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HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER

AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES
June 7, 2021
9:00 A.M.

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

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The City Council met via videoconference on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Cissy Lizarraga was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alexandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, and Henry Rivera. Peter Svarzbein joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m., Cassandra Hernandez joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. and Claudia Rodriguez joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser requested to be excused.

The agenda items for the June 8, 2021 Regular City Council and Mass Transit Department Board meetings were reviewed.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution that the City Council hereby supports the stationing of the United States Army’s newest Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Fort Bliss Texas, and that the City of El Paso welcomes these soldiers and their family members into our community with open arms.

Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Airport Director

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9. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign a Consent to Assignment of Contract from PAVETEX ENGINEERING, LLC., a Texas limited liability company (Assignor) to ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, LLC., a Delaware foreign limited liability company (“Assignee”) with respect to the City of El Paso’s Solicitation #2020-1184R to perform geotechnical and materials testing consulting services on a task by task basis.

In addition, it is requested that the City Attorney’s Office review and that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to execute any related contract documents and agreements necessary to effectuate this assignment of contract.

Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Claudia Garcia, Assistant Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing
- Mr. Joel McKnight, Streets and Maintenance Deputy Director

13. CONSENT AGENDA – BIDS

The linkage to Strategic Plan is subsection 6.1 - Recruit and retain a skilled and diverse workforce.

Award Summary:

The award of Solicitation No. 2021-0723 Background Checks to Honesta Screening LLC and KENTECH Consulting, Inc., for an initial term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$174,564.00. The award also includes a two (2) year optional term for an estimated amount of \$116,376.00. The total value of the contract is, including the initial term plus option is five (5) years, for an estimated amount of \$290,940.00. This contract will allow pre-employment and promotional background investigation services for prospective new hire, promotional or volunteer candidates with the City of El Paso.

Contract Variance:

New contract, no variance.

Department:	Human Resources
Vendor #1:	Honestia Screening LLC El Paso, TX
Item(s):	Group I
Initial Term:	3 years
Option to Extend:	2 years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$ 43,335.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$130,005.00 (3 years)
Total Estimated Award:	\$216,675.00 (5 years)
Vendor #2:	KENTECH Consulting, Inc.
Item(s):	Group II
Initial Term:	3 years
Option to Extend:	2 years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$14,853.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$44,559.00 (3 years)
Total Estimated Award:	\$74,265.00 (5 years)
Total Annual Amount:	\$ 58,188.00 (2 Vendors)
Total Initial Term Award:	\$174,564.00 (3 years) (2 Vendors)
Total Estimated Award:	\$290,940.00 (5 years) (2 Vendors)
Account No.:	522150-209-1000-14015-P1409 522120-451-1000-51230-P5106 522120-451-1000-51230-P5107 522120-451-1000-51270-P5113 522120-451-1000-51220-P5102 522120-451-1000-51220-P5103 522120-451-1000-51230-P5106 522120-451-1000-51230-P5107 522120-451-1000-51240-P5108 522120-451-1000-51260-P5111 522120-451-1000-51260-P5112 522120-451-1000-51260-P5121 522120-451-1000-51270-P5113 522120-451-1000-51270-P5114

Source: 522120-451-1000-51280-P5116
522150-322-1000-22010-P2202
Outside Contracts - NOC
Security Contracts
District(s): All

This is a Best Value, unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and the Human Resources Departments recommend award as indicated to Honesta Screening LLC and KENTECH Consulting, Inc., the bidders offering the best value bid. In accordance with this award the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

Representative Rivera questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Paula Salas, Purchasing Agent

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The following items were discussed together:

19. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance changing the zoning of all of Lots 1 through 20, Block 266, and a 20 foot alley out of Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from C-1/c/sp (Commercial/conditions/special permit), A-2 (Apartments), and C-4/sp (Commercial/special permit) to G-MU (General Mixed Use) and approving a Master Zoning Plan. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 405 Montana Ave.
Applicant: SLI Engineering c/o Georges Halloul, PZRZ21-00001
[POSTPONED FROM 05-25-2021]

20. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance granting Special Permit No. PZST21-00001, to allow for a 100% reduction in parking on the property described as All of Lots 1-6 & 11-20, Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.14.070.B of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

The proposed special permit and detailed site development plan meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 405 Montana Ave.
Applicant: SLI Engineering, c/o Georges Halloul, PZST21-00001
[POSTPONED FROM 05-25-2021]

Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Rivera, and Lizarraga commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Raul Garcia, City Development Program Manager
- Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant Director of Planning

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22. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance granting Special Permit NO. PZST21-00008, to allow for a 55' Ground-Mounted Personal Wireless Service Facility on the property described as a portion of Tracts 9B, 9C, and 10A, Block 48, Ysleta Grant, 9100 Alameda Avenue, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.10.455 of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. **THIS IS AN APPEAL.**

The proposed special permit meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with *Plan El Paso*, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 9100 Alameda Avenue
Applicant: Verizon c/o Les Gutierrez
PZST21-00008

Representatives Rivera and Rodriguez commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Raul Garcia, City Development Program Manager
- Mr. Cary Westin, Senior Deputy City Manager, Economic and International Development

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23. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance amending Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 3.04 (Property Taxes) by amending section 3.04.040 (Exemption - Residence Homestead) to increase the Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption for individuals over 65 and disabled citizens who qualify under the current code.

Representative Svarzbein commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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The following items were discussed together:

28. 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 the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Transportation Commission, for the purchase price of \$2,680,182. Such real property legally described as a 6.6348 acres (289,013 SQ. FT.) parcel of land located in the T.&P.R.R. Co. Survey, Township No. 2, Block No. 80, Section No. 35, Abstract No. 2418, El Paso County, Texas, being a Portion of Lot 2, Block 2, Butterfield Trail Aviation Park, Unit Two, A Subdivision recorded in Volume 78, Page 87 and 87A, of the Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas (P.R.E.P.C.TX.), Described in a deed from the United

States of America to the City of El Paso, recorded in Volume 407, Page 601, and in Volume 1348, Page 146, of the Deed Records of El Paso County, Texas (D.R.E.P.C.TX.).

29. 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 the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Transportation Commission, for the purchase price of \$3,893,309. Such real property legally described as parcel of land containing 10.452 acres situated in Section No. 34, Abstract No. 3746, (C.M. Newman Survey), Section No. 35, Abstract No. 2418, , Section No. 38, Abstract No. 5426, and Section No. 39, Abstract No. 2406 (C.M. Newman Survey), Block No. 80, Township No. 2, T. & P. R.R. Co. Surveys, El Paso County, Texas, same being out of and a part of Lot 2, Block 1, Butterfield Trail Aviation Park, Unit Two, an addition to the City of El Paso, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 78, Page 87, of the Plat Records Of El Paso County, Texas (P.R.E.P.C.Tx.), and being out of and a part of that certain tract described in deed from the United States Of America to the City Of El Paso, of record in Volume 407, Page 601, and in Volume 1348, Page 146, of the Deed Records Of El Paso County, Texas (D.R. E. P. C. TX).

Representative Annello questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Terry Sharpe, Airport Assistant Director

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

An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.030 (Schedule III - Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets), of the City Code, to add portions of Cross Street; the penalty being provided in Section 12.84 of the El Paso City Code.

Representative Rivera questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Jiann-Shing Yang, City Traffic Engineer

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

An Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV - Speed limits), to amend Paragraph F (thirty-five miles per hour), by amending Subparagraph 32, to clarify the language in the City Municipal Code regarding the boundary limits of the existing 35 MPH speed limit on Montwood Dr.; the penalty being provided in Chapter 12.84 of the El Paso City Code.

Representatives Salcido and Rivera questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Jiann-Shing Yang, City Traffic Engineer

34. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action on a Resolution to approve creation of one division within the Presiding Judge’s Court. This division is a separate temporary court that will be presided over by Associate Judges, as assigned by the Presiding Judge. The time period will be from August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022. As of April 30, 2021, there are approximately 131,516 cases awaiting trials or hearings

in Municipal Court. The temporary court will focus on traffic, animal, accident, pre-capias/warrant and environmental cases.

Representative Annelo questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Lilia Worrell, Municipal Court Director

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:38 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Leeser

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk