

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**February 3, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM**

9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Franklin High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)

**Major Joseph Shamy (Instructor)
Chief Master Sergeant Lucero Stockett (Instructor)
Anthony Saenz (American Flag)
Catalina Montalvo (Texas Flag)
Seraphina Bishop (US Air Force Flag)
Chase Horn (Right Rifle)
Jordan Pretlow (Left Rifle)**

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

Combat Fighting Championship Community Impact Day

El Paso Children's Hospital Day

2026 El Paso Black History Hall of Fame Inductees

Community Partners in Action

TxTDOT - National Engineers Week

10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deana Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Cynthia Boyar Trejo and Art Fierro requested to be excused. Early departure: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha.

INVOCATION BY THE EL PASO POLICE CHAPLAIN ROBERT HEMPHILL, JR. PH.D.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Ms. Stefanie Block spoke on Item 31

The following members of the public spoke on Item 34:

1. Ms. Sophia Gutierrez
2. Ms. Elisa Aguirre
3. Ms. Zaylie Buck
4. Ms. Lalani Davis
5. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
6. Ms. Angelica Rodriguez
7. Ms. Ana Reza
8. Mr. Juan Ortiz
9. Ms. Jessica Morales
10. Ms. Eva Wooden
11. Ms. Tonya Hall
12. Ms. Susan Urbieto
13. Mr. Barry Walter
14. Ms. Alyssa Garza
15. Mr. Eduardo Castillo
16. Ms. Jo Anne Bernal
17. Mr. Kyle Nabb
18. Ms. Ivonne Diaz
19. Ms. Marisa Limón Garza
20. Mr. Andrew Huseby
21. Ms. Anna Valtierra
22. Ms. Veronica Carbajal
23. Ms. Shaylyn Cohen-Jones
24. Ms. Eugenie Montague
25. Mr. Arnulfo Hernandez
26. Mr. Uryah Ramirez
27. Mr. Adrian Palacios
28. Mr. Kevin Amezcua

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CITY-RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Mr. Pascual Delgado
3. Ms. Connie Ortega
4. Ms. Graciela Guzman
5. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
6. Mr. Ron Comeau
7. Ms. Sandra Winston
8. Mr. Julio Ortiz
9. Mr. Jessie Romero
10. Ms. Wanda Helgesen
11. Ms. Patricia Osmond
12. Mr. Eddie Chavez Jr.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED**, all matters listed under the Consent Agenda unless otherwise noted. (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}.)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 20, 2026.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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2. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **EXCUSE, AS REVISED**, Representatives Cynthia Boyar Trejo and Art Fierro from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 3, 2026.
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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:

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3. ***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (OAFC), acting by and through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) – is currently accepting applications for the Community-Based Opioid Recovery Effort (CORE) Multi-Year Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, Texas (“City”) wishes to expand and sustain its existing opioid response initiative through a coordinated, community-based approach designed to strengthen opioid outreach efforts while establishing a formal consortium of local healthcare organizations, substance-use treatment providers, and human-service agencies, including mental health, housing stability, and recovery support partners; and

WHEREAS, the vision of this initiative is to provide individuals and families affected by opioid use disorder with timely, coordinated, and person-centered access to care, through a warm-handoff model and a closed-loop referral system ensuring that individuals encountered by emergency responders are not only connected to appropriate services, but that those connections are tracked, supported, and followed through to improve outcomes and reduce barriers to care; and

WHEREAS, the integration of emergency response with community-based treatment and support services, promotes shared accountability, continuity of care, and efficient use of community resources; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative nature of this consortium enhances system-wide coordination, reduces service duplication, and strengthens the region’s capacity to address opioid-related harm, reflecting the City of El Paso’s commitment to innovative, data-driven public health strategies and fostering a resilient, healthier, and more sustainable community through cross-sector collaboration and long-term system improvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

1. The City through its Office of Emergency Management/Fire Department, wishes to submit a grant application for the Community-Based Opioid Recovery Effort (CORE) Multi-Year Grant Program in the amount of \$649,145.00 for a period of three (3) years from award execution; with \$0.00 (zero) required cash match.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply, submit and sign all documents related to the Community-Based Opioid Recovery Effort (CORE) Multi-Year Grant Program, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, and to accept, reject, amend, correct, and/or terminate the grant.
3. The City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

4.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City" is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the State of Texas, Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5701901 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as the FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Mitigation Grant ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (CITY) wishes to manage and reduce systemic cyber risk by implementing cybersecurity protections to include purchasing a backup that ensures the ability of the CITY to reconstitute critical cyber systems and providing an uninterrupted power supply (UPS); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the CITY agrees to provide applicable matching funds of 30% or \$3,000.00 for the said project as required by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the City Manager, or designee, as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply for and submit to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, grant application number 5701901, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as *FY 2027 SLCGP-Mitigation* to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso in the amount of \$10,000 for a backup system that ensures the ability of the City to reconstitute critical cyber systems and provision of an uninterruptible power supply (UPS).
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement

that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

5.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the “City”) is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council (“City Council”) seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5705201 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Assessment & Evaluation Grant Program (“Grant”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the CITY agrees to provide applicable matching funds of 30% or \$15,000.00 for the said project as required by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City’s Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.

2. **THAT**, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5705201, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Assessment & Evaluation Grant Program; to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso in the amount of \$35,000 to conduct a municipal wide cyber security assessment and vulnerability screening with a projected start date of September 1, 2026.

3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.

4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.

5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

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***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number #5702001 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Workforce Development Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City agree to provide applicable matching funds of 30% (\$3,000) for the said project as required by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State

of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.

2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number #5702001, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Workforce Development Grant Program to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso in the amount of \$10,000 to provide cybersecurity training with a projected start date of September 1, 2026.

3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.

4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.

5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

7.

***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 2592813 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as General Victims Services FY2027 ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the City agree to provide applicable matching funds of \$32,782.81 as required by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 2592813, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as General Victims Services FY2027 to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

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8.

***RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a **Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement** (the "Agreement") between the City of El Paso (the "City") and Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Railroad") granting the City the right to reconstruct and maintain the road crossing over North Zaragoza Road, DOT Number 741231D at Railroad's Milepost 816.80 on Railroad's Valentine Subdivision in El Paso, Texas. As consideration for the granting of said right, the City shall pay Railroad \$10,740.00. The

Agreement shall remain in effect for as long as the road crossing remains on Railroad's property.

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a **Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement** (the "Agreement") between the City of El Paso (the "City") and Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Railroad") granting the City the right to reconstruct and maintain the road crossing over North Piedras Street, DOT Number 741165T at Railroad's Milepost 967.35 on Railroad's Carrizozo Subdivision in El Paso, Texas. As consideration for the granting of said right, the City shall pay Railroad \$20,250.00. The Agreement shall remain in effect for as long as the road crossing remains on Railroad's property.

Representative Acevedo commented.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, commented.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

10.

***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Franchise granted to El Paso Electric (EPE) by the City of El Paso (CEP) was Amended by Ordinance No. 019022 (Franchise Amendment Ordinance) which was approved and adopted by the City of El Paso on February 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Franchise Amendment Ordinance included provisions to establish a Low-Income Assistance Program (Program) to include the pledge of funds (Low Income Assistance Funds) in the amount of \$200,000 per year over 5 years to be used to support EPE's low-income assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, CEP and EPE have agreed to direct the Low-Income Assistance Funds to install energy efficient Cool Roofs on qualifying low-income homes within the city limits of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, CEP and EPE agree to have the Program implemented by Project Bravo and administered by CLEAResult;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, El Paso Electric, Project Bravo and CLEAResult wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding directing the use of the Low-Income

Assistance Funds and delineating the responsibilities and deliverables associated with the implementation of the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

THAT, the City Manager be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with El Paso Electric Company (EPE), City of El Paso (CEP), El Paso Community Action Program Project BRAVO, Inc., also known as Project Bravo (PB), and CLEAResult Consulting Inc., for the sole use of the Low-Income Assistance Funds contemplated in section 1.2.4 of the Franchise Amendment Ordinance, for the installation of Cool Roofs for low-income homes within El Paso city limits.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

11.

***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City received funds from Department of Energy (DOE) for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has identified clean energy generation and energy costs as priorities during the development of the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, community non-profit organizations and small businesses are key actors for the regional economy and social systems; and

WHEREAS, energy costs keep increasing and solar photovoltaic systems have the potential to alleviate energy burden and increase resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City released a Notice for Funding Availability (NOFA) for project management support for the implementation of the program and Solar United Neighbors submitted a satisfactory application to render those services; and

WHEREAS, the City recommends entering into a Subrecipient agreement with Solar United Neighbors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an agreement between the **CITY OF EL PASO**, and **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to manage and coordinate the EECBG Program to provide solar photovoltaic installations to not-for-profit organizations and small businesses as defined and approved by the Department of Energy; and further, that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers and execute any contracts and/or related documents necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended and the program executed.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

CONSENT AGENDA – RE-APPOINTMENTS:

12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Bruce Yetter to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Alejandra Chávez, District 1.

13. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Representative Ivan Niño to the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.
14. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Representative Alejandra Chávez to the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.
15. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha to the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

16. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the appointment of Jordan Barron to the Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board by Representative Art Fierro, District 6.

CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

17. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Ivan Niño in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Ruben Chavez.
18. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Art Fierro in the amounts of \$2,500 from Lisa Peisen; \$2,500 from Richard Aguilar; 1,000 from Albert Apodaca; \$1,000 Stanley P. Jobe; \$1,000 from Woody L. Hunt; \$500 from Paul Dipp; \$500 from Randall Bowling; and \$500 from Robert L. Bowling.

CONSENT AGENDA – REQUESTS TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS:

19. **ITEM:** Request that the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing be authorized to issue Purchase Order(s) to increase contract 2021-1071 Parks Litter Control to Delta Unlimited, LLC dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services. This change order will increase the referenced contract by \$923,211.00, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$4,866,056.00. This change order will increase contract capacity to cover services of trash removal at city-wide parks and special events through the expiration of the contract, July 2026.

Representatives Acevedo and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Paula Salas, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Assistant Director
- Mr. Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing to issue Purchase Order(s) to increase contract 2021-1071 Parks Litter Control to Delta Unlimited, LLC dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services. This change order will increase referenced contract by \$923,211.00 for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$4,866,056.00. This change order will increase contract capacity to cover services of trash removal at city-wide parks and special events through the expiration of the contract, July 2026.

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Award to:	Delta Unlimited, LLC dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Current Contract Estimated Amount:	\$3,942,845.00
Change Order Award:	\$923,211.00
Total estimated Amount not to Exceed:	\$4,866,056.00
Account(s):	522210-451-2305-51295-P5120
Funding Source(s):	Environmental Fee Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Best Value Bid Award, services contract.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the following Ordinances, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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20. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to JCGAR Ventures, LLC, for the purchase price of \$51,000; such real property legally described as portion of Lots 18 and 19, Block 6, Alameda Acres, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.
 21. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Juan Martinez, for the purchase price of \$49,000.00; such real property legally described as portions of Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 3, Lancaster Addition Unit 3, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.
 22. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Torresdey Ventures, LLC, for the purchase price of \$25,000; such real property legally described as a portion of Tract 9B, Block 36, Ysleta Grant, also known as a portion of Tract #1, Spohr Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to
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the plat thereof recorded in Volume 16, Page 49, Real Property Records, El Paso County, Texas.

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23. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Tax Resale Deed conveying all right, title, and interest in real property described as: A portion of Lot 18, Block 13A, Logan Heights Addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, to Humberto Lozano ("Buyer"), in accordance with Section 34.05(h) of the Texas Tax Code.
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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2026, FOR ITEMS 20 THROUGH 23

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REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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24. **ORDINANCE 019837**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO DON LUCIANO OR ASSIGNS, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$483,142.68; SUCH REAL PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 1926 BASSETT AVENUE, EL PASO, TEXAS.**

Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Niño commented.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

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25. **ORDINANCE 019838**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO ROMITY VENTURES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1,530,000.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT E AND A PORTION OF LOT F, BLOCK 15, MILLS MAP ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 2103, PAGE 972, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Sergio Tinajero, citizen, commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

26.

ORDINANCE 019839

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO JESUS MARTIN LARA AND LORENA VILLAR, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1,608.00; SUCH PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 212 DOLAN STREET, EL PASO, TEXAS.**

Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

27.

ORDINANCE 019840

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EL PASO CITY CODE TITLE 20 (ZONING), CHAPTER 20.02 (GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS), ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS) TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

Mr. Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Canales commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Heidy Seoenz
2. Ms. Denise Ivana Perales
3. Mr. Ernesto Garcia
4. Ms. Patricia Osmond
5. Mr. Michael Bray

Motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

28. ORDINANCE 019841

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 228, SUNRISE ACRES SUBDIVISION, 8701 GATEWAY SOUTH BOULEVARD, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-4 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL), AND IMPOSING CONDITIONS. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

29. ORDINANCE 019842

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL PERMIT PZST25-00006, TO ALLOW FOR A REDUCTION TO REAR YARD AND SIDE STREET YARD SETBACKS AND ALLOW THE USE OF CONTRACTOR'S YARD (SMALL) ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT 228, SUNRISE ACRES, 8701 GATEWAY SOUTH BOULEVARD, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.04.260 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE. THE PENALTY AS BEING PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

Mr. Luis Zamora, Chief Planner and Zoning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Limón and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director
- Mr. Daniel Chavira, Building and Permitting Development Program Manager
- Mr. Steve Alvarado, Code Enforcement Director

Mr. John Cook, citizen, commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried that the Ordinances be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinances which when so done resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinances, the same be, and the same are hereby **ADOPTED**.

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- 30. ITEM:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 16015 to grant the authority to the City Manager to administratively enter into and sign certain contracts on behalf of the City in alignment with recent changes to Local Government Code Section 252.021 and repealing Ordinance No. 016736.

Ms. Claudia Garcia, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, and Niño commented.

Mr. Juan Gonzalez, Senior Assistant City Attorney, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, to **ADOPT** the Ordinance.

AYES: Representatives Limón and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, and Niño

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

THE MOTION FAILED.

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The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 12:10 pm. in order to convene the Mass Transit Department Board Meeting.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 12:14 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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31. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board will occur on February 8th, 2026 with the expiration of the first term of Stefanie. Block Uribarri, who filled the position in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance Number 017167 which requires that any vacancy in the membership of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board be filled by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso by Resolution established the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee, to be comprised of the members of the Public Service Board and such additional members as appointed by the City Council to assist City Council in selecting eligible candidates to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, under the Resolution, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee reviews resumes submitted by persons interested in filling the vacant position and submits to the City Council the names and the ranking of three eligible candidates; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on January 7th, 2026, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the selection and ranking of the top three eligible candidates for consideration and appointment by City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

THAT, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on January 7, 2026 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the selection and ranking the following eligible candidates for consideration and appointment by the City Council to fill a vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy:

Ranked 1st: Stefanie Block Uribarri

Ranked 2nd: Amy Ross

Ranked 3rd: Jaime Esparza

THAT, the El Paso City Council hereby appoints Stefanie Block Uribarri to fill the vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy. The term of appointment shall commence on February 11th, 2026, and shall be for a four (4) year term.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Niño, and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Limón

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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- 32. ITEM:** Discussion and action to direct the City Attorney- that prior to the award of any City contract where the proposed awardee has been involved in prior or active litigation with the City- to brief City Council on the background and context of such litigation and any other related legal considerations relevant to the proposed contract, with such briefing to occur in executive session.

Representative Chávez presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Acevedo and Canales commented.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Attorney - that prior to the award of any City contract where the proposed awardee has been involved in prior or active litigation with the City - to brief City Council on the background and context of such litigation and any other related legal considerations relevant to the proposed contract, with such briefing to occur in executive session

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **AMEND** the motion by inserting "*going back 10 years*" after the words "litigation with the City" ...

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

3RD MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, to **AMEND** the motion by inserting "*And further, that the City Attorney shall conduct a legal review of this proposal prior to implementation and report back to the City Council with findings within 15 days.*" at the end of the motion.

AYES: Representatives Limón and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

THE MOTION FAILED.

4TH AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Attorney - that prior to the award of any City contract where the proposed awardee has been involved in prior or active litigation with the City going back 10 years - to brief City Council on the background and context of such litigation and any other related legal considerations relevant to the proposed contract, with such briefing to occur in executive session.

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

NAYS: Representative Canales

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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Motion made and seconded to **RECESS** for lunch at 3:00 p.m. **The motion failed.**
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- 33. ITEM:** Discussion and action directing the City Manager, in coordination with the City Attorney, to develop a comprehensive anti-littering strategy that combines public education, formalized community partnerships, and structured disposal access for volunteer cleanup organizations operating within City limits and come back within 60 days with recommendations.

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño commented.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **AMEND** the item by striking “60” and inserting “90”.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager, in coordination with the City Attorney, to develop a comprehensive anti-littering strategy that combines public education, formalized community partnerships, and structured disposal access for volunteer cleanup organizations operating within City limits and come back within **90** days with recommendations.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 3:09 p.m. for lunch.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 4:03 p.m.

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34. ITEM: Discussion and action to direct the City Manager, in collaboration with the City Attorney, to develop a plan of action to prevent the installation of any Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities in the city. Additionally, to collaborate with the County of El Paso and El Paso Water to support this measure.

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Canales requested that an abstract of their statements be attached to the minutes (see attachments).

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

Mr. Rene Leon, Legislative Liaison for El Paso Water, commented.

The following members of the public commented.

1. Carmelo Bralich
2. Cresote Huseby
3. Joseline Avila
4. Linda Chew
5. Erika Hisey
6. Robert Vines
7. Charlotte Weiss
8. Alan Lizarraga
9. Patricia Osmond
10. Victoria Labrado
11. Amber Williams
12. Dorymar Torres-Rosas

The following members of the public submitted statements to be entered into the record:

1 Isabel Hernandez	34 Vianett Lozano	67 Aby Perea
2 Maria Najera	35 Jack Heydemann	68 Damian Andrade
3 Sophia De Santiago	36 Lulu Robles	69 Imelda Lopez
4 Claudia Pineda	37 Kaylee Wells	70 Omar Sepeda
5 Angela Jones	38 Kevin M.C. Birdwell Jr.	71 Bernadette Segura
6 Deniz Valdez	39 Kianna Taylor	72 Brenda Aranda
7 Maleny Lopez	40 Aurolyn Luykx	73 Judy Isabel Parra
8 Bryan Pacheco	41 Alexis Salas	74 Kathy Staudt
9 Adriana Villalobos	42 Maya Ibarra	75 Nicolas Jara
10 Amy Fernandez	43 Isabella Valera	76 Peggy Hindle
11 Erin Mayalai Bañuelos	44 Adolfo Quijano	77 Rosio Yanez
12 Ximena Chacon	45 Taria Brown	78 Victoria Molinar
13 Mayra Rodarte	46 Dana Giallanza	79 Sydney Gaglio
14 Quinn Trujillo	47. Norma Alvarez Castillo	80 Nancy Rodriguez
15 Alora Wilson	48 Elisabeth Sommer	81 Daniel Rivera
16 Jonathan Farias	49 Marta Pumroy-Cordero	82 Kiana Limon
17 Leslie Hendricks	50 Alexa Hernandez	83 Leonardo Flores Gonzalez
18 Ariana Lazo	51 Michael D. Faulkner	84 Leah April
19 Rachel Murphree	52 Raymond Surya	85 Lane Eisenmann
20 Jessica Tarin	53 Ivette Reyes	86 Julian Rivera
21 Susana Martinez	54 Susan Reyes	87 Pamela V Vigo Sanchez
22 Christine Espendez	55 Abigail Minor	88 Sam Dungan
23 Sona Kumar	56 Bettina Camacho	89 Desiree Miller
24 Dionne Trevino	57 Josiah Heyman	90 Jennifer Shields
25 Haydee Jara Quinones	58 Deseree Ware	91 Diana Martinez
26 Brian Miller	59 Jacob Aun	92 Mikaela Jensen
27 Rebekah Serrano	60 Cyndi	93 Adrian Gonzalez
28 Jazmine Gonzalez	61 George Mendoza	94 Taryn Medina
29 Susan Ethridge	62 Rachel Ortega	95 Gabrielle Miller
30 Sean M. Cooper	63 Didi Lopez	96 Nichole Esqueda
31 Myriam Acosta	64 Wesley Weikel	97 Mia Alvarez
32 Melissa Gonzalez	65 Kimberly Saenz	98 Anthony Quezada
33 Khia Thompson	66 Juli Garcia	99 Laurie Marshall

