plaza Improvement that includes restroom facility and an outdoor amphitheater \$140,000
 - Increase Revenue to cover Rollovers \$5,573,198

Expenses Increased by \$8,036,164

- \$5,270,961 Encumbrance Rollovers
- \$2,765,203 Awards and Grants
 - Police – Lonestar Grant award amount \$239,865
 - Fire – Border Zone Fire Grant Award to purchase portable radios \$100,962
 - Engineering/DID—Lozano Plaza Improvement that includes restroom facility and an outdoor amphitheater \$140,000
 - Parks—SECO Energy Efficient Retrofits Project \$225,577
 - Parks – USTA reimbursement grant and matching funds to resurface Victor Park tennis courts \$56,200
 - Health—Zoonosis Spay & Neuter Program \$9,029
 - Health—Year 4 of PHIG grant \$93,563
 - Awards Program – HUD Healthy Homes Grant TXHHP0113-23 \$1,000,007
 - TVC—Housing for Heros Grant \$500,000
 - TVC—Gen Assistance Program \$400,000

State Forfeitures Fund –

Expenses increased by \$41,089

- \$ 41,089 Encumbrance Rollovers

Sponsorships Fund –

Revenues increase by \$1,000

- \$ 1,000 Department Requests
 - Funding Employee Service Award \$1,000

Expenses increased by \$10,900

- \$ 10,900 Department Requests
 - Employee Service Award Expenditures \$10,900

Animal Shelter Fund –

Revenues increase by \$20,000

- \$ 20,000 Department Requests
 - Funding for cat cages and spay & neuter services \$20,000

Expenses increased by \$156,680

- \$ 136,680 Encumbrance Rollovers

- \$ 20,000 Department Requests
 - Funding for cat cages and spay & neuter services \$20,000

Infrastructure Fund –

Expenses increased by \$878,610

- \$878,610 Encumbrance Rollovers

Sanitation Fund –

Expenses increased by \$1,701,432

- \$1,701,432 Encumbrance Rollovers

Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum Fund –

Expenses increased by \$528

- \$ 528 Department Requests
 - Memberships for Museum \$528

Tony Butler Golf Course Fund –

Expenses increased by \$2,960

- \$2,960 Encumbrance Rollovers

Motor Vehicle/Warehouse Fund –

Expenses increased by \$6,792

- \$6,792 Encumbrance Rollovers

Total – Revenues increased by (\$8,577,965) - Expenditures increased by (\$15,870,403)

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount for this purpose? *N/A*

Yes No*

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:

Finance Director's approval:

Yes No N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

City Manager's approval:

CM

Yes No N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval:

MA


Yes No N/A

**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:
Consider and take action to recommend that the Harlingen City Commission approve, by resolution, the acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) anticipated Grant offer No. 3-48-0101-084-2026, in the approximate amount of Three Million, One Hundred Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and no 100s (\$3,010,748.00) for the Upgrade Airfield Electrical project at Valley International Airport.

Prepared By (Print Name): T. Michael Browning, A.A.E.
Title: Interim Airport Executive Director

Signature: 

Brief Summary:


This grant is for the Upgrade Airfield Electrical project at Valley International Airport

Funding (if applicable):
Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full Yes No*
amount for this purpose?
*If no, specify the source of funding and amount requested:


Finance Director's approval: Yes No N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends acceptance of the anticipated Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant offer No. 3-48-0101-084-2026, for the Upgrade Airfield Electrical project at Valley International Airport.

City Manager's approval:  Yes No N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval:  Yes No N/A

Resolution
March 4, 2026
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:

The Mayor of the City of Harlingen, Norma Sepulveda, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Harlingen the anticipated Grant Offer No. 3-48-0101-084-2026 for the Upgrade Airfield Electrical project at Valley International Airport in the approximate amount of Three Million, One Hundred Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and no 100s (\$3,010,748.00);

When so executed by the Mayor of the City of Harlingen, the City of Harlingen shall be bound to all of the conditions and requirements as stated in said anticipated grant offer if and when it is received.

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2026, at a Regular Meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551.

CITY OF HARLINGEN

BY:

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

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City of Harlingen
Agenda Item Request Form

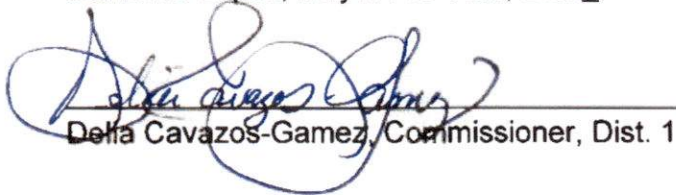
We hereby request the following item to be added to March 04, 2026, City Commission Agenda:

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the testing and potential installation of speed humps in the following location(s):

1. 1416 S 1st. Street
2. Lazy Palm Dr. North
3. 200 W. Washington Ave



Daniel N. Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem, Dist. 2



Delta Cavazos-Gamez, Commissioner, Dist. 1

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**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **February 18, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance on First Reading to abandon and vacate an existing 20-foot utility easement located within Midway Subdivision, being a 0.30 acre out of Lots 1-9, Block 4, Midway Subdivision, located at 3744 N. Expressway 77. Applicant: Emiliano Rosel of Moore Land Surveying, LLC, c/o Harlingen Oak LLC

Prepared By: Ana Hernandez, AICP, CNU-A
Title: Planning and Development Director/
Special Project Director

Signature: *Ana Hernandez*

Brief Summary:

Project Timeline

- November 29, 1946 – Midway Subdivision was recorded.
- December 12, 2025 – Application for abandonment of a utility easement submitted to the City. Application deemed incomplete pending submittal of utility letters. **(ATTACHMENT I-III)**
- February 11, 2026- Letters of clearance from utility companies submitted to the City. Application deemed complete.
- February 11, 2026 – Application routed to City Engineer for review.
- February 11, 2026 – City Engineer submits memo recommending approval of easement abandonment.
- March 4, 2026 – Consideration of the utility easement abandonment before the City Commission on First Ordinance Reading.
- March 18, 2026 – Pending approval of First Ordinance Reading, consideration of approval on Second Ordinance Reading scheduled before the City Commission.

Summary

- Harlingen Oak LLC, the applicant and property owner, is requesting that the 20-foot-wide utility easement be abandoned and vacated to allow for the construction of a building that will house Southern Careers Institute Welding Academy on the subject property. **(ATTACHMENT II and III)**. The subject easement interferes with the owner's planned use of the property.
- Midway Subdivision was recorded on November 29, 1946. **(ATTACHMENT IV)**.
- The subject property is currently vacant. It has 300 feet of frontage on Expressway 77 and 653.40 feet of frontage on Grace Avenue. There is an existing 20-foot-wide utility easement that runs through the center of the subject property. The property owner is proposing to abandon the 20-foot-wide utility easement to allow for the construction of a 33,005 sq ft. welding academy for Southern Careers Institute. **(ATTACHMENT V-VIII)**.

- The total investment in the project is \$1,500,000.
- The requested utility easement abandonment has been reviewed and approved by the City Engineer and the appropriate utility companies. (**ATTACHMENT XIV and XV**).
- The attached ordinance will abandon and vacate the 20-foot-wide utility easement.

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full Yes No*

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:

Finance Director's approval: Yes No N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

City Manager's approval: *CG* Yes No N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval: *mf* Yes No N/A

Attachment I

**CITY OF HARLINGEN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MASTER APPLICATION**

PROPERTY INFORMATION: (Please PRINT or TYPE)

Project Address GRACE AVE. Nearest Intersection US EXPRESSWAY 77 & GRACE AVE.
(Proposed) Subdivision Name MIDWAY SUBDIVISION Lot _____ Block _____
Existing Zoning Designation GR Future Land Use Plan Designation _____

OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION: (Please PRINT or TYPE)


Applicant/Authorized Agent EMILIANO ROSEL Phone 956-929-1615 FAX _____
Email Address (for project correspondence only): EROSEL.MLS@GMAIL.COM
Mailing Address 14216 PALIS DR. City LA FERIA State TX Zip 78559
Property Owner HARLINGEN OAK LLC Phone _____ FAX _____
Email Address (for project correspondence only): chamby2136@aol.com
Mailing Address 1701 DIRECTORS BLVD STE 800 City AUSTIN State TX Zip 78735

Select appropriate process for which approval is sought. Attach completed checklists with this application.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation Request..... <u>No Fee</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Construction Plans and Final Plat..... <u>\$150.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Appeal (ZBA)..... <u>\$125.00</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Plat..... <u>\$100.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comp. Plan Amendment Request .. <u>\$250.00</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Plat..... <u>\$250.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-zoning Request..... <u>\$250.00</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacating Plat..... <u>\$250.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUP Request/Renewal..... <u>\$250.00</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Development Plat..... <u>\$50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Variance Request (ZBA)..... <u>\$250.00</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision Variance Request..... <u>\$25.00 (each)</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PDD Request..... <u>\$250.00</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way / Utility Easement Abandonment..... No Fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> License to Encroach..... <u>\$250.00</u> | |

Please provide a basic description of the proposed project: ABANDON AN EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT

I hereby certify that I am the owner and/or duly authorized agent of the owner for the purposes of this application. I further certify that I have read and examined this application and know the same to be true and correct. If any of the information provided on this application is incorrect the permit or approval may be revoked.

Applicant's Signature:  Date: 12/12/25
Property Owner(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____
Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

**RIGHT-OF-WAY/ UTILITY EASEMENT ABANDONMENT
SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

Please submit the following items. The project cannot be reviewed for compliance unless all applicable items have been submitted and are complete.

Submit

- Letter requesting abandonment.
- Survey/Map of the area affected by abandonment
- Letters from all appropriate utility companies (i.e. HWWS, AEP, Time Warner Cable, Magic Valley Electric, Texas Gas Service, AT&T, Irrigation District and Drainage District)
- Recording instrument along with a metes and bounds description.

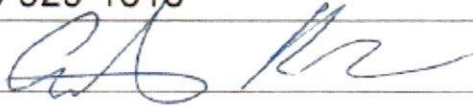
Important Notes

- I understand the right-of-way abandonment is reviewed by appropriate City departments after a complete submittal. It will not be scheduled for City Commission unless all items on this list are completed.
- I understand that in accordance with State and local statute, notice of public hearing for abandonment is advertised in local newspaper.
- I understand that a Public hearing and two ordinance readings are required before City Commission.
- I understand that while all requirements for submittal of the right-of-way/ utility easement abandonment request may be complete, the City Commission is the sole authority for the consideration and approval or denial of the request.

Applicant: EMILIANO ROSEL Date 12/12/25

Applicant Address: 14216 PALIS DR. LA FERIA TX 78559

Phone/Fax: 956-929-1615

Signature: 

Moore Land Surveying, LLC

14216 Palis Drive
La Feria, TX 78559

(956)245-0988
(956)245-4651

TBPLS Firm No. 10194186
TBPE Firm No. 19190

Ms. Sol Nunez
Harlingen Planning and Zoning Dept.
502 E. Tyler Ave.
Harlingen, TX 785550

December 11, 2025

RE: EASEMENT ABANDONMENT FOR "MIDWAY SUBDIVISION"

Ms. Nunez:

On behalf of our clients, Moore Land Surveying, LLC is requesting the abandonment of a 0.30 acre easement within the original Midway Subdivision platted property.

Enclosed is a copy of an exhibit showing the easement to be abandoned as well as a survey of the property showing the easement. Please confirm that the abandonment of the easement is acceptable to your organization and that you have no utilities in the referenced easement.

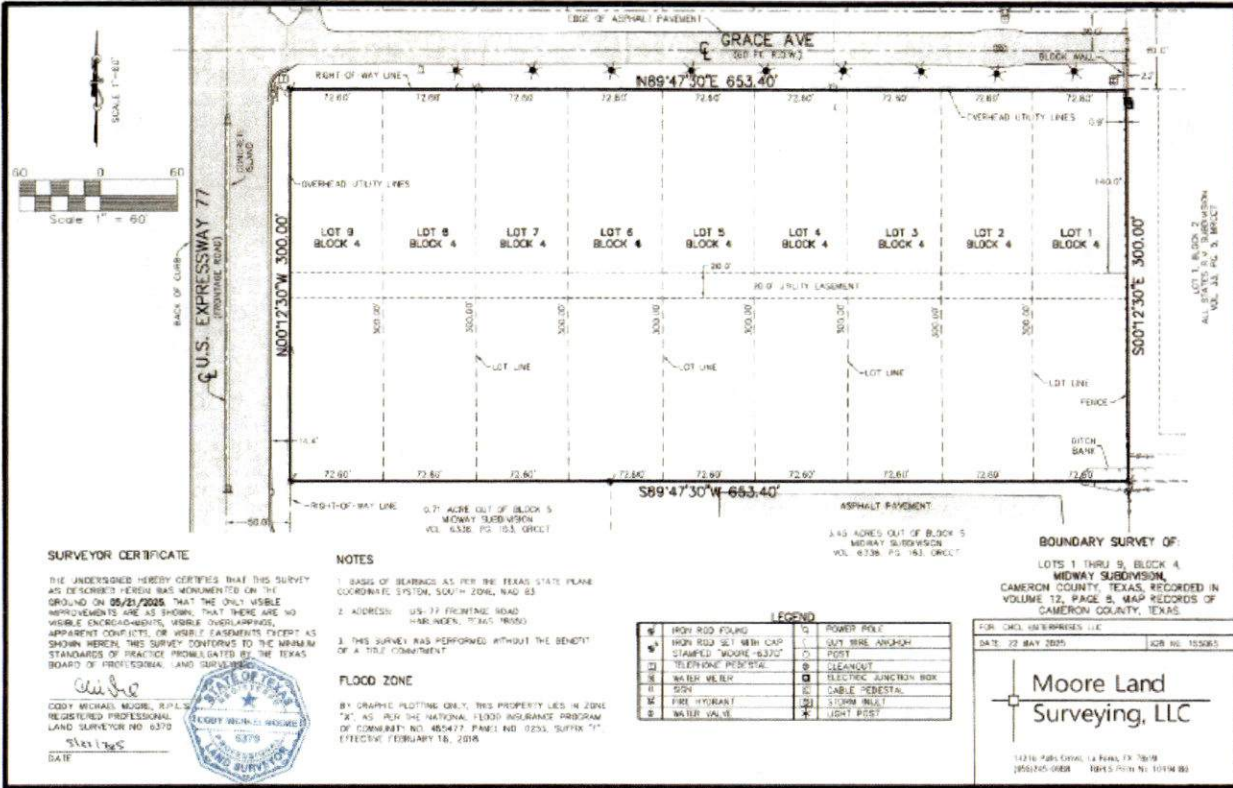
Should you have any questions feel free to contact myself at 956-929-1615 or erosel.mls@gmail.com.

Respectfully,



Emiliano Rosel
Moore Land Surveying, LLC

Attachment II



SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THIS SURVEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN WAS MONUMENTED ON THE GROUND ON 05/21/2025, THAT THE ONLY VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS ARE AS SHOWN, THAT THERE ARE NO VISIBLE ENCROACHMENTS, VISIBLE OVERLAPPIES, APPARENT CONFLICTS OR USURTY ENCUMBRANCES EXCEPT AS SHOWN HEREON. THIS SURVEY CONFORMS TO THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PRACTICE PROMULGATED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

CODY MICHAEL MOORE, R.P.L.S.
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYOR NO. 6370
DATE 5/21/2025



NOTES

1. BASIS OF BEARINGS AS PER THE TEXAS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE, NAD 83
2. ADDRESS: US-77 FRONTING ROAD HARRISBURG, TEXAS 76050
3. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE COMMITMENT

FLOOD ZONE

BY GRAPHIC PLOTTING ONLY, THIS PROPERTY LIES IN ZONE "X" AS PER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM OF CONGRESSIONAL NO. 450477 PAPER NO. 0253, SUFFIX "1" EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2016

LEGEND

⊕	IRON ROD FOUND	⊕	POWER POLE
⊙	IRON ROD SET WITH CAP	⊕	OUT FIRE ARMSHIP
⊠	STAMPED "MOORE-6370"	⊕	POST
⊞	TELEPHONE PERSISTAL	⊕	CLEANOUT
⊞	WATER VALVE	⊞	ELECTRIC JUNCTION BOX
⊞	SEWER	⊞	CABLE PEDESTAL
⊞	FIRE HYDRANT	⊞	STORM INLET
⊞	WATER VALVE	⊞	LIGHT POST

BOUNDARY SURVEY OF:

LOTS 1 THRU 9, BLOCK 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOLUME 12, PAGE 5, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

FOR: MOORE SURVEYS, LLC

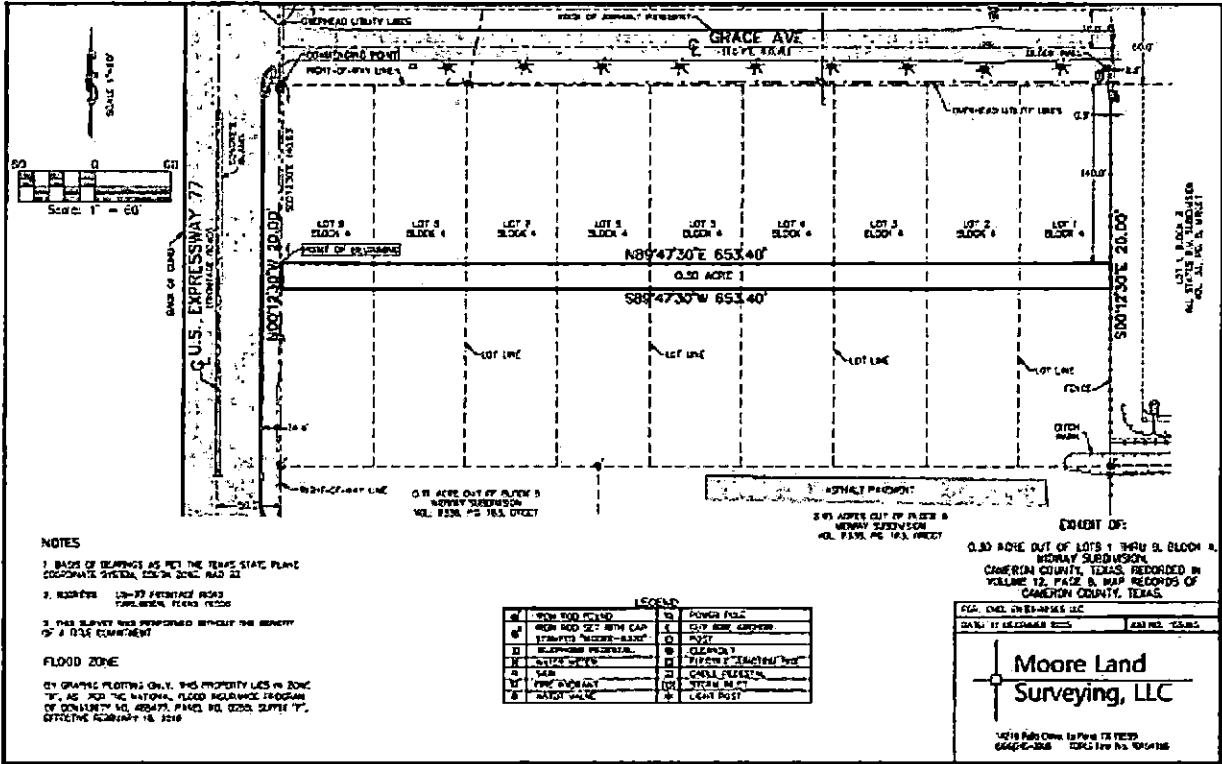
DATE: 22 MAY 2025

JOB NO. 155385

Moore Land Surveying, LLC

12116 AMB CIRCLE, LA FLORES, TEXAS
9561245-0888 1845 P.O. BOX 10194 80

Attachment III



Attachment III cont.

Moore Land Surveying, LLC

14216 Palis Dr., La Feria, TX 78559

(956)245-0988

TBPLS Firm No. 10194186

December 11, 2025

METES AND BOUNDS
0.30 ACRE OF LAND

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C. Moore

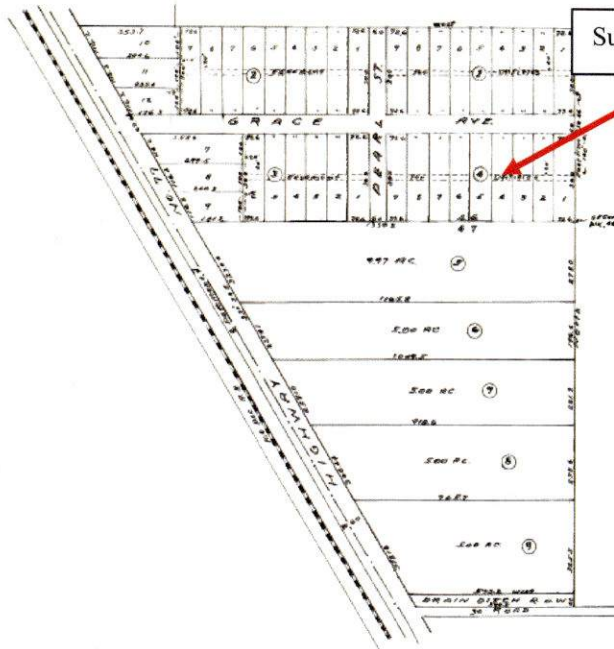
Cody Michael Moore, R.P.L.S.
Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 6370

12/11/2025

Date



Attachment IV



Subject Easement

Albert Schack and Oscar Taylor, owners of the property herein described as Mid Way Sub-division do hereby dedicate and confer the above title of Mid Way Subdivision and do hereby and their heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and assigns forever the right to Cross occupy, construct and maintain over, across and under said streets, at all times electric power lines, telephone lines, drains, ditches and pipe lines and other conduits in the public interest.

Albert Schack
owner
Oscar Taylor
owner

State of Texas
County of Cameron

Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Albert Schack and Oscar Taylor, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 20 day of November, 1946.

(L.S.) Tom B. Bowman, Notary Public in and for Cameron Co., Tex.

State of Texas
County of Cameron

I, N. E. Snow, a Civil Engineer do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the subdivision of 500 acres of land out of Block 46 and 47, David Stephenson Subdivision Survey No. 26, Cameron Co., Texas, as surveyed by me on the ground.

N. E. Snow
Civil Engineer.

State of Texas
County of Cameron

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public this 20 day of November, 1946.

(L.S.) Tom B. Bowman, Notary Public in and for Cameron Co., Tex.

Approved by County Commission, Cameron Co., Texas this 29th day of November, 1946.

Oscar C. Dancy
County Judge, Cameron Co., Tex.

22004
MAP
OF
MID-WAY SUBDIVISION
BEING A SUBDIVISION OF 5000 ACRES
OUT OF BLOCKS 46 AND 47, DAVID STEPHENSON
SUBDIVISION SURVEY NO. 26, CAMERON CO. TEXAS

Scale 1"=200'

O.K. Ralph T. Dyar
By Secretary
O.K. D. T. Dancy
County Engineer

Filed for record this 29 day of Nov. 1946 at 11 o'clock A.M. and duly recorded the 5 day of December, 1946 at 4 o'clock P.M. in the Map Records of Cameron Co., Texas in Vol. 12 page 8.

H. D. Seago, County Clerk
Cameron Co., Texas
By I. Zarate, Deputy

Attachment V

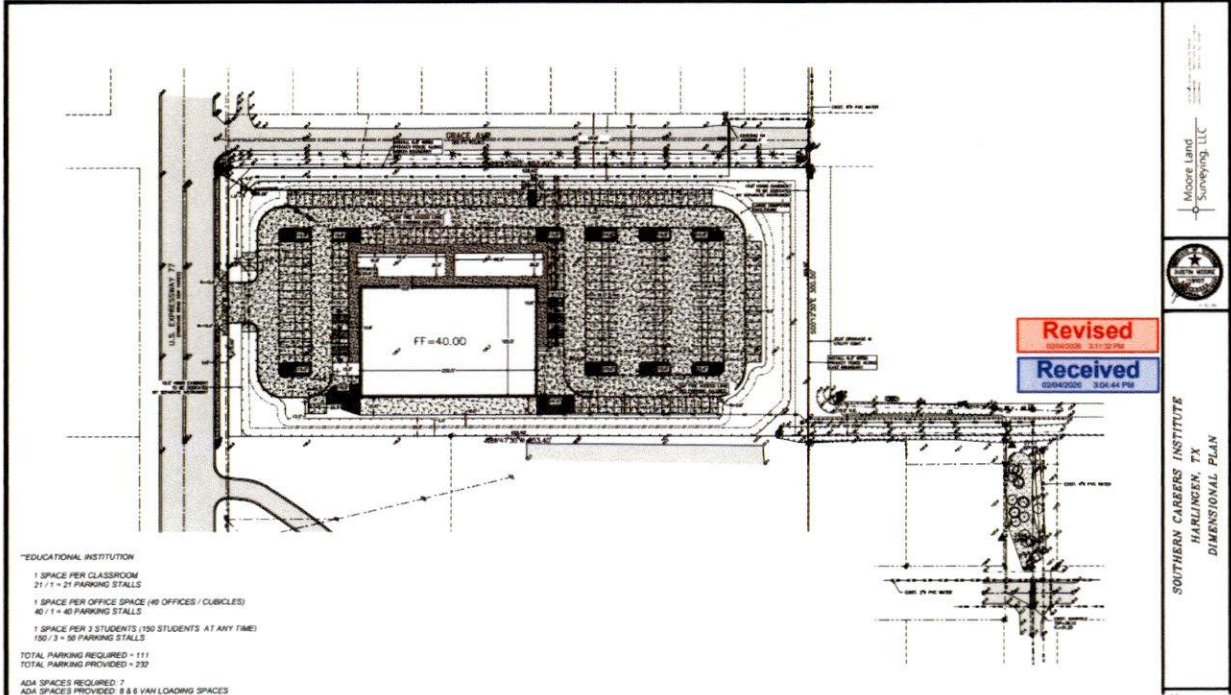


Attachment VI

View from the west on US
Frontage Rd. 77



Attachment VIII



Attachment IX

Joel Olivo

From: Roberto Hernandez
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 5:22 PM
To: Joel Olivo; Nadia Lopez
Subject: Re: Utility Easement Abandonment

Hello Joel,

I have no objection to the utility easement abandonment.

Thanks,

Roberto Hernandez, PE, CFM, MS

City Engineer
City of Harlingen
24200 FM 509, Harlingen, TX 78550
Office: (956) 216-5280



From: Joel Olivo <jolivo@harlingentx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:41 PM
To: Roberto Hernandez <rhernandez@harlingentx.gov>; Nadia Lopez <nlopez@harlingentx.gov>
Subject: FW: Utility Easement Abandonment

Robert and Nadia,

Attached is the pending letter from AT&T regarding the easement abandonment. Thanks.

Joel Olivo
Assistant Planning and Development Director
City of Harlingen

From: Joel Olivo
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 2:56 PM
To: Roberto Hernandez <RHernandez@harlingentx.gov>; Nadia Lopez <nlopez@harlingentx.gov>
Subject: Utility Easement Abandonment

Attachment X



BOUNDLESS ENERGY™

December 23, 2025

L.M.B. Partnership, Ltd.,
P.O. Box 593
Mission, Texas 78573

Re: Vacating a 20' Utility Easement at Midway Subdivision, Harlingen, Texas 78550

To Whom It May Concern,

AEP Texas Inc (AEP) has reviewed your request regarding a 20' foot utility easement located at Midway Subdivision, Harlingen, Texas 78550 and further described as 0.30 acre out of Lots 1 thru 9, Block 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, an addition to the City of Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas.

AEP has determined that we have no interest and do hereby relinquish any right to any future distribution use of the designated 20' foot dedicated easement shown on the attached Exhibit "A & B" for of Lots 1 thru 9, Block 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION.

AEP Texas Inc does not hereby abandon or release any other easements on the property it might have obtained through plats, prescriptive rights, or easements whether of record or not.

Please do not hesitate to contact AEP if you have further questions at (956) 626-2613.

Sincerely,
AEP TEXAS INC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rubi Rodea". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rubi Rodea
Right-of-Way Agent
Rio Grande Valley District

Attachment XI



Emiliano Rosel <erosel.mls@gmail.com>

Midway Subdivision - Easement Abandonment

Tom McLemore <tmclmore@hidcc1.org>

Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 2:41 PM

To: Emiliano Rosel <erosel.mls@gmail.com>, Daniel Villafranco <danielvillafranco@hidcc1.org>

Cc: DUSTIN MOORE <d.moorelandsurveying@gmail.com>

We have no objection to the abandonment.

Tom McLemore

General Manager

Harlingen Irrigation District

Office: 956-423-7015

Cell: 956-367-6599

[Quoted text hidden]

Attachment XII

Board of Directors

President

Steve Jennings

Secretary

Jerome Wade

Vice-President

Nicholas Consiglio

Cameron County Drainage District # 5

221 E. Van Buren Ave, Suite 4

Harlingen, Texas 78550

956-423-6411

www.cccd5.org

General Manager

Rolando Vela

Assistant General Manager

Veronica Larraga

Engineer

Jack L. Brown

Attorney

Buddy R. Dossett

December 18, 2025

Emiliano Rosel, P.E.
Moore Land Surveying, LLC
14929 Palis Drive
La Feria, Texas 78559

RE: 0.30 Acre Easement / Original Midway Subdivision

Dear Mr. Rosel,

Please be advised that the drainage district does not have any easements or utilities on the 0.30-acre easement you are proposing to abandon on the original Midway Subdivision.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rolando Vela
General Manager

Attachment XIII



2/5/26

REF: Easement abandonment

Being .30 acres out of lots 1 thru 9, Block 4

Midway Subdivision

Attention: Moore Land Surveying, LLC

14216 Palis Dr. La Feria, Tx. 78559

To whom it may concern:

In reference to this easement abandonment, Spectrum's has no objection to the abandonment of this easement. Spectrum has no utilities going thru this easement between Lots 1 thru 9, Block 4 of Midway Subdivision. Any questions, I can be reached at 956-412-5489 and my e-mail address is Robert.Martinez@charter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Martinez".

Robert Martinez

RGV Construction Coordinator

Supervisor Angel Hernandez



HARLINGEN
WATERWORKS
SYSTEM

January 21, 2026

Moore Land Surveying, LLC
14216 Palis Drive
La Feria, Tx 78559

Dear Moore Land Surveying, LLC:

In reply to your request for the abandonment of a 0.30 acre utility easement dedication running along the middle of Midway Subdivision, The City of Harlingen Waterworks has no objection to the abandonment of this utility easement as shown on the original recorded plat of Mid-Way Subdivision as recorded in Volume 12 Page 8 of the Map of Records of Cameron County, Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Vasquez'.

David Vasquez
Engineering Department



AT&T Texas
7602 Spring Cypress Road
Spring, TX 77379

LETTER OF NO OBJECTION TO ENCROACHMENT

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Texas has no objection to the release of a twenty foot (20') wide Public Utility Easement dedicated by plat. Said easement is aligned in a generally east-west orientation through the center of the lots as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The subject property being further described as follows:

All of Lots 1-9, Block 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, situated in the City of Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 12, Page 8, Map Records, Cameron County, Texas (M.R.C.C.T.).

AT&T does not have facilities within this utility easement. Full release of the platted easement does not adversely affect our delivery of utility infrastructure.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas
a Delaware Corporation

By: C. Brandon Luna
C. Brandon Luna (Feb 10 2026 13:38:33 CST)
Name: C. Brandon Luna
Title: Sr. OSP Design Engineer
Date: 10-Feb-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING AN EXISTING 20-FOOT-WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, BEING A 0.30 ACRE OUT OF LOTS 1-9, BLOCK 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 3744 N. EXPRESSWAY 77.

WHEREAS, an existing 20-foot wide utility easement being a 0.30 acre out of Lots 1-9, Block 4, Midway Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Harlingen Oak LLC, which is the landowner for the subject lot containing the utility easement to be abandoned;

WHEREAS, the said utility easement interferes with the future development of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds and determines that it is in the best interest of economic development to abandon the easement:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:

SECTION I: That the existing 20-foot-wide utility easement being a 0.30 acre out of Lots 1-9, Block 4, Midway Subdivision, Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map recorded in Volume 12, Page 8, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, is hereby abandoned and vacated, as described in Exhibit "A".

FINALLY ENACTED this 18th day of March, 2026 at a regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

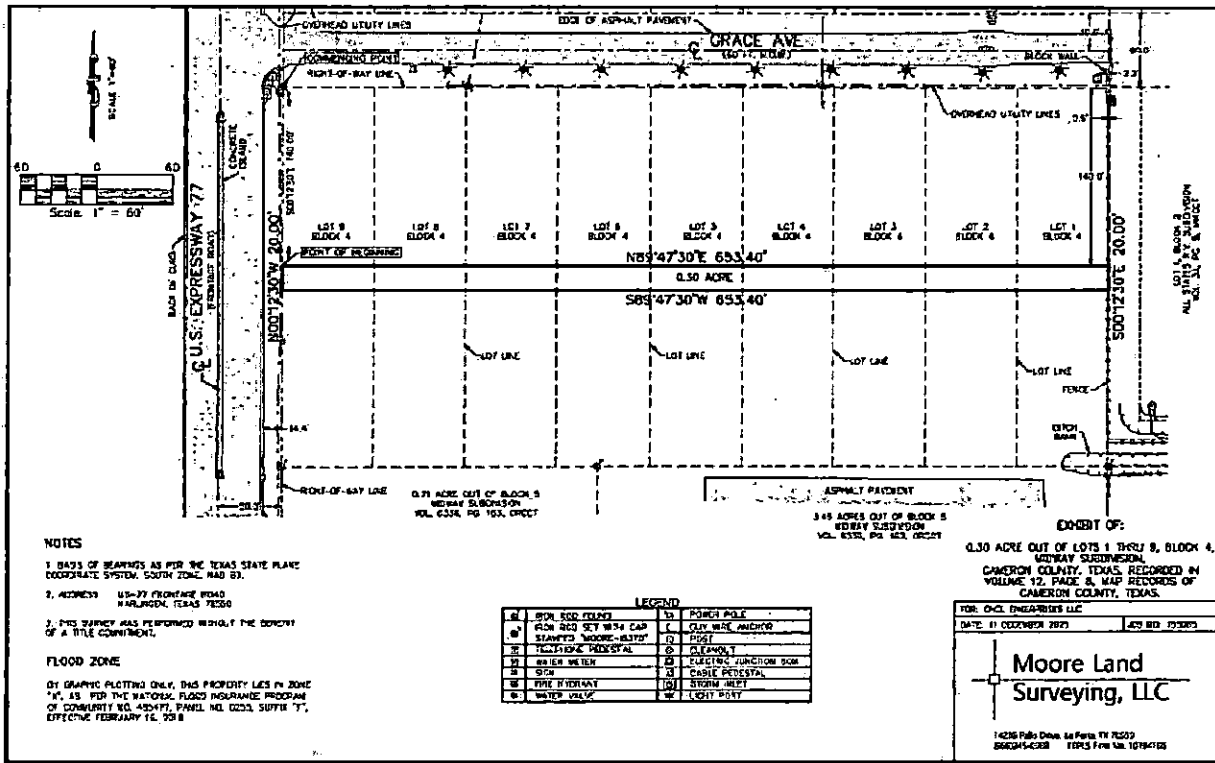
CITY OF HARLINGEN

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

Exhibit "A"



NOTES

1. BASIS OF BEARINGS AS PER THE TEXAS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE, NAD 83.

2. ADDRESS: US-77 FRONTAGE ROAD HARLINGEN, TEXAS 78500

3. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE COMMITMENT.

FLOOD ZONE

BY GRAPHIC PLOTTING ONLY, THIS PROPERTY LIES IN ZONE "X" AS PER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY NO. 420477, PANEL NO. 0223, SUFFIX "7", EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2018

LEGEND

1	IRON ROD PILING	13	POWER POLE
2	IRON ROD SET WITH CAP	14	UTILITY WIRE ANCHOR
3	STAMPED "MOORE-ALSTON"	15	POST
4	TELEPHONE PEDestal	16	FLANGE
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6	CON	18	CABLE PEDESTAL
7	PIPE W/DRYWELL	19	STEEL WELP
8	WATER VALVE	20	LEIST POINT

0.30 ACRE OUT OF LOTS 1 THRU 9, BLOCK 4, MIDWAY SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOLUME 12, PAGE 8, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

FOR: OMC ENGINEERS LLC
DATE: 11 OCTOBER 2023
LSS RD 03285

Moore Land Surveying, LLC

14235 Palo Verde Ln Paris, TX 75262
866344-6028 817-634-1128

Exhibit "A"

Moore Land Surveying, LLC

14216 Palis Dr., La Feria, TX 78559

(956)245-0988

TBPLS Firm No. 10194186

December 11, 2025

METES AND BOUNDS 0.30 ACRE OF LAND

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C. Moore

Cody Michael Moore, R.P.L.S.
Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 6370



12/11/25

Date

AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

10(c)

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve a Participation Agreement with the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to authorize the City of Harlingen's participation in TexPool Prime.

Prepared By (Print Name): Robert Rodriguez

Title: Finance Director

Signature: 

Brief Summary:

The City of Harlingen currently participates in TexPool, a local government investment pool authorized under the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256). Staff is requesting approval of a Participation Agreement with the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to authorize the City's participation in TexPool Prime.

TexPool Prime is a separate investment option within the TexPool Investment Pools structure and is designed to provide diversification of the City's investment portfolio while continuing to comply with the Public Funds Investment Act and the City's adopted Investment Policy. The Participation Agreement outlines the administrative framework, investment authority, reporting requirements, fee structure, and operational procedures governing participation in the pool.

Approval of this agreement will provide the City with an additional investment vehicle to enhance flexibility and potentially improve yield opportunities, while maintaining compliance with state law and investment policy requirements.

No direct fiscal impact is associated with approval of the agreement. Investment earnings will vary based on market conditions and allocation decisions.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Participation Agreement to authorize participation in TexPool Prime.

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount for this purpose? Yes No*

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:


Finance Director's approval: Yes No N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

City Manager's approval:  Yes No N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval:  Yes No N/A



TexPool Investment Pools Participation Agreement

Preamble

This participation agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the Comptroller of Public Accounts (the "Comptroller"), acting through the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (the "Trust Company"), Trustee of the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) and TexPool Prime, (collectively the "TexPool Investment Pools"), and [City of Harlingen] (the "Participant").

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, TEX GOV'T CODE ANN, ch. 791 and the Public Funds Investment Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ch. 2256 (the "Acts") provide for the creation of a public funds investment pool to which any local government or state agency may delegate, by contract, the authority to hold legal title as custodian and to make investments purchased with local funds;

WHEREAS, the Trust Company is a special purpose trust company authorized pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 404.103 to receive, transfer and disburse money and securities belonging to state agencies and local political subdivisions of the state and for which the Comptroller is the sole officer, director and shareholder;

WHEREAS, TexPool and TexPool Prime are public funds investment pools, which funds are invested in certain eligible investments as more fully described hereafter;

WHEREAS, the Participant has determined that it is authorized to invest in a public funds investment pool created under the Acts and to enter into this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges that the Trust Company is not responsible for independently verifying the Participant's authority to invest under the Acts or to enter this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges that the performance of TexPool Investment Pools is not guaranteed by the State of Texas, the Comptroller, or the Trust Company and that there is no secondary source of payment for the TexPool Investment Pools; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the continued availability of an investment pool as a vehicle for investment of local government funds and simultaneously provide for enhancement in services and potential decreases in management and administrative fees, Participant and Trust Company desire to provide in this Agreement that the Trust Company may obtain private professional investment management and related services.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree with each other as follows:

Article I: Definitions

"Account" shall mean any account or accounts, established by the Participant in TexPool Investment Pools in accordance with this Agreement and the Operating Procedures (as defined herein), which Account represents an undivided beneficial ownership in TexPool Investment Pools.

"Authorized Investments" shall mean those investments which are authorized by the Investment Act (as herein defined) for investment of public funds.

"Authorized Representative(s) of the Participant" shall mean any individual who is authorized to execute documents and take such other necessary actions under this Agreement as evidenced by the duly enacted Resolution of the Participant.

"Authorized Representative(s) of the Trust Company" shall mean any employee of the Comptroller or Trust Company who is designated in writing by the Comptroller or the Trust Company's Chief Executive Officer to act as the authorized Trust Company representative for purposes of this Agreement and shall include employees of any private entity performing the obligations of the Comptroller under this Agreement.

"Board" shall mean the advisory board provided for in the Investment Act (as defined below).

"Investment Act" shall mean the Public Funds Investment Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ch. 2256, as amended from time to time.

"Investment Policy" shall mean the written TexPool Investment Pools Investment Policies, as amended from time to time, relating to the investment and management of funds in TexPool Investment Pools as established by the Trust Company consistent with the Investment Act.

"Letter of Instruction" shall mean a written authorization and direction to the Trust Company signed by an Authorized Representative of the Participant.

Article I: Definitions (continued)

"Operating Procedures" shall mean the written procedures established by the Trust Company describing the management and operation of TexPool Investment Pools, and providing for the establishment of, deposits to and withdrawals from the Accounts, as amended from time to time.

"Participant" shall mean any entity authorized by the Acts to participate in a public funds investment pool that has executed this Agreement pursuant to a Resolution.

"Resolution" shall mean the resolution adopted by the governing body of a local governmental entity authorizing the entity's participation in TexPool Investment Pools and designating persons to serve as Authorized Representatives of the Participant.

Article II: General Administration

Section 2.01. TexPool Investment Pools Defined.

- (a) TexPool Investment Pools are public funds investment pools created pursuant to the Acts.
- (b) Subject to Section 6.10, the Trust Company agrees to manage the Participant's Account(s) in accordance with the Investment Act and the Investment Policy.

Section 2.02. Board.

- (a) The Board is composed of members appointed pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Act.
- (b) The Board shall advise the Trust Company on the Investment Policy and on various other matters affecting TexPool Investment Pools, and shall approve fee increases.

Section 2.03. General Administration.

- (a) The Trust Company shall establish and maintain the Investment Policy specifically identifying the Authorized Investments consistent with the Investment Act and the general policy and investment goals for TexPool Investment Pools.
- (b) The Trust Company shall establish and maintain the Operating Procedures, describing the management and operation of TexPool Investment Pools and providing for procedures to be followed for the establishment of, deposits to, and withdrawals from the Accounts and such other matters as are necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.
- (c) The Trust Company shall have the power to take any action necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, subject to applicable law and the terms of this Agreement.

Section 2.04. Ownership Interest. Each Participant shall own an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of TexPool Investment Pools in an amount proportional to the total amount of such Participant's Accounts relative to the total amount of all Participants' Accounts in TexPool Investment Pools, computed on a daily basis.

Section 2.05. Independent Audit. TexPool Investment Pools are subject to annual review by an independent auditor consistent with Ch. 2256, TEX GOV'T CODE ANN. In addition, reviews of TexPool Investment Pools may be conducted by the State Auditor's Office and the Comptroller's office. The Trust Company may obtain such legal, accounting, financial or other professional services as it deems necessary or appropriate to assist TexPool Investment Pools in meeting its goals and objectives.

Section 2.06. Liability. Any liability of the Comptroller, the Comptroller's office, the Trust Company, representatives or agents of the Trust Company, any Comptroller employee, Trust Company or any member of the Board for any loss, damage or claim, including losses from investments and transfers, to the Participant shall be limited to the full extent allowed by applicable laws. The Trust Company's responsibilities hereunder are limited to the management and investment of TexPool Investment Pools and the providing of reports and information herein required.

Article III: Participant Requirement

Section 3.01. The Participation Agreement. The Participant must execute this Agreement and provide a Resolution authorizing participation in TexPool Investment Pools and designating persons to serve as Authorized Representatives of the Participant and any other documents as are required under, and substantially in the form prescribed by, the Operating Procedures before depositing any funds into TexPool Investment Pools. The Participant must provide an updated Resolution designating Authorized Representatives within 5 business days of the departure of any Authorized Representative of the Participant.

Section 3.02. Operating Procedures.

- (a) The Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Operating Procedures. The Operating Procedures describe in detail the procedures required for the establishment of accounts, deposits to and withdrawals from TexPool Investment Pools, and related information.
- (b) The Operating Procedures may be modified by the Trust Company as appropriate to remain consistent with established banking practices and capabilities and when such modification is deemed necessary to improve the operation of TexPool Investment Pools.
- (c) The Participant hereby concurs with and agrees to abide by the Operating Procedures.

Article IV: Investments

Section 4.01. Investments. All monies held in TexPool Investment Pools shall be invested and reinvested by the Trust Company or Authorized Representatives of the Trust Company only in Authorized Investments in accordance with the Agreement, the Investment Policy and the Investment Act. Participant hereby concurs with any such investment so made by the Trust Company. Available funds of TexPool Investment Pools that are uninvested may be held at the Trust Company's account at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, or any designated custodian account, or with a custodian selected by the Trust Company. All investment assets and collateral will be in the possession of the Trust Company and held in its book-entry safekeeping account at the Federal Reserve Bank, any designated custodian account, or with a custodian selected by the Trust Company.

Section 4.02. Failed Investment Transaction. In the extraordinary event that a purchase of securities results in a failed settlement, any resulting uninvested funds shall remain in the Trust Company's Federal Bank of Dallas account, any designated custodian account or with a custodian selected by the Trust Company. If an alternative investment can be secured after the failure of the trade to settle, TexPool Investment Pools will receive all the income earnings, including but not limited to, any compensation from the purchaser failing in the trade and the interest income from the alternative investment.

Section 4.03. Investment Earnings and Losses Allocation. All interest earnings in TexPool Investment Pools will be valued daily and credited to the Participant's Accounts monthly, on a pro rata allocation basis. All losses, if any, resulting from the investment of monies in TexPool shall also be allocated on a pro rata allocation basis. All earnings and losses will be allocated to the Participant's Accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Section 4.04. Commingling of Accounts. Participant agrees that monies deposited in TexPool and TexPool Prime, may be commingled with all other monies held in TexPool and TexPool Prime, respectively for purposes of common investment and operational efficiency. However, each Participant will have separate Accounts on the books and records of TexPool Investment Pools, as further provided for in the Operating Procedures.

Article V: Fees, Expenses and Reports

Section 5.01. Fees and Expenses. The Participant agrees to pay the amount set forth in the fee schedule. Participant agrees that all fees shall be directly and automatically assessed and charged against the Participant's Accounts. The basic service fee shall be calculated as a reduction in the daily income earned, thus only the net income shall be credited to the Participant's Account. Fees for special services shall be charged to each Participant's account as they are incurred or performed. A schedule of fees shall be provided to the Participant annually. Each Participant will be notified thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any change in the fee schedule.

Section 5.02. Reports. A monthly statement will be mailed to the Participant within the first five (5) business days of the succeeding month. The monthly statement shall include a detailed listing of the balance in the Participant's Accounts as of the date of the statement; all account activity, including deposits and withdrawals; the daily and monthly yield information; and any special fees and expenses charged. Additionally, copies of the Participant's reports in physical or computer form will be maintained for a minimum of three prior fiscal years. All records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours of the business day and under reasonable conditions.

Section 5.03. Confidentiality. The Trust Company and any private entity acting on behalf of the Trust Company for purposes of this Agreement will maintain the confidentiality of the Participant's Accounts, subject to the Public Information Act, TEX GOV'T CODE ANN. ch. 552, as amended.

Article VI: Miscellaneous

Section 6.01. Notices. Any notices, Letters of Instructions or other information required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be submitted in writing and shall be deemed duly given when deposited in the U.S. mail postage prepaid or successfully transmitted via facsimile addressed to the parties as follows:

To the **Participant:**

City of Harlingen

Participant

118 E. Tyler

Address

Harlingen | TX | 78550

City

State

Zip

9562165064 | 9562165058

Telephone

Fax

Article VI: Miscellaneous (continued)

To **Trust Company** with respect to contractual matters or disputes under this Agreement:

Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company
Attn: TexPool Investment Pools
Rusk State Office Building
208 East 10th Street
Austin, TX 78701
Telephone: (512) 463-4300
FAX No.: (512) 463-4368

To **TexPool Investment Pools** with respect to operational matters, including enrollment documents; changes to Authorized Representatives; Bank Information Sheets; initiation of deposits or withdrawals of funds; changes to addresses; audit confirmation requests; and account inquiry:

TexPool Participant Services
1001 Texas Ave., Suite 1150
Houston, TX 77002
Telephone: 1-866-839-7665 (1-866-TEX-POOL)
FAX No.: 1-866-839-3291 (1-866-TEX-FAX1)

The Participant and the Trust Company agree to notify the other of any change affecting this information and agree that unless and until so notified, the other party shall be entitled to rely on the last information provided.

Section 6.02. Taxpayer Identification Number. The Participant's taxpayer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is: 74-6001047. The Participant hereby agrees to notify the Trust Company of any change affecting this Taxpayer Identification number and agrees that unless and until so notified, the Trust Company shall be entitled to rely on same in providing any and all reports or other information necessary or required by the Federal tax laws as amended from time to time.

Section 6.03. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or deemed to be in fact illegal, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever.

Section 6.04. Execution of Counterparts. This Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several separate counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 6.05. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any dispute under this Agreement shall be in Travis County, Texas.

Section 6.06. Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way defined, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provisions, articles or sections of this Agreement.

Section 6.07. Amendments.

- (a) The Trust Company shall advise the Participant in writing of any amendments to this Agreement no less than 45 days prior to the effective date of such amendment. The Participant may ratify the proposed amendment of this Agreement by letter to the Trust Company. If the Participant elects not to ratify the amendment, the Participant may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 6.08. In the event the Participant fails to respond in writing to a notice of amendment prior to the effective date of such amendment, this Agreement shall be deemed amended.
- (b) The Trust Company may periodically revise the Operating Procedures from time to time as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of TexPool Investment Pools. The Participant will be bound by any amendment to the Operating Procedures with respect to any transaction occurring subsequent to the time such amendment takes effect, provided, however, that no such amendment shall affect the Participant's right to cease to be a Participant.

Section 6.08. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto, with or without cause, by tendering 30 days prior written notice in the manner set forth in Section 6.01 hereof.

Section 6.09. Term. Unless terminated in accordance with Section 6.08, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed on each anniversary date hereof.

Section 6.10. Assignment. The Trust Company may enter into an agreement with a third party investment manager to perform its obligations and service under this Agreement, provided that such third party investment manager shall manage TexPool Investment Pools according to the Investment Act, Investment Policy and in a manner consistent with that directed by the Trust Company. The Trust Company also shall have the right to assign its rights and obligations under the Agreement to a third party investment manager if the Trust Company determines that such assignment is in the best interest of the State and Participants. In the event a successor pool to TexPool or TexPool Prime is deemed by the Trust Company to be in the best interest of the State and the Participant, the Trust Company may take any action it deems necessary to assign its rights and benefits under any third party agreements and transfer the assets from TexPool Investment Pools to any successor pool.


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**AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: **March 4, 2026**

Agenda Item:

Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution adopting the Harlingen Community Improvement Board's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Prepared By (Print Name): Robert Rodriguez
Title: Finance Director
Signature: 

Brief Summary:

Exhibit "A" displays total revenues, expenditures, and estimated fund balance for fiscal year 2026. The proposed budget outlines the Board's anticipated revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year in accordance with its adopted financial policies and statutory requirements.

Total Revenues – \$2,455,000
Total Expenditures – \$5,453,063

(See attached budget for detail)

Note: The budget was reviewed and approved by the Harlingen Community Improvement Board at its meeting held on February 19, 2026.

Funding (if applicable):

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount for this purpose? Consideration and approval of budget. Yes No*

*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:


Finance Director's approval: Yes No N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

City Manager's approval:  Yes No N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval:  Yes No N/A

192 Harlingen Community Improvement Board (4B) Fund
 Departmental Budget Projections and Requests
 Fiscal Year 2026

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	<u>\$ 7,118,549</u>
Projected Revenues	2,455,000
Requested Expenditures	<u>5,453,063</u>
Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	(2,998,063)
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 4,120,486</u></u>

Revenues

Taxes - Sales	\$ 2,275,000
Interest - Investments	180,000

Total Adopted Revenues \$ 2,455,000

Expenditures

Administration:	
Project - Miscellaneous, unallocated	\$ 500,000
Committed Funds:	
Debt Service - Convention Center	604,907
Projects:	
Destination Park, Phase II, Trails and other	1,104,085
Tony Butler Golf Course	26,086
Phase VI ACHB Trail	469,530
Harlingen North-South Trail Link	64,500
Harlingen Tree Planting Initiative	20,000
Harlingen Recreation Center	1,125,000
Victor Park	391,245
Various Park Improvements	338,710
Various Recreation Department Improvements	19,000
Historic Preservation - Casa del Sol	500,000
Park Improvements - Equipment Stuart Place & Vestal	290,000
Total Adopted Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 5,453,063</u></u>

Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures \$ (2,998,063)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- _____

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Harlingen Community Improvement Board has submitted its proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas has reviewed the budget submitted by the Harlingen Community Improvement Board for its 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Harlingen Community Improvement Board as submitted shows total projected revenues of Two Million, Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,455,000) and total authorized expenditures of Five Million, Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Sixty-Three Dollars (\$5,453,063) as shown on the attached Exhibit A, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:

That the budget of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board as recited herein above for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, showing total projected revenues of Two Million, Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,455,000) and total authorized expenditures of Five Million, Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Sixty-Three Dollars (\$5,453,063) is hereby adopted and approved.

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS _____, 2026 at a regular meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBTITLE A., CHAPTER 551, as amended.

CITY OF HARLINGEN

Norma Sepulveda, Mayor


Attest:

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date: **March 04, 2026**

Agenda Item:
Consideration and possible action to participate in the Blue Zones with the Valey Baptist Legacy Foundation.

Prepared By (Print Name): Gabriel Gonzalez Title: City Manager Signature: 

Brief Summary:

Funding (if applicable):
Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount for this purpose? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*
*If no, specify source of funding and amount requested:
Finance Director's approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

City Manager's approval:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Comments:

City Attorney's approval:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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BLUE ZONES

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BUILDING A CULTURE OF WELL-BEING

- ✓ BETTER HEALTH
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3 PHASE PROCESS

PHASE 1

BLUE ZONES IGNITE

Creating a Transformation Plan

Blue Zones experts will perform a structured exploration of your community, and collaborate to build a plan for change.

PHASE 2

BLUE ZONES ACTIVATE

Igniting Transformation Through Systems Change

It all starts by activating community leaders to make key policy changes, which progress to broad and lasting transformation.

PHASE 3

BLUE ZONES PROJECT

Expanding and Sustaining the Value

Deploying the Life Radius model—the perfect storm of change.

WHAT IS BLUE ZONES ?

Backed by research of the original blue zones—rare longevity hotspots where people **thrive into their 100s**—we help transform communities.



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POWER 9

Nine lifestyle habits shared by people who've lived the longest.



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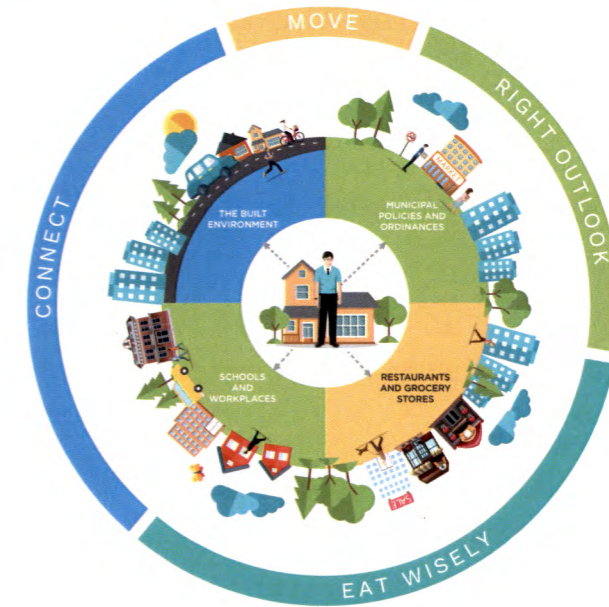
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Almost all Americans spend **90%** of their lives within **20 miles of home**. This is the **Life Radius**, and that is where we focus using evidence-based lessons of longevity from the blue zones called **the Power 9**.

Our ground-breaking approach is so effective because we make lasting changes to the environment in which people live, work, and play so that healthy choices are easier. These changes to the manmade surrounding and systems collectively nudge people to move and connect more, eat wisely, and develop the right outlook.

"In an age when poor health seems so intractable, you've taken this community from a place of resignation to a place of hope."

-Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General, after seeing Blue Zones work in California



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JOIN US AS WE

IGNITE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

We are taking part in the global movement proven to improve health and well-being for entire communities, cities, and counties.

This new way of thinking and working will enhance the places we live, work, learn, and play.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries is bringing together civic and community leaders to work with Blue Zones to make healthy choices easier and more accessible for all who live in and visit Rio Grande Valley.



IGNITE RIO GRANDE VALLEY KEYNOTE EVENTS

Mission Keynote Event

Thursday, February 26th
Mission Event Center
200 N Shary Rd

McAllen Keynote Event

Thursday, February 26th
First United Methodist Church
4200 N McColl Rd

Pharr Keynote Event

Friday, February 27th
Pharr ONE
1121 E Nolana Loop

Edinburg Keynote Event

Friday February 27th
Edinburg Municipal Auditorium
200 N 7th Ave

RSVP via QR code below

Blue Zones is the proven innovator for improving the well-being of large populations, with remarkable success in businesses, cities, and states across America.

In this phase, Blue Zones global experts are performing a [Readiness Assessment](#), a structured exploration to determine how Blue Zones can amplify the good work already occurring in Rio Grande Valley and leverage existing plans to lift up and increase the well-being of all residents and stakeholders in our area.

National experts will collaborate with community leaders in an intensive multi-day engagement to identify and validate the key characteristics necessary for a Blue Zones Transformation in Rio Grande Valley. Following the site assessment, Blue Zones will provide an assessment report indicating readiness and feasibility for a Blue Zones Transformation focused on sustainable, long-term environmental changes that strengthen our social ties, enhance our surroundings, and sharpen living policies to help people live healthier, better, and longer lives. Learn more at www.bluezones.com/ignite-rio-grande-valley.

This Blue Zones Ignite Assessment is sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Ministries to create new opportunities to co-design and co-develop solutions that propel generations of people living in the Rio Grande Valley to flourish and thrive in mind, body, and spirit.



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SERVING HUMANITY TO HONOR GOD



MISSION

To empower everyone, everywhere to live better, longer.

WHY WE'RE DIFFERENT

Blue Zones is a pioneer in transforming the health and well-being of entire populations through altering environments—the places and spaces where people live, work, learn, and play. Rather than a siloed approach that concentrates on specific challenges, Blue Zones represents a paradigm shift to focus on root causes, not just the symptoms.



Where People Live Better, Longer Lives

In 2004, Blue Zones founder Dan Buettner teamed with National Geographic, the National Institutes on Aging, and the world's best longevity researchers to identify pockets around the world where people lived measurably better, longer. In these blue zones, they found that people reach age 100 at rates 10 times greater than in the United States.

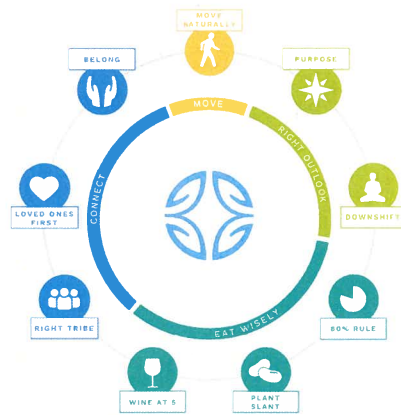
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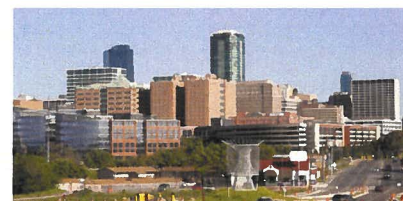
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City of Harlingen
Agenda Item Request Form

We hereby request the following item to be added to March 04, 2026, City Commission Agenda:

Discussion and possible action regarding the City's and/or City Manager's practice, policy and procedures governing city elected officials' attendance to local City events and/or out of town trips and/or conferences paid by either the City and/or the EDC.

Delia Cavazos-Gamez - D1
Delia Cavazos-Gamez, Commissioner, Dist. 1

Frank Morales Dist. #4
Frank Morales, Commissioner, Dist. 4