

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSION &
THE HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM UTILITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, @ 5:30 P.M.
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 Joint Meeting with the Harlingen Waters Works System Utility Board of Trustees, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 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 - Commissioner Daniel N. Lopez

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Conflict I 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)*

Call Meeting to Order *(Harlingen City Commission)*

Call Meeting to Order *(Harlingen Waterworks System Utility Board of Trustees)*

Citizen Communication/Input

1. Presentation by Freese & Nichols, Inc. regarding redevelopment of water and wastewater impact fees and the need for appointment of a capital improvements advisory committee (CIAC) as required under Tex. Loc. Govt Code ch. 395.
2. Presentation by Willdan Financial Services regarding water and wastewater preliminary rate alternatives and rate structure objectives and options.
3. **(Harlingen Waterworks System Utility Board of Trustees)** Consideration and adoption of a resolution by the Harlingen Waterworks System Utility Board of Trustees authorizing Harlingen Waterworks System to submit a financial application to Texas Water Development Board under the Economically Distressed Areas Program for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$24 million to fund master planned sewer system improvements.
4. **(Harlingen City Commission)** Consideration and adoption of a resolution by the Harlingen City Commission authorizing Harlingen Waterworks System to submit a financial application to Texas Water Development Board under the Economically Distressed Areas Program for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$24 million to fund master planned sewer system improvements.
5. Consideration and possible action to appoint a committee consisting of Harlingen City Commissioners and Utility Board Trustees to guide the development and execution of a public outreach and communications plan regarding water and wastewater rate setting.

6. **AJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Joint Workshop of the Harlingen City Commission and the Harlingen Waterworks System Utility Board of Trustees 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, December 15, 2023** at or before **1:30 P.M.** and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the time of said meeting.

Dated this the **15th** day of **December 2023**


Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary