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ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6  
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7  
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**September 9, 2024**  
**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 9:21 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Josh Acevedo, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Cassandra Hernandez requested to be excused.

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**AGENDA**  
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1. Federal Programs update from the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar.

Mr. Omar Martinez, Legislative Affairs Assistant Director, introduced the item and the presenters.

The following District Representatives from the Office of Congresswoman Escobar presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

- Ms. Priscilla Contreras
- Ms. Sharon Zambrano
- Ms. Kayley Castillo

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Molinar, Salcido, and Fierro commented.

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
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Motion made by Representative Salcido, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:37 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 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

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**EX1.** Edmundo Calderon v. City of El Paso, et al.; Cause No. 2023DCV4372 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the Chair of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee and the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to enter into settlement negotiations and/or settle the lawsuit of *Edmundo Calderon v. City of El Paso*, Case No. 2023DCV4372, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

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**EX2.** Irma Fong v. City of El Paso, et al.; Cause No. 2023DCV3123; (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **REJECT** Plaintiffs settlement offer in *Irma Fong v. City of El Paso, Texas Deputy Director for Building Permits and Inspections*, Case No. 2023DCV3 123, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

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**EX3.** Petition for Review of Municipal Rate Action of City of El Paso's Show Cause Order Regarding Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of One Gas, Inc.'s Collection of Revenues for an Interim Rate Adjustment for Calendar Year 2021 - OS-23-00014883; HQ#UTILITY-13 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX4.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in East El Paso. HQ# 24-3468 (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX5.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in West El Paso. HQ# 24-3469 (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX6.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in West El Paso, HQ#24-3470 (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX7.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of El Paso, HQ#24-2528 (551.087)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried, that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to approve the hiring outside counsel and experts as needed in the Economic Development Opportunities in the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of El Paso in Matter Number HQ#24-2528, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Hernandez

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**EX8.** Discussion on an economic development opportunity in Central El Paso, HQ#24-3471 (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk