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HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 A.M.**

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 09:23 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Joe Molinar, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Cassandra Hernandez joined virtually. Late arrival: Aleksandra Annello at 9:38 a.m. Isabel Salcido requested to be excused.
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AGENDA

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1. **Provide a quarterly presentation to the City Council on operations of the water and wastewater utilities.**

Mr. John E. Balliew, El Paso Water President and Chief Executive Officer presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Rivera, and Canales commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. **Presentation and update on the City of El Paso Downtown – Uptown Master Plan.**

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Transportation Planning Administrator, and the following City Consultants presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office) .

- Ms. Maya Ford, Principal with Ford Momentum!
- Mr. Nels Nelson, Senior Planner with Stantec
- Mr. David Dixon, Vice President with Stantec

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello and Canales commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3 **Information and discussion on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station on City Right-of-Way.**

Mr. Ian Voglewede, Strategic Partnerships Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leaser and Representatives Annelo and Canales commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 11:03 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 executive session items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Hernandez, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made:

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Hernandez, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Molinar
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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EX1. Lilia Gutierrez v. City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1045-119 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Rivera and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to participate in the mediation of Lilia Gutierrez v. City of El Paso, Cause No. 2021DCV4109, Pro Law Matter No. 21-1045-107, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority, should a settlement be reached in the case.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Hernandez, Fierro, and Rivera
NAYS: Representatives Molinar and Canales
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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EX2. Duncan Parking Technologies, Matter No. 22-1010-1127 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to accept the claim of Duncan Parking Technologies, in Matter 22-1010-1127, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Hernandez, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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EX3. Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Downtown El Paso. Matter No. 16-1040-1083.046|HQ#495 (551.071)(551.072).

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annello, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried that the City Manager, through staff, **WORK** with the previously retained Consultant to undertake an additional site assessment for the Multipurpose Performing Arts and Entertainment Center in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and that the City Manager be authorized to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this instruction.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: Representative Hernandez
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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EX4. Purchase, lease, exchange of real property located in East El Paso. Matter No. 23-1007-3029|HQ#479 (551.071)(551.072))

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annello, seconded by Representative Molinar and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Laura D. Prine, City Clerk