

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1
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CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5
CLAUDIA L. RODRIGUEZ, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER

AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES
March 1, 2021
3:30 P.M.

Due to the temporary suspension of Open Meetings laws due to the COVID-19 emergency this meeting was conducted via telephonic and videoconference platforms.

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The City Council met via videoconference on the above date. Meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga. Alexsandra Anello joined the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

The agenda items for the March 2, 2021 Regular City Council and Mass Transit Board meetings were reviewed.

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3. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of El Paso and the County of El Paso to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of each party in its provision of the promotion of the region’s tourism, convention, and hotel industry by agreeing to share the expense of underwriting a portion of a nationally televised program highlighting border cuisine.

Mayor Leeser commented and Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Miranda Diaz, Economic Development Business Services Coordinator
- Ms. Jessica Herrera, Economic and International Development Director
- Mr. Cary Westin, Senior Deputy City Manager

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6. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the City Manager or Designee be authorized to sign the First Amendment to the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Interlocal Agreement between the County of El Paso, Texas and the City of El Paso, Texas. The amendment will establish Sub-Recipient Policies and Procedures for the JAG grant awarded to City of El Paso in 2019.

Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member:

- Assistant Chief of Police Humberto Talamantes

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12. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of El Paso and Sites Southwest, LTD Co., a Texas corporation, for a project known as “**NORTHEAST REGIONAL PARK- PHASE II LIGHTED FLAT FIELDS AND DOG PARK**”, an amount not to exceed \$65,568.12, for additional design and construction phase services attributable to increases in the project scope of work,

thereby increasing the contract amount from \$414,984.58 to \$480,552.70; and that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this agreement.

Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Gerald DeMuro, Capital Improvement Assistant Director

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13. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a Release and Settlement Agreement, in a form substantially similar to the attached, between the City of El Paso (“City”) and AT&T whereby AT&T will credit the City’s account in the amount of \$129,388.00 (plus any applicable taxes and surcharges) in settlement of a billing dispute.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Araceli Guerra, Managing Director of Internal Services
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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29. CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

That the City Manager is authorized to sign the agreement associated with the award of Solicitation No. 2021-0375R Eastside Regional Police Command Center to SUNDT CONSTRUCTION, INC. for an initial amount of \$37,500.00 for preconstruction services; and that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional preconstruction services in the amount of \$20,000.00 if the services are necessary for the proper execution of the project.

Department: Capital Improvement
Award to: SUNDT CONSTRUCTION, INC
Tempe, AZ
Account No.: 190-4820-29080-580270-PCP20PDEASTSIDE
Funding Source: 2019 Public Safety Bond
District(s): 5

This is a Construction Manager-at-Risk procurement, service contract.

Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Claudia Garcia, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Assistant Director
- Mr. Gerald DeMuro, Capital Improvement Assistant Director
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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40. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to VTRE Development, LLC for the purchase price of \$18,600,000 such real property legally described as a portion of Lot 1, Block 1, El Paso West, as filed in Book 57, Page 5 of the plat records of El Paso County, Texas and located at the intersection of Desert Blvd. and Paso Del Norte.

Mayor Leeser commented and along with Representatives Svarzbein and Rivera questioned the following City staff members:

- Mr. Eddie Garcia, Economic and International Development Assistant Director
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
- Ms. Jessica Herrera, Economic and International Development Director

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49. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the City Manager is authorized to sign a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement by and between CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS and MCCOMBS VILLAGE, LLC in support of an in-fill residential development project located at 9787 McCombs Street, El Paso, Texas 79924.

Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member

- Ms. Jessica Herrera, Economic and International Development Director commented.

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51. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Discussion and action regarding a Resolution that the City of El Paso appoint to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Dorothy “Sissy” Byrd to Position 6 and re-appoint Col. James Smith to Position 4, whose terms will expire on February 1, 2023.

Mayor Leeser commented.

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52. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City of El Paso is proud to support the President of the United States establishing Castner Range National Monument in order to preserve a highly-important area within our region of environmental, historic, scientific, cultural and scenic value for current and future generations.

Representative Annello commented.

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53. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Council declares that the expenditure of District 2 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 to purchase a public bench to be installed on City-owned property near Ellis Road and Loretto Street serves a municipal purpose of fostering community pride; promoting the visual image of El Paso, enhancing El Paso’s quality of life, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable community.

Representative Annello commented.

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54. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to execute free bus rides to the citizens of El Paso who need transportation to have their COVID-19 vaccine administered.

Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Ellen Smyth, Mass Transit Director

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Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 4:11 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk