

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 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, JULY 15, 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.

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

PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BEFORE 12:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

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

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

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

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

"Under State Law, a conflict of interest exists if a commission member, or certain members of that person's family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item. Are there any known conflicts of interest to disclose at the time?" **(City Attorney)**.
- 3) **Announcements:** *With respect to items not listed elsewhere on this agenda, the City Commission may report on items of community interest, including announcing community events, announcing employee or community recognitions.*
 - a) Mayor's Announcements
 - b) City Manager's Announcements
 - c) City Commission Member Announcements
- 4) **Proclamation/Presentation of Awards:**
 - a) Harlingen Animal Shelter "Pet of the Week"
 - b) Presentation of Proclamation — Rotary Club of Harlingen Sunburst 100th Anniversary
 - c) Mayor's Business of the Month – "Gracie's Goodies"
- 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 May 06, 2026
 - b) Regular Meeting of June 03, 2026
- 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 the release from the City of Harlingen Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) consisting of 8.30 acres out of the North 9.685 acres out of the South 19.37 acres out of Block 75, Minnesota Texas Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision, located approximately 800 feet south of Tio Cano Lake Cross Rd. between Louisiana Road and FM 506. Applicant: Abby Jo Lopez Attachment. **(Planning and Development)**
 - b) 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)**
- 8) **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 Staff 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 of first reading amending The Harlingen Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 Master Fee Schedule to provide a twenty percent (20%) discount on green fees and Golf Cart Fees at the Tony Butler Golf Course for City employees, Veterans, Active-Duty Military Personnel, First Responders, and Harlingen Resident Teachers. Attachment (**Golf**).
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading to adopt regulations that ensure that meetings of the City Commission are conducted in a way that allows the business of the City to be undertaken effectively and efficiently; providing savings, repealing and severability clauses and providing an effective date. Attachment (**City Manager**)



- c) Consideration and possible action to authorize the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Texas Water Development Board for funding the construction of priority water capital improvements projects and the appointing of the HWWS authorized representative. Attachment (**HWWS**)
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance authorizing the amendment Chapter 48 Division 4: Industrial Water Subdivision I sections 48-255 thru 48-270 to amend Technically Based Local Limits (TBLLs) as part of the approved pretreatment program; and ordaining other matters relating thereto. Attachment (**HWWS**)
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve the appointment of Marie Leal as the General Manager of the Harlingen Waterworks System. (**HWWS**)
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve the removal of the existing mural at Downtown Lozano Plaza and authorize the installation of a new mural, as recommended by the Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board, with all project cost funded by the Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board. Attachment (**Public Works**)
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed list of streets for the FY 2027 Street Improvement Program (SIP). Attachment (**Engineering**)

- 11)

Board Appointments:

Appointment, 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
Harlingen Community Improvement Board(4B)
Harlingen Housing Authority Board
Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (2)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Historic Preservation Committee
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (1)
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
The Blind and Visually Impaired Advisory Committee (7)
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) Deliberation and possible action regarding the potential purchase of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072. **(Assistant City Manager-Dr. Josh Ramirez).**
 - b) Consultation with Legal Counsel pursuant to TX Government Code Section 551.071 (2) regarding an update on the Collective Bargaining agreement with Harlingen Police Officers. **(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 regarding the potential purchase of real property as discussed in executive session.
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve item 12 (b) as discussed in the 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, JULY 09, 2026**, at or before 5:25 p.m. and remained so posted for at least three (3) business days preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this **9th** day of **JULY, 2026**



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary