

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 public comments in reference to an agenda item or in the scope of the City Commission Jurisdiction, go to www.harlingentx.gov and click on "PUBLIC COMMENTS" and choose either "Citizen Communications or Public Hearings." For written comments, submit your comments to publiccomments@harlingentx.gov (limited to 400 words or less and will not be read out loud).

Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on Citizen Communications. For two (2) or more Public Hearings, you will be allotted five (5) minutes to address all items and time will be divided among the items.

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 people, regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, or need interpretation assistance, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (956) 216-5001.

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 — Proclaiming the Month of September as "Suicide Prevention Month"
 - c) Presentation of Proclamation — Harlingen Medical Center—"Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program.
 - d) Mayor's Business of the Month - Edith's Kitchen
- 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:**
- 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 acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. Attachment **(Special Projects)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Texas Veterans' Commission – Housing for Texas Heroes Grant Program. Attachment **(Special Projects)**.
 - c) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorize the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Texas Veteran's Commission - General Assistance Grant Program - Financial Assistance. Attachment **(Special Projects)**.
 - d) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Inspire Grants for Small Museums. Attachment **(Special Projects)**

- e) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Bissell Pet Foundation's Duffield Pet Wellness Program and to enter into an MOU with the organization. Attachment (**Special Projects**)
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the previously approved Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Community Residential Facility in a General Retail ("GR") District located on a property bearing a legal description of 6.546 acres, more or less, being a portion of a 13.674-acre tract of land out of Block 55, David and Stephenson Subdivision, located on the north-east corner of Breedlove Street and West Loop 499. Applicant: Elisa Vasquez c/o Terry Crocker (Tropical Texas Behavioral Health) Attachment. (**Planning & Development**).
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading to authorize the closing, vacating, abandonment, and to sell a 0.129 of an acre (approximately 5,612 square foot) tract out of a 20-foot alley, of the Benoist Addition, and being a portion of the north 10.00 feet of Lots 7-12, located between 901 W. Harrison Avenue and 914 W. Tyler Avenue, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents for the conveyance and release of alley right-of-way to Frost National Bank. Applicant: Frost National Bank, c/o Ross Wood. Attachment (**Planning & Development**).
- h) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article IX "Coordination of meetings of the City Boards and Corporations" requiring the Harlingen Airport Board, the Utility Board of Trustees of the Harlingen WaterWorks System, the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation and the Harlingen Community Improvement Board to adopt annual regular meetings schedules that do not conflict with meetings of the City Commission or with one another. Attachment (**City Manager**)
- i) 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**)
- j) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting the Development Corporation of Harlingen's final amendments to FY 2025-2026 Budget. Attachment (**HEDC**).
- 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 Staff Commission members, or the City Manager.*
 - a) City Manager's Report
 - b) Staff Reports
 - c) Presentation by Schneider Electric
- 9) **Public Hearing:** *At this time, the Mayor will invite members of the public who have filled out the Public Hearing and the Citizen Communication Form to address each item listed in this section. Please limit your comments to the topic of that public hearing. If more than one public hearing is being held, you will be allowed to speak during each topic, provided you have filled out the Public Hearing and Citizen Communication Form for the appropriate topic. If you are signed up for two (2) or more Public Hearings, you will be limited to 5 minutes for all topics.*
 - a) Public hearing requesting release from the City of Harlingen Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), consisting of the South 5.00 acres comprised of two tracts, Tract 1 being 3.51 acre tract of land out of the South 5.00 acres out of Block 8, S.A. Thompson Subdivision; and Tract 2 being 1.49 acre tract of land out of the South 5.00 acres out of Block 8, S.A. Thompson Subdivision, located on the west side of Thompson Road approximately 2,408 feet north of Ryan Road. Applicants: Todd Waller and Amanda Lopez. Attachment (**Planning & Development**).

- b) Public hearing on the proposed Tax Year 2026 property tax rate. **(Finance)**
- c) Public hearing on the proposed City of Harlingen Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **(Finance)**

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 requesting release from the City of Harlingen Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), consisting of the South 5.00 acres comprised of two tracts, Tract 1 being 3.51 acre tract of land out of the South 5.00 acres out of Block 8, S.A. Thompson Subdivision; and Tract 2 being 1.49 acre tract of land out of the South 5.00 acres out of Block 8, S.A. Thompson Subdivision, located on the west side of Thompson Road approximately 2,408 feet north of Ryan Road. Applicants: Todd Waller and Amanda Lopez. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**.
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for the voluntary annexation and establishment of initial zoning as General Retail ("GR") District upon annexation for 3.597 acre tract of land, more or less, out of a called 36.66 acre tract of land, and a called 2.198 acre tract situated in Block 2, Harlingen Land and Water Company Subdivision "C", located on the south-west corner of Wilson Road and Chester Park Road. Applicant: Wilson Chester Retail Partners, Ltd. Attachment **(Planning & Development)** **(This item was tabled at the Regular City Commission Meeting of August 19, 2026).**
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve on first reading an ordinance levying the Tax Year 2026 ad valorem tax rate for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S) purposes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, by record vote. Attachment **(Finance)**
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve, by record vote, an ordinance on first reading adopting the City of Harlingen's budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Attachment **(Finance)**

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- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Remi Garza, Cameron County Elections Department, to use the Harlingen Cultural Arts Center, located at 575 "76" Dr., as a voting site for the Early Voting and Election Day General Elections: Monday, October 19th through Friday, October 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24th through Sunday, October 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for Early Voting and Tuesday, November 03, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Attachment **(City Secretary)**.
 - f) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bissell Pet Foundation and to waive the vaccine fee of \$5.00 for the Duffield Pet Wellness Days Program. Attachment **(Health)**.
 - g) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to accept the Valley International Airport's Fiscal Year 2027 proposed operating and capital budget. Attachment **(Airport)**
 - h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Harlingen Police Department to purchase (4) Nissan Rogue Sport Utility Vehicles, in lieu of (4) Chevrolet Colorado's due to extended build times utilizing budgeted funds from this fiscal year. Attachment **(Police)**
 - i) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting the Development Corporation of Harlingen's Proposed FY 2027 Budget. Attachment **(HEDC)**.
 - j) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to grant \$128,000 to Texas State Technical College in Harlingen for FY 2026 and 27, to fund three (3) grant programs including the Goal Line Assistance Program,

CTE Signing Day Scholarships, and a new Nursing Tech Training Program. Attachment (**HEDC**).

- k) Consideration and possible action to authorize the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to grant \$50,000 to Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) for FY 2027 to benefit Harlingen residents. Attachment (**HEDC**).
- l) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter or to renew a contract between the City of Harlingen and the South Texas Emergency Care for the ambulance services. Attachment (**City Manager**)

- 11) **Board Appointments:** *Specifically, appointment or discussion and possible action to include appointment and/or removal of any position subject to appointment or removal by statute, ordinance, or bylaws:*

Airport (1)
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (4)
Audit Committee (Terms expire in June) (3)
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Advisory Board (CDBG) (1)
Construction Board of Adjustments (4)
Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.(HEDC) (1)
Golf Course Advisory Board
Harlingen Community Improvement Board(4B) (3)
Harlingen Housing Authority Board (5)
Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (2)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board (6)
Historic Preservation Committee
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (5)
Library Advisory Board (2)
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board (3)
Parks Advisory Board
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (2)
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (4)
Tax Increment Finance Board 1, 2 & 3 (2)
The Blind and Visually Impaired Advisory Committee (6)
Utility Board of Trustees
Veterans Advisory Board (2)
Zoning Board of Adjustment (6)

- 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 regarding the potential purchase of real property pursuant to Texas Govt Code Section 551.072. (**Asst. City Manager Dr. Josh Ramirez**)

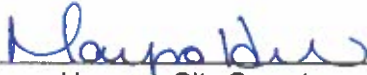
- 13) **Action on Executive Session Items:** *The City Commission will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session Section of this agenda.*

- a) Consideration and possible action on item 12a 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, at or before 3:50 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least three (3) business days preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 10th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2026**



Mayra Herrera, City Secretary