

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024
@ 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 Special Meeting on **MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 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 offer 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 indicate (1) the agenda item on which you wish to speak, (2) whether you prefer to speak on the item during citizen communication or at the time the agenda item is brought for consideration before the City Commission.

To submit written comments regarding an item on the agenda to the 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 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 Michael Mezmar
- 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) **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.*

4) Consideration and possible action to approve an Order Calling for a General and Special Election of the City of Harlingen to take place on November 5, 2024.

5) **Adjournment:**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Special 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 **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024** at or before 3:20 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 9th day of AUGUST, 2024



Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

City Commission

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City of Harlingen, Texas

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**ORDER OF
GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION
TO BE CALLED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024**

- 1.) A GENERAL ELECTION is ordered to be held on November 5th, 2024 in the City of Harlingen Texas to vote on the following public offices of the City of Harlingen, Texas:**
 - a. Harlingen City Commissioner, District 3
 - b. Harlingen City Commissioner, District 4
 - c. Harlingen City Commission, District 5

- 2.) A SPECIAL ELECTION is also ordered to be held on November 5th, 2024 at the same dates, places, and times to consider potential amendments to the City of Harlingen Home Rule Charter, as will be more specifically set forth by ordinance to be adopted by the City Commission;**
 - a.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article III, Section 2 , Election Controlling Laws
 - b.) Proposing Harlingen City Charter, Article III, Section 4, Notice of Elections Amending
 - c.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 2 Qualifications
 - d.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 3, Election and Term of Office
 - e.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 5, Duties and Powers of Mayor
 - f.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 6, Duties and Powers of Mayor *Pro Tempore*
 - g.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 8 Investigations by City Commission
 - h.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 11 City Manager
 - i.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 14 Appointive Officers and employers, qualifications, salaries and services

- j.) Proposing Harlingen City Charter, Article, IV, Section 17 Public Notice of Elections Proposing Harlingen City Charter, Article IV, Section 18 Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
- k.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article V, Section 1 Meetings of the City Commission
- l.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article V, Section 2 Legislative and Business procedure
- m.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article V, Section 5 Enactment of Ordinances and Resolutions
- n.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article V, Section 7 Publication of Ordinances
- o.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article V, Section 10 Petitions
- p.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article VI, Section 3 Municipal Bonds
- q.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article VIII, Section 5 Franchises
- r.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article VIII, Section 7 Sanitary Sewers
- s.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article IX Section 1. Airport Ownership and Operations
- t.) Amending Harlingen City Charter, Article X, Section 7(a) Utility Trustees
- u.) Amending Harlingen City Charter Article X, Section 7(d) Authorities and Duties

3. Early voting by personal appearance for the general and special elections will be conducted at the following locations and times:

Harlingen City Hall Town Hall Meeting Room 118 East Tyler Ave. Harlingen, Texas • Main early voting location	Monday, Oct 21 through Friday Oct. 25 th , 2024 Saturday Oct. 26 through Sunday October 27 th , 2024 Monday Oct. 28 th , through Friday Nov. 1, 2024	9:00 AM to 7:00 PM 10: 00 AM to 5:00 PM 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Harlingen Convention Center 701 Harlingen Heights Dr. Harlingen, Texas • Branch early voting location	Monday, Oct 21 through Friday Oct. 25 th , 2024 Saturday Oct. 26 through Sunday October 27 th , 2024 Monday Oct. 28 th , through Friday Nov. 1, 2024	9:00 AM to 7:00 PM 10: 00 AM to 5:00 PM 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

4. That applications for early voting ballot by mail shall be mailed to: **for Cameron County: Remi Garza, – Early Voting Clerk, Cameron County Elections Department, P.O. Box 3587 , 1050 East Madison, Brownsville, Texas.** Applications for early voting ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 25th, 2024.

5.) The name, address, email and website of the Early Voting Clerk are as follows:

- a) Name : Remi Garza
- b) Address: P.O. Box 3587, 1050 East Madison, Brownsville, Texas
- c) Telephone Number : (956) 544-0809
- d) Email Address : elections@co.cameron.tx.us
- e) Website : cameronvotes.com

Issued, this 12th, day of August 2024 upon the vote and approval of the City of Harlingen City Commission at a properly called and noticed special meeting of the Harlingen City Commission.

BY: _____
Mayor Norma Sepulveda
City of Harlingen, Texas

Attest:

By: _____
Amanda Elizondo, City Secretary