

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 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 Regular Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 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 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 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.

Call Meeting to Order

Invocation - Mayor Pro - Tem Rene Perez

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Conflict of Interest

"Under State Law, a conflict of interest exists if a council 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)**

1) Presentation of Awards:

- 1 Harlingen Vital Statistics - 2023 Five-Star Award from the Texas Department of Vital Statistics.
2. Business of the Month -

Citizen Communication/Input

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Regular Meeting of December 6, 2023

3) Consent Agenda

- a) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Harlingen and the City of Brownsville to purchase traffic signal equipment; and authorizing a match. Attachment. **(Special Projects Department)**.
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending Harlingen Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Master Fee Schedule Exhibit "A", establishing a storage fee for the HEB Tennis Center. Attachment **(Parks & Recreation)**
- c) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Harlingen Police Department, to accept a generous donation of a K-9 Explosive Detection Dog valued at approximately \$8,500.00. Attachment **(Police)**
- d) Consideration and possible action to install a speed hump on the following roads: **(This item was requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Perez and Commissioner Ford Kinsley)**
 1. Dilworth Road between Business 83 and Garrett Road.
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve a request for street closures for the 2024 Jackson Street Market Days, first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attachment **(Police)**.

Close the North side intersection of Van Buren Avenue / West Street; the alleyway at the 100 Block of South West Street; the East side intersection of Jackson Avenue / "C" Street; the South side intersection of Commerce Street / Monroe Avenue; Place DETOUR sign at Commerce Street / Monroe Avenue to send traffic eastbound onto Monroe Avenue. Close the South side intersection of "B" Street / Monroe Avenue; the South side intersection of the 100 Block of North Commerce Street and the alleyway; the North side intersection of the 100 Block

of South Commerce Street and the alleyway; the North side intersection of Commerce Street / Van Buren Avenue; Place DETOUR sign at Commerce Street / Van Buren Avenue to send traffic eastbound onto Van Buren Avenue; Close the North and South side intersections of Jackson Avenue / "A", "1st" "2nd", and "3rd", Streets; the West side intersection of Jackson Avenue / 4th Street. The North Commerce vehicular southbound traffic will be re-routed eastbound onto Monroe Avenue and the South Commerce vehicular northbound traffic will be re-routed eastbound onto Van Buren Ave.

- f) Consideration and possible action to approve a request to close Tennessee Street for the UTRGV 5K Color-Fun Run Event, Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning at the UTRGV Clinical Education Building. Attachment (**Police**).
- g) Consideration and possible action to approve a request for street closures for the 33rd Annual Jalapeno 100 Bike Ride Event, Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 5:00 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" Street and North "J" Street (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 and onto Wichita Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) Consideration and possible action to approve the preliminary construction plans and final plat with a variance request regarding the minimum lot depth for Lot 26, Block 1, for the proposed Allison Subdivision, bearing a legal description of 27.91 acres of land out of Block 48, Lon C. Hill Subdivision. Applicant: Vigstol Engineering c/o Choice Land Development Attachment (**Planning & Development**)
- 5) Public hearing to adopt an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances, Chapter 111, Article X, Section 111-280, Special Sign Categories, Permitted and Prohibited, by clarifying the allowable signage for feather flag signs for commercial establishments exceeding 100 linear feet at the longest point. Applicant: City of Harlingen (**Planning & Development**)
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Harlingen Code of Ordinances, Chapter 111, Article X, Section 111-280, Special Sign Categories, Permitted and Prohibited, by clarifying the allowable signage for feather flag signs for commercial establishments exceeding 100 linear feet at the longest point.
- 6) Public hearing 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 property located at 501 W. Filmore Avenue, bearing a legal description of Lot 1, Block 132 Harlingen Original Townsite. Applicant: Reynaldo Del Toro (**Planning & Development**)
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request to rezone from Residential, Single-

Family ("R-1") District to Residential, Duplex ("R-2") District for a property located at 501 W. Filmore Avenue, bearing a legal description of Lot 1, Block 132, Harlingen Original Townsite.

- 7) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to approve a lease agreement with Vantage Tag Systems for 74 golf carts with Yamaha GPS Systems to be used at Tony Butler Golf Course during FY 2024-2028. Attachment (**Golf**)
- 8) Consideration and possible action to approve an Inter-Local agreement between the City of Harlingen and Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1, granting the City permission to use land for the construction and maintenance of the Lon C. Hill Destination Park and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Attachment (**Parks & Recreation**)
- 9) Consideration and possible action to adopt the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) updated FY 2024-2027 3-Year Strategic Plan. Attachment (**HEDC**)
- 10) Consideration and possible action to prioritize recreational trail projects; and to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Recreational Trails Program. Attachment (**Special Projects**).
- 11) Consideration and possible action to amend the budget for the Harlingen Health Department and add eleven (11) new positions for the Animal Shelter. Attachment/PowerPoint (**Health Department**)
- 12) Consideration and possible action to create an Advisory Accessibility Board. (**Mayor**)
- 13) 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)
Charter Review Committee (4)
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 (5)
Harlingen Teen and Young Adult Advisory Board (2)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board (1)
Library Advisory Board
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Board
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (2)
Small Business Committee
Tax Increment Finance Board (1)
Utility Board of Trustees
Veterans Advisory Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment (2)

- 14) **Executive/Closed Session:** pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 - attorney consultation; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding real estate; and Section 551.087 - Economic Development relating to the following project:
 - a) Project Alphabet
- 15) Consideration and possible action regarding Item# 14(a) as discussed in Executive Session.
- 16) 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 5, 2024**, at or before 3:25 p.m. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this 5th day of JANUARY, 2024


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary