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8-year-old girl dies in Border Patrol custody in Texas

HARLINGEN, Texas – An 8-year-old girl died Wednesday in Border Patrol custody, authorities said, a rare occurrence that comes as the agency struggles with overcrowding.

The child and her family were being held at a station in Harlingen, Texas, in Rio Grande Valley, one of the busiest corridors for illegal crossings, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Border Patrol’s parent agency, said in a statement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard, to consider adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 22-07, COUNTY OPERATIONS TEXT, AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 4, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Board of County Commissioners initiated this site-specific text amendment to Policy 4.1B.2., of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. It will be applicable to a ±28.9-acre parcel located on the west side of S.W. Kanner Highway, south of S.W. 96th Street and north of S.W. Bridge Road that was formerly the subject of a site-specific text amendment, CPA 19-5, KL Waterside, LLC.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application documents or agenda items contact Carolyn Grunwald, Planner, Growth Management Department at (772) 288-5495.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL, 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



The U.S. Border Patrol had 28,717 people in custody on May 10, double from two weeks earlier, according to a court filing. ANDRES LEIGHTON/AP FILE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Subject: County Operations Rezoning (C173-001), request for a zoning district change by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners on a ±29.8-acre parcel from the current LI, Limited Industrial District to GI, General Industrial District or the most appropriate zoning district. Included with this application is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Location: The subject site is located on west side of S.W. Kanner Highway, south of S.W. 96th Street and north of S.W. Bridge Road. The site was formerly the part of CPA 19-6, KL Waterside, a Future Land Use Map and Zoning Atlas amendment.

Public hearing: **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)**
Time and Date: 9:00 A.M., or as soon after as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, June 6, 2023

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When attending a public hearing, a person may speak during the public comment portion of the public hearing. A person may also participate as an Intervenor. An Intervenor may ask questions of the staff, applicant and provide testimony. In order to be an Intervenor, a person must qualify to receive mailed notice of the application in accordance with Section 10.6.E, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code. In addition, an Intervenor must file a form of intent with the County Administrator at least 7 business days prior to the LPA or BCC meeting. No fee will be assessed. If the Intervenor is representing a group/association, he/she must file a letter on official letterhead signed by an authorized representative of the group/association, stating that he/she is authorized to speak for the group. Forms are available on the Martin County website www.martin.fl.us. Any documentation, including any digital media intended to be proffered as evidence must be submitted to the Growth Management Department at least 7 business days prior to the LPA or BCC meetings.

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The girl experienced “a medical emergency” and was taken to a nearby hospital, where she died, according to the statement, which did not disclose her nationality or provide additional information about the incident.

Customs and Border Protection’s internal affairs office will investigate, and the Homeland Security Department’s inspector general and Harlingen police have been notified, Miller said.

IMF board approves \$3B bailout for Ghana amid economic crisis

LONDON – The International Monetary Fund’s executive board has approved a long-awaited \$3 billion bailout for Ghana in hopes of combating the country’s economic crisis.

The arrangement will allow for the immediate release of \$600 million, with the remaining funds to be made available over the course of the next three years, the IMF said in a statement Wednesday.

Facing soaring inflation, high debt and a weakening currency, Ghana’s government began negotiations with the IMF last July for a bailout package. In December, the IMF agreed after a two-week visit to the West African country.

The IMF funds should help Ghana emerge from a financial crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic but will require changes to the country’s tax system and public spending.

Top leaders of Pakistan, Iran inaugurate border market

ISLAMABAD – The top leaders of Pakistan and Iran on Thursday inaugurated the first border market as relations warm between the two countries, officials said.

Located in the remote village of Pashin in Pakistan’s southwestern Baluchistan province, the marketplace is the first of six to be constructed along the Pakistan-Iran border under a 2012 agreement signed by the two sides.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi also inaugurated an electricity transmission line, which will provide some of Pakistan’s remote regions with Iranian electricity.

In a televised meeting, Sharif, sitting next to Raisi, assured him Pakistan would do its best to improve security along the Iranian border.

Austrian president, government at odds over Ukraine demining

BERLIN – The president and government of Austria are at odds over whether the country should offer Ukraine help with civilian demining, with the defense minister and a major opposition party pointing to concerns over the implications for Austrian military neutrality.

President Alexander Van der Bellen, who is formally the military’s commander in chief but has no say over day-to-day policy, told the Austria Press Agency he doesn’t understand why the government continues to hesitate on the issue.

“Support in demining civilian areas such as residential buildings, schools, kindergartens or agricultural areas certainly doesn’t contradict Austrian neutrality; it is a humanitarian matter,” Van der Bellen said in a statement to APA.

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