

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1
ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO, DISTRICT 2
CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4
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CLAUDIA L. RODRIGUEZ, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUAL
JUNE 28, 2022
9:00 AM**

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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 9:04 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alexandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga. Cassandra Hernandez joined virtually. Late arrival: Peter Svarzbein at 9:06 a.m.
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AGENDA

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1. **For discussion and action: FY 2022 – 2023 Budget as presented by the City Manager. Discussion and action may include, but not limited to operating, capital and debt budgets and all possible funding sources.**
 - **City Manager Overview**
 - **Vibrant Regional Economy – Tracey Jerome & Sam Rodriguez**
 - Goal 1 – Economic Development (Airport, Bridges, Economic Development, Destination El Paso)
 - Goal 3 – Visual Image (Planning & Inspections)
 - **Safe and Beautiful Neighborhoods – Mario D’Agostino & Ellen Smyth**
 - Goal 2 – Public Safety (Police, Fire and Municipal Court)
 - Goal 7 – Infrastructure (Capital Improvement, Sun Metro, Streets & Maintenance)
 - Goal 8 – Healthy Community (Environmental Services, Animal Services, Community Development, Public Health)
 - **Exceptional Recreational, Cultural and Educational Opportunities – Dionne Mack and Ben Fyffe**
 - Goal 4 – Quality of Life (Library, MCAD, Parks, Zoo)
 - **High Performing Government – Robert Cortinas and Araceli Guerra**
 - Goal 5 – Communication (Information Technology)
 - Goal 6 – Sound Governance (City Attorney, City Manager/Audit/OMB/PIO/Performance Office, Human Resources, City Council, City Clerk, Non- Departmental, Comptroller, Purchasing, Tax)

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, began the meeting by explaining that today’s

presentation addressed Council questions from the previous day.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Nicole Cote, Managing Director for the Office of Management and Budget and Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

The presentation also included budget requests by Council members and proposed changes to the fees included in Schedule C of the Budget Resolution.

The following City staff members assisted during the presentation by answering questions:

- Mr. Ben Fyffe, Managing Director of Cultural Affairs and Recreation
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
- Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Chief Operations Officer
- Ms. Ellen Smyth, Chief Transit and Field Operations
- Ms. Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Tracey Jerome, Senior Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Lilia Worrell, Municipal Court Clerk
- Mr. David Coronado, Managing Director International Bridges and Economic Development
- Assistant Police Chief Peter Pacillas

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga commented.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and unanimously carried to **MOVE FORWARD** with the following items for further consideration.

- Raising the Sun Metro fee for disabled passengers from \$0.30 to \$0.50
- A circulator pilot for bus service to the new William Beaumont Hospital
- Staffing for Council offices to have 2 full-time employees
- Funding for a climate action plan

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

NAYS: None

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Rodriguez, seconded by Representative Salcido, and carried to **MOVE FORWARD** with for further consideration of a Summer Fiesta in 2023.

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

NAYS: Representative Annello

3RD MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **MOVE FORWARD** with the discussion of funding an International Mass Transit Feasibility Study prior to the budget adoption.

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

NAYS: None

4TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Rodriguez to **MOVE FORWARD** with the discussion of reinstating fees for the streetcar in FY2023.

AYES: Representatives Annello, Molinar, and Rodriguez

NAYS: Representative Svarzbein, Hernandez, Salcido, Rivera, and Lizarraga

THE MOTION FAILED

5TH AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Rivera, and carried to **DIRECT** staff to return with naming rights and sponsorships for the streetcar stops at a future Work Session in FY2023 in addition to other revenue sources for the streetcar.

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

NAYS: Representative Annello

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Annello and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk