

RENARD U. JOHNSON
MAYOR

DIONNE MACK
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
ALEJANDRA CHÁVEZ, DISTRICT 1
JOSH ACEVEDO, DISTRICT 2
DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA, DISTRICT 3
CYNTHIA BOYAR TREJO, DISTRICT 4
IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2026
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 A.M.

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Mental Health Awareness Month (2026)

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AGENDA

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1. Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Report.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Fierro commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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2. Discussion and action on the El Paso Police Department – Cybersecurity Assessment.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:02 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the item:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the

City Council at which time a motion was made.

3rd MOTION made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the El Paso Police Department Cybersecurity Assessment.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:02 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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EX1. Claim of Nilda Rivera, Phillip Addams, and Sol Arzola (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the claims of Nilda Rivera, Phillip Adams, and Sol Arzola, in HQ Matter Numbers CLAIM-935, 975, and 982, respectively, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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EX2. Angelica Lujan o/b/o Xavier Hernandez v. COEP et. al; Cause No.:3:26-CV-00158 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX3. Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a High Load Factor Large Power Service Tariff; PUC#59611; HQ#UTILITY-83 (551.071)

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from the El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the proposed High Load Factor Large Power Service Tariff rate be **SUSPENDED** for ninety days to allow for review and furthermore, that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be authorized to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in the *El Paso Electric Company's Application for Approval of a High Load Factor Large Power Service Tariff*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59611, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-83, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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EX4. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 150 MW Battery Storage Facility; PUC#59585; HQ#UTILITY-79 (551.071)

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from the El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in the *El Paso Electric Company's Application to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 150 MW Battery Storage Facility*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59585, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-79, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón and Canales

NAYS: None

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EX5. El Paso Electric Company's Petition to Modify Duration of Certain Texas Electric Vehicle (EV)-Ready Pilot Program Tariffs; PUC#59509; HQ#UTILITY-82 (551.071)

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from the El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to file an intervention in El Paso Electric Company's *Petition to Modify Duration of Certain Texas Electric Vehicle (EV) – Ready Pilot Program Tariffs*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission Docket No. 59509, matter number Utility-82; and is further authorized to engage outside counsel and other consultants, as necessary; and to take any other steps, including the execution of any required documents, to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, and Limón

NAYS: Representative Canales.

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EX6. Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in El Paso. HQ #25-2555 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk