CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 4, 2026,
@ 5:00 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 **Workshop** on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2026, at 5:00 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.

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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 for City staff to read aloud during the meeting, go to www.myharlingen.us 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**

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) Presentation by Javier Zamora, CSC Engineer, on the Drainage Report.

5) **Adjournment:**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Workshop 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 **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**, at or before 2:20 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least 3 business days preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this **29TH** day of **JANUARY, 2026**

Mayra Herrera

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2026
@ 6:00 PM
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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 4, 2026, at 6:00 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.

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1) **Call Meeting to Order:**

   a) Invocation — Commissioner Delia Cavazos-Gamez

   b) Pledge of Allegiance

   c) Welcome Citizens

2) **Conflict of Interest:**
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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 - "Honoring Black History Month"

   c) Presentation and recognition, by Chief Alfredo Alvear, to honor Officer Reynaldo Delua for his participation and commitment with the Harlingen CrimeStoppers for over 20 years of dedicated service to the community.

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 October 20, 2025

   b) Special Meeting of October 27, 2025

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 of the City of Harlingen, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation under the Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for the Commerce Street Reconstruction Phase I project; and authorizing the City Manager to request increased federal cost share. Attachment ***(Special Projects Department)***

   b) Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Special Projects Director to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor under the Fiscal Year 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to make various upgrades to the City of Harlingens Management Information Systems programs and hardware. Attachment ***(Special Projects Department)***

c) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading for a Special Use Permit ("SUP") to allow a bar/lounge in a Light Industry ("LI") District located at 2669 North Expressway 77, Building D, bearing a legal description of 0.32 acres out of 5.79 acres out of Lot 2, Block 1, West Harlingen Industrial Park Subdivision. Applicant: Patrick B. McDermott. Attachment ***(Planning & Development)***

d) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading, imposing a temporary moratorium on the establishment, operation, expansion, or relocation of smoke shops within the city limits to allow for review of potential amendments to City regulations and dealing with related matters. Applicant: City of Harlingen. Attachment. ***(Planning & Development)***

e) Consideration and possible action to approve the Investment Report for the City of Harlingen for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. Attachment ***(Finance)***

f) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading, authorizing the issuance and delivery of the City of Harlingen, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (WLAF); in the amount of $2,480,000 authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement relating to such bonds; and pledging the revenues of the city's waterworks and sewer system to the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds; and ordaining other matters relating thereto. Attachment ***(HWWS)***

g) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading, authorizing the issuance and delivery of the City of Harlingen, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (WLAF); in the amount of $2,495,000 authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement relating to such bonds; and pledging the revenues of the city's waterworks and sewer system to the payment of the principle and interest on said bonds; and ordaining other matters relating thereto. Attachment ***(HWWS)***

h) Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading, authorizing the issuance and delivery of the City of Harlingen, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B (EDAP); in the amount of $12,560,000 authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement relating to such bonds; and pledging the revenues of the city's waterworks and sewer system to the payment of the principle and interest on said bonds; and ordaining other matters relating thereto. Attachment ***(HWWS)***

i) Consideration and possible action to approve the testing and potential installation of speed humps in the following location(s): ***(This item was requested by Commissioner Frank Morales and Commissioner Rene Perez)***

1. 800/900 W. Buchanan
2. 400 W. Cleveland
3. 300 W. Filmore
4. 20600 Morris Road
5. 500/600 Block of South "M" Street

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:

- Presentation by Parks Department — Update on Parks & Recreation Grant Projects 1-6.
- Presentation of the Harlingen CrimeStoppers new P3 Intell software and what it provides: **P3 (Phone, Platform, and Program) software** is a secure, anonymous, multi-lingual tip management system used by CrimeStoppers Programs and Law Enforcement. It enables citizens to submit tips via web or mobile app and in some cases, engage in a secure two-way dialogue with law enforcement, without compromising their identity.

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 for the voluntary annexation and to establish the initial zoning of Planned Development ("PD") District to allow internal streets to have 50 feet R-O-W with 32-feet wide paved roads, and for 135 out of 358 Residential, Single Family Lots to be less than then the required 6,000 square feet, for a property bearing a legal description of 35.754 acres out of a part or portion of Blocks 65, 66, and 72, and out of Reserved Horseshoe Lake, Lon C. Hill Subdivision, located south of Morris Road, approximately 2,095.97 feet Southwest of South Ed Carey Drive. Applicant: Melden & Hunt, Inc. c/o Leonard P. Simmons III & Mary Beth Simmons. 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 for the voluntary annexation and to establish the initial zoning of Planned Development ("PD") District to allow internal streets to have 50 feet R-O-W with 32-feet wide paved roads, and for 135 out of 358 Residential, Single Family Lots to be less than then the required 6,000 square feet, for a property bearing a legal description of 35.754 acres out of a part or portion of Blocks 65, 66, and 72, and out of Reserved Horseshoe Lake, Lon C. Hill Subdivision, located south of Morris Road, approximately 2,095.97 feet Southwest of South Ed Carey Drive. Applicant: Melden & Hunt, Inc. c/o Leonard P. Simmons III & Mary Beth Simmons. Attachment ***(Planning & Development).***



b) Consideration and possible action to approve two (2) full-time and two (2) part-time Animal Care Technician positions for the Harlingen Animal Shelter. Attachment ***(Health)***

c) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from Remi Garza, Cameron County Elections Department to use the Harlingen Culture Arts Center located at 575 "76" Dr. Tuesday, Feb. 17th thru Friday, Feb. 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday Feb. 21st, and Sunday, Feb.22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Feb.23rd, thru Friday, Feb. 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Attachment ***(City Secretary)***

d) Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Manager to approve the demolition of the old Police Department building located at 1102 S. Commerce Street. 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
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (2)
Audit Committee (Terms expire in June)
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Advisory Board (CDBG)
Construction Board of Adjustments (3)
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 (1)
Healthy Harlingen Advisory Board
Historic Preservation Committee
Keep Harlingen Beautiful Board
Library Advisory Board (1)
Mayor Wellness Council
Museum Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Board
Planning & Zoning Advisory Board (1)
Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1)
Tax Increment Finance Board 1, 2 & 3 (1)
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) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(1)(a) regarding pending litigation, Cause No. 2025-DCL 06643 City of Harlingen vs S. and D. Padilla. ***(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 Executive Session Item# 12(a).

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, JANUARY 29, 2026,** at or before 2:25 a.m./p.m. and remained so posted for at least three (3) business days preceding

the time of said meeting.

Dated this **29th** day of **JANUARY 2026**

Mayra Herrera, City Secretary