

OSCAR LEESER  
MAYOR



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TOMMY GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY  
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
December 13, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.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, and Cissy Lizarraga. Henry Rivera at 9:04 a.m. Aleksandra Annello requested to be excused.

The agenda items for the December 13, 2021 Regular City Council and Mass Transit Department Board Meetings were reviewed.

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**6. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution to approve the submission of a letter of support from the Office of the Mayor for El Paso to host the 2023 Texas Police Athletic Federation Games.

Mayor Leeser commented.

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Managing Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs, commented.

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**8. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign multiple Memorandum of Agreements between the City of El Paso and the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, (USIBWC) an independent agency of the United States federal government for the installation and operation of a floodgate systems for the Upper Rio Grande Flood Control Project west and east levees at Country Club Bridge crossing the Rio Grande at Country Club Road and the west and east levees at the Borderland Bridge crossing the Rio Grande at the Borderland Road. Further, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to exercise all rights and perform all obligations under the agreement. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any amendments to the agreements.

Representative Svarzbein questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Gerald DeMuro, Capital Improvement Assistant Director

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**10. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Council approves the appointment of Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D., as the local health authority for a two-year term, pursuant to Section 121.033 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and delegates the authority to the Director of the Public Health Department to sign the Certificate of Authority for a Health Authority and to the City Manager or designee to execute all related agreements and forms required by the Department of State Health Services of the State of Texas. The health authority shall be compensated \$4,166.67 per month during the term,

except that in the event the World Health Organization declares a pandemic, and the El Paso City/County Emergency Management Plan, Pandemic Incident Annex (“EP-PIA”) and Basic Plan (“Plan”) are activated, compensation shall be set at a rate of \$10,000.00 every two weeks until such time as the EP-PIA and Plan are deactivated.

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Hernandez, and Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Angela Mora
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez
- Fire Chief Mario D’Agostino

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**Items 23 and 24 were taken together**

**23. REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES**

Budget Update.

**24. REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES**

Presentation and discussion on a Street Infrastructure Comprehensive Update.

Representative Svarzbein commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Nicole Cote, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Chief Operations and Transportation Officer

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**26. REGULAR AGENDA - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance changing the zoning of the following real property known as: Parcel 1: a portion of Tracts 4B, 4B1, 5A, 5A1, and 6, Laura E. Mundy Survey 237; Tracts 9B and 9B1, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 238; and portion of Enchanted Hills Unit Five, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, from R-MU (Residential Mixed Use) to R-5 (Residential) and, Parcel 2: a portion of Tracts 9B, 9B1, and 9B2, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 238; and portion of Lots 2 thru 5, 9 thru 12, and 21 thru 24, Block 23, Enchanted Hills 5, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, from R-3 (Residential), R-5/sp (Residential/special permit), and R-MU (Residential Mixed Use) to C-2 (Commercial); and, Parcel 3: a portion of Tract 9B2, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 238, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, from R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (Commercial), and imposing conditions. 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: Generally located north of Transmountain Road and east of Interstate 10  
Applicant: Conde, Inc., PZRZ21-00024

Representatives Svarzbein and Salcido questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Anne Guayante, Lead Planner
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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**33. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to sign a three-year Agreement for Professional Services to perform Traffic Signal Synchronization services City-wide. Services on a task basis by and between the City of El Paso and each of the following consultants:

AECOM Technical Services, Inc.  
 Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc.  
 Kimley Horn, Inc.

Each Agreement will be for an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand No/00 Dollars (\$1,150,000), and each agreement will include authorization for the City Engineer to approve additional Basic Services and Reimbursables for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) and authorization for the City Engineer to approve Additional Services for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) if the identified services are necessary for proper execution of identified project and if the increased amounts are within the appropriate budget identified for a project. In addition, the City Manager is authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of each On-Call Agreement.

Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Gerald DeMuro, Capital Improvement Assistant Director
- Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Mayor Leeser commented on the items in general since they are typically posted on Monday Work Sessions.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

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 Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Annello

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 APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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 Laura D. Prine, City Clerk