

**HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT WORKSHOP WITH HARLINGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND HARLINGEN CITY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 18, 2005**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees and the Harlingen City Commissioners met in a Joint Workshop on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall, Town Hall located at 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas. Verna Young, President, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Verna Young, Lee Means, Cesar Maldonado, George McShan, Omar Cano, and Javier DeLeon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerry Fleuriet

OTHER DISTRICT MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Wade, Ramiro Flores, Tricia Morrow, Art Cavazos, Dr. Chris Garcia, Julio Cavazos, Chipper Zamora and Sonia Brown

CITY OFFICIALS Mayor Rick Rodriguez, J. J. Gonzalez, Eddie Medrano, Frank Puente, Jr. and Sylvia Trevino

BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS: The following agenda items were discussed by the Harlingen CISD Board of Trustees and Harlingen City Commissioners:

Discuss Joint Use Agreement

Interim City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez stated that under the old Joint Agreement, the Harlingen School District had 20 free days utilization of the Auditorium and Casa De Amistad. Under the revised Agreement, the City was recommending 5 days, but the District was requesting 10 days. Dr. Linda Wade informed the Board and City Commissioners that she was recommending the 10 days because of the "quality of life" issue involving the community. After discussion, the consensus of the City Commissioners was to allow the District the use of the Municipal Auditorium and Casa de Amistad for 10 free days. The Harlingen School District was also given a total of 10 free days of use for the Casa del Sol and the Community Center.

Discuss Use of School District Tennis Courts

Gabriel Gonzalez stated that in an effort to increase the availability of tennis courts to the public, the School District has agreed to open its courts to the public after hours and on weekends. However, since there are no lights at the courts, the School District indicated that all courts will be closed after dark. This would include tennis courts at Vernon/Memorial, Vela, Gutierrez, Coakley and both high

opening the tennis courts to the public, but asked for the option to re-evaluate the request throughout the year in the event of vandalism or damage to the tennis courts.

Discuss Emergency Management Plan Agreement

Gabriel Gonzalez stated that his staff met with Dr. Wade to discuss the use of school district facilities as shelters during an emergency or crisis situation. Under the City's current Emergency Operations Procedures, the Mayor or the Red Cross have the authority to open shelters. The School District has estimated the average cost of opening shelters between \$4,000 - \$6,000 per day depending on the amount of people housed at the shelters. This cost includes utilities, labor and meals. The School District has agreed to absorb 50% of this cost should a shelter be opened. If the Red Cross opens a shelter, they will pay 100% of the cost. If the City opens a shelter, they would be responsible for 100% of the cost. The consensus of the Board and City staff was to share 50% of the cost of opening school shelters in the event of an emergency or crisis situation.

Other Matters of Discussion

Other matters discussed were:

- a. Channel 17
- b. Treasure Hills Traffic
- c. Option of Bidding Health Insurance Jointly with the City

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE