

**CITY COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 1, 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, APRIL 1, 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](http://www.harlingentx.gov) and the City of Harlingen YouTube Page.

To submit written comments regarding an item for City Secretary, go to [www.harlingentx.gov](http://www.harlingentx.gov) and click on "PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORM" write your comments (limited to 400 words or less) and submit the form.

**PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BEFORE 3:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE MEETING.**

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**City of Harlingen meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (956) 216-5001 or write Post Office Box 2207, Harlingen, Texas 78550 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

**The Harlingen City Commission reserves the right, pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to enter into closed executive session on any item posted on the agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for closed discussion.**

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:**
  - a) Invocation - Commissioner Rene Perez
  - b) Pledge of Allegiance
  - c) Welcome Citizens
- 2) **Conflict of Interest:**

"Under State Law, a conflict of interest exists if a commission member, or certain members of that person's family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item. Are there any known conflicts of interest to disclose at the time?" *(City Attorney)*.
- 3) **Announcements:** *With respect to items not listed elsewhere on this agenda, the City Commission may report on items of community interest, including announcing community events, announcing employee or community recognitions.*
  - a) Mayor's Announcements
  - b) City Manager's Announcements
  - c) City Commission Member Announcements
- 4) **Proclamation/Presentation of Awards:**
  - a) Harlingen Animal Shelter - "Pet of the Week" followed by a presentation of a check from Harlingen Fire Dept.
  - b) Certificate of Recognition — Harlingen High School South "Lady Hawks" Basketball Team
  - c) Certificate of Recognition — Harlingen High School "Lady Cardinals" Basketball Team
  - d) Recognition for the Harlingen Legacy Award — Charlie Perez
  - e) Presentation of Proclamation — Jackson Street Market Days "25th Anniversary"
  - f) Presentation of Proclamation — Animal Control Appreciation Week
  - g) Presentation of Proclamation - National Community Development Week
  - h) Certificate of Recognition - Roberto Hernandez—Recipient of "The Young Engineer of the Year Award"
  - i) Certificate of Recognition — 2026 World's Strongest Firefighters Competition "Michael Allen & Gage Richmond"
- 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 December 17, 2025
- 7) **Consent Agenda:** *No discussion is anticipated on any of the items in this section because they are routine business, were included in the budget adoption process, or have been previously discussed as a staff report or discussion item. These items will be considered collectively by a single vote, unless a commission member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda.*
  - a) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a recycling center, ferrous in a Light Industry ("LI") District located at 1318 North Commerce Street, bearing a legal description of 3.40 acres out of Block

1, Harlingen Land and Water Company Subdivision. Applicant: Nicole Ortiz. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.

- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading to rezone from Not Designated ("N") District to General Retail ("GR") District for a property located at 33470 FM 509, bearing a legal description of 1.75 acres out of Block 167, San Benito Land and Water Subdivision. Applicant: Raul Viramontes. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an event center with alcohol in a General Retail ("GR") District located at 350 N. Loop 499, bearing a legal description of 2.72 acres out of 21.7986 acres out of Block 67, Harlingen Land and Water Company Subdivision. Applicant: Eduardo Pena. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading to rezone from General Retail ("GR") District to Planned Development ("PD") District to allow a mixed-use development (commercial and multifamily) for properties bearing a legal description of 30.52 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block 182, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Concepción De Carricitos Grant, located northeast of Camelot Drive and Victoria Lane. Applicant: Berenice Chapa (Half Associates) c/o Economic Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, in a General Retail ("GR") District, located at 211 N. Ed Carey Drive, bearing a legal description of Lot 3, Block 1, Dorris Subdivision Unit 1. Applicant: Richard Rivas c/o Panthers Petroleum III, LLC. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.
- f) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute Flock Safety Mobile Security Trailer Agreement between the City of Harlingen and Flock Safety. Attachment **(Police Department)**. **(This item was tabled at the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 18, 2026)**.
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve a Facility Usage Agreement for 7-on-7 football practice between the City of Harlingen and the Harlingen Cardinals Youth Sports League for use of Vestal Park Field 1. Attachment **(Parks & Recreation)**
- h) Consideration and Possible action to approve the testing and potential installation of speed humps at the following locations: **(This item was requested by Commissioner Della Cavazos-Gamez and Commissioner Frank Morales)**.

1. E. Flynn Ave (Between 13th & 10th Street)

- 8) **Staff Reports and Other Discussion Items:** *Items in this section are not expected to require action by the City Commission and are generally for information only. However, any item listed in this section may become an action item at a future meeting with the request of the Mayor, or after the request of any two Commission members, or the City Manager.*
  - a) City Manager's Report
  - b) Staff Reports:
  - c) Presentation from Schneider Electric regarding the 30% Investment Grade Audit (IGA) findings for the City of Harlingen Deferred Maintenance Program, including preliminary scope of work, project prioritization, and estimated costs and savings. **(This item is for informational purposes only; an assessment update from the meeting held on March 19, 2025)**.
- 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 second and final reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow the loading/unloading of bulk liquid (ethanol) in a Light Industry ("LI") District located at 2201 N. Commerce Street, bearing a legal description of 23.4100 acres out of Block G, Survey 26, Boyce Tract. Applicant: Frank Cunningham c/o Saint Claire Group, Inc. Attachment (**Planning & Development**).
- b) Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading of the City of Harlingen Ordinance establishing a policy requiring City Commission approval for certain extraordinary water supply commitments outside the City limits in order to protect municipal water resources, infrastructure capacity, and long-term growth planning; including legislative findings; applicability provisions; preservation of the operational authority of the Harlingen Waterworks and Sewer System; prospective application; and severability. (**Mayor**)
- [REDACTED]
- c) Consideration and possible action to purchase seven (7) pickup trucks with savings from the purchase of Engines 1 and 2. Attachment (**Fire**).
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Harlingen and Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) for the use of aquatic facilities and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Attachment (**Parks & Recreation**).
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve funding for the Harlingen field renovations and authorize the City Manager to proceed with project implementation. Attachment (**Parks & Recreation**).
- f) Discuss and possible action regarding the FAA citing the City's failure to properly train Airport Firefighters in handling wildlife safety hazards on VIA's runway. (**This item was requested by Commissioner Frank Morales and Commissioner Delia Cavazos-Gamez**)
- g) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to request funding from the Harlingen Community Improvement Board for the Stuart Place Pocket Park and Hunter Park. (**This item was requested by Commissioner Rene Perez and Commissioner Delia Cavazos-Gamez**).
- h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to request funding from the Harlingen Community Improvement Board for the Lon C. Hill Destination Park. (**Mayor**)
- i) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to establish a City of Harlingen Advisory Committee on accessibility for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (**Mayor**)
- j) Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution calling for public hearings on a proposed moratorium on high-intensity data processing facilities (data centers), and directing publication of notice in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 212.131-212.137. (**Mayor**)
- k) Consideration and possible action to change the Harlingen Auditorium name to Gloria Canales Auditorium. (**Mayor**)

- 11) **Board Appointments:**  
*Specifically, appointment or discussion and possible action to include appointment and/or removal of any position subject to appointment or removal by statute, ordinance, or bylaws.*  
Airport  
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (2)  
Audit Committee (Terms expire in June)  
Civil Service Commission  
Community Development Advisory Board(CDBG)  
Construction Board of Adjustments (3)  
Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.(HEDC)  
Golf Course Advisory Board  
Harlingen Community Improvement Board(4B)  
Harlingen Housing Authority Board  
Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)  
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (1)  
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board  
Historic Preservation Council  
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board  
Library Advisory Board (1)  
Mayor Wellness Council  
Museum Advisory Board  
Parks Advisory Board  
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (1)  
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)  
Tax Increment Finance Board 1, 2 & 3  
Utility Board of Trustees  
Veterans Advisory Board  
Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 12) **Executive Session:** *All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive Session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor. However, City Commission will not take any action in closed session.*
- a) The City Commission will convene in closed session pursuant to **Texas Government Code §551.087** to discuss commercial and financial information received from a business prospect seeking to locate or expand within the City and to deliberate the offer of economic development incentives relating to a proposed privately financed entertainment and tourism event project, including potential contractual arrangements for the temporary use of City facilities.
- The Commission may also consult with the City Attorney pursuant to **Texas Government Code §551.071** regarding legal issues associated with the proposed event production agreement, including risk allocation, indemnification, insurance requirements, and protection of the City's governmental interests. **(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 12(a) 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 THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026, at or before 3:00 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least three (3) business days preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026

  
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Mayra Herrera, City Secretary