

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2025
@ 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, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 at 5:30P.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.myharlingentx.gov and the City of Harlingen YouTube Page.

The public will be permitted to offer citizen communication or participate in items listed as public hearing 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.myharlingentx.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 requesting an item for City Secretary, go to www.myharlingentx.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 Ford Kinsley
 - 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) Proclamation- Southwest Airlines- 50th Year Anniversary
 - c) Proclamation - Morgan LaMantia
 - d) Proclamation - American Society of Civil Engineers and Texas Society of Professional Engineers.
- 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) Special Meeting of December 11, 2024
- 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 adopt an ordinance on second and final reading for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an unmanned battery storage facility in a Light Industry ("LI") District located at 1335 Memphis Street, bearing a legal description of the East 6.604 acres out of Block 3, Paul Hill Subdivision. Applicant: Renvolt, Inc. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**
 - b) Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading for a rezoning request from Not-Designated ("N") District to General Retail ("GR") District for a 2.273-acre tract of land out of the extreme northwest corner of Block 176, Adams Gardens Subdivision "C", located at the southeast corner of Bass Boulevard (FM 800) and Palis Drive. Applicant: AEC Engineering c/o LS Contractors Specialist, Inc. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**

- c) Consideration and possible action to renew a Subscription Master Agreement between the City of Harlingen and eCivis Grant Management Software for a one-year term. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**).
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve a request to close the following streets for the 34th Annual Jalapeno 100 Bike Ride event, Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning and ending at the Boys and Girls Club located at 1209 West Washington Avenue. Attachment (**Police**).

Fair Park Blvd. / West Teege Ave., eastside of the intersection blocking east bound lane only.
Fair Park Blvd. between North "L" & "J" Streets (No thru traffic) to include all entries and exits from Harlingen Performing Arts, Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad's Parking Lots.
North "J" Street / Washington Ave., westside of the intersection.
North "K" Street / Washington Ave., southside of the intersection,
North "L" / Adams Ave., eastside of the intersection.
North "L" Street and Adams Ave. / Teege Ave., southside of the intersections
Include DETOUR signs at North "L" Street/Fair Park Blvd. to send traffic north onto Wichita Avenue.
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church to close the Eastside intersection of South "M" Street and West Lincoln Avenue; the alleyway in the 1300 Block of West Lincoln Avenue; and the Westside intersection of South "L" Street and West Lincoln Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, April 26, 2025, for their Annual Spring Kermes. Attachment (**Police**).
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor – Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program, FY2026, to fund shields for the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the FY 2026 Office of the Governor – General Victim Assistance Program to continue funding the Crime Victim Liaison position at the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- h) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Program, FY2026, which will be used to fund radios for patrol units of the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- i) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor – Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, FY2026, to fund rifle-resistant body armor for officers of the Harlingen Police Department. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- j) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Office of the Governor – State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L), to fund ballistic helmets for the Harlingen Police Department SWAT team. Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- k) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor Border Zone Fire Departments, FY 2026 Attachment (**Special Projects Department**)
- l) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor – Federal Fiscal Year 2025 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R). Attachment (**Special Projects**)

Department)

- m) Consideration and possible action to approve a \$10 discount for any of the following full, half, 5K, and relay races at the Harlingen Marathon, with a one-time code administered for each to increase the number of participants. **(Convention & Visitor's Bureau)**

Running clubs
HCISD employees
Veterans & Military
City of Harlingen employees and Elected Officials

- 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 - Harlingen Public Library

- 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.*

- a) Public hearing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program and nominate VHS Harlingen Hospital Company, LLC, 2101 Pease Street, Harlingen, Texas 78550, to the Office of the Governor as an Enterprise Project. **(HEDC)**
- b) Public hearing for the voluntary annexation of a 479.25-acre tract of land out of Survey 279, and all the existing right-of-way from the three county roads adjacent to the subject property also known as Bob Youker Street from Rio Hondo Road to Woodall Avenue, Woodall Avenue from Bob Youker Street west 764.44 feet and the unnamed County right-of-way along the east side of the subject property, located along the north side of Rio Hondo Road approximately 8,540 feet east of Loop 499. Applicant: City of Harlingen. **(Planning & Development)**
- c) Public hearing for a rezoning request from Residential, Single-Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Duplex ("R-2") District for a 6.953 acre tract of land out of the Reserve Lot of Stuart Place Section 1, located at the northeast corner of Beckham and Queen Sago Roads. Applicant: Scheibe Consulting, LLC c/o Kemp Dubea. Attachment **(Planning & Development)**

- 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, amending Ordinance No. 2010-37 to ensure full compliance with Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code. Attachment. **(HEDC)**
- b) Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading for the voluntary annexation of a 479.25-acre tract of land out of Survey 279, and all the existing right-of-way from the three county roads adjacent to the subject property also known as Bob Youker Street from Rio Hondo Road to Woodall Avenue, Woodall Avenue from Bob Youker Street west 764.44 feet and the unnamed County right-of-way along the east side of the subject property, located along the north side of Rio Hondo Road approximately 8,540 feet east of

Loop 499. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)

- c) Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance on first reading for a rezoning request from Residential, Single-Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Duplex ("R-2") District for a 6.953 acre tract of land out of the Reserve Lot of Stuart Place Section 1, located at the northeast corner of Beckham and Queen Sago Roads. Applicant: Scheibe Consulting, LLC c/o Kemp Dubea. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
 - d) Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading for a rezoning request from Light Industry ("LI") District to Planned Development ("PD") District to allow 32 ft. wide streets with 50 ft. right-of-way and smaller lot sizes for a 393-lot single family development on a property bearing a legal description for a 73.69 acre tract of land, more or less, out of and forming a part of Blocks 28, 36 and 37, Palmetal Subdivision, located along the south side of Grimes Avenue approximately 6,500 feet east of Loop 499. Applicant: Francisco Arriaga, c/o Solid Development Inc. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
 - e) Consideration and possible action to approve a variance to the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances to allow a subdivision with two single-family residential lots to be without access to a public road for the proposed SM Estates Subdivision, bearing a legal description of 10.34 acres out of Blocks 3 and 4 Resubdivision of Blocks 18, 19 and 20 in Survey 28, Briggs and Coleman Subdivision, located along the south side of Tovar Road, approximately 3,115 feet west of FM 507. Applicant: Scheibe Consulting, LLC c/o Santos and Nancy Carrizales. Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
- [REDACTED]
- f) Consideration and possible action to approve the evaluation committee's ranking of firms and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for associated engineering services pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications No. 2025-01 for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Environmental Permitting for the Arroyo Colorado Hike and Bike Trail Extension Project Phase III. Attachment (**Parks & Recreation**)
 - g) Consideration and possible action on the proposal from Boy Scout Jesus Medrano, who will fund and construct improvements at Hugh Ramsey Nature Park as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Attachment (**Parks & Recreation**)
 - h) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the removal and disposal of 1,200 yards of contaminated Class 2 soil associated with the Fuel Tanks Project at the Recycling Center located at 1006 S. Commerce St. Attachment (**Public Works**)
 - i) Consideration and possible action to over hire two (2) firefighters this calendar year. (**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.

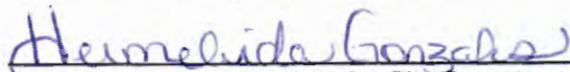
Airport
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Audit Committee (Terms expire in June)
Charter Review Committee (Ad Hoc)
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Advisory Board (1)
Construction Board of Adjustments (4)
Convention & Visitors Bureau
Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc.
Downtown Improvement Board

Golf Course Advisory Board
Harlingen Community Improvement Board
Harlingen Housing Authority Board
Harlingen Finance Corporation (6)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (2)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
Library Advisory Board
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board (1)
Parks Advisory Board (2)
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)
Small Business Committee
Tax Increment Finance Board
Utility Board of Trustees (1)
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) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.0171 (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, ie: Communication with legal counsel protected by the attorney-client communication privilege and attorney work product privilege. **(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 **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025** at or before 3:00 a.m.(p.m.) and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 31st day of JANUARY, 2025


Hermelinda Gonzales, Interim City Secretary