1ST MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, to **DIRECT** the City Manager, in collaboration with the City Attorney, to develop a plan of action to prevent the installation of any Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities in the city. Additionally, to collaborate with the County of El Paso and El Paso Water to support this measure.

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried to **AMEND** the motion by striking the words ***“and El Paso Water”***

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño

NAYS: Representatives Acevedo, Limón, and Canales

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting “AYE”. THE MOTION CARRIED.

3RD MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **AMEND** the motion by inserting the words:

“Further, direct the City Manager and City Attorney to research and look into the following and report back within 60 days:

1. Create and present a protocol that prevents federal law enforcement officers from entering any city facility, with the intention to search, detain, or arrest a person without a signed judicial warrant.
2. Explore a moratorium on permitting, zoning and licensing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities.
3. Produce a report that details all points of cooperation between the City of El Paso and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

4TH AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED)

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager, in collaboration with the City Attorney, to develop a plan of action to prevent the installation of any Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities in the city. Additionally, to collaborate with the County of El Paso to support this measure.

Further, direct the City Manager and City Attorney to research and look into the following and report back within 60 days:

1. Create and present a protocol that prevents federal law enforcement officers from entering any city facility, with the intention to search, detain, or arrest a person without a signed judicial warrant.
2. Explore a moratorium on permitting, zoning and licensing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities.
3. Produce a report that details all points of cooperation between the City of El Paso and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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35. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** discussion and action to authorize the City Manager to develop within 180 days a written report outlining findings, cost comparisons, recommended operational or policy changes, and an implementation strategy to improve durability, efficiency, and the visual quality of roadway repairs across the City.

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36. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** discussion and action to require that, in addition to existing quarterly system status reports, El Paso Water shall provide enhanced reporting, to the El Paso City Council, following any major system failure or emergency event impacting water services.

REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES:

37. Presentation about the enforcement efforts on the prohibited uses of residential properties as entertainment venues.

Mr. Steve Alvarado, Code Enforcement Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Chávez commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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38. Presentation on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update.

Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Management and Budget Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez and Limón commented.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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39. Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First 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, Niño, and Canales commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

40. Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2025-0219 Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I to El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc., for a total estimated amount of \$2,590,065.09. This project will consist of the construction of bicycle facilities at various downtown locations, including bike lanes, shared-use paths, and associated signage, striping, lighting, and intersection improvements.

Department:	Capital Improvement
Award to:	El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc.
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	Base Bid I
Contract Term:	153 Workweek Days
Base Bid I:	\$2,590,065.09

Total Estimated Award: \$2,590,065.09
Account(s): 190 - 4450 - 38280 - PCP21TRAN05
190 - 4950 - 38170 - PCP21TRAN05
Funding Source(s): Capital Projects Texas Department of
Transportation State Infrastructure Bank Loan
District(s): 8

This was a Low Bid Procurement - unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

Work under this unit price contract is only an estimated value and will be ordered, performed, invoiced, and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of this contract may be higher or lower than the total estimated value and will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

As a part of this award, upon the review of the City Attorney, the City Engineer may without further authorization from City Council approve contract changes which are necessary for proper execution of the work and carrying out the intent of the project, which are in accordance with applicable law, do not make changes to the prices and are within the appropriate budget.

Representatives Acevedo and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Derek Russell, Lead Procurement and Contract Analyst
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Ms. Roberta Brito, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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41. Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2026-0095-2025 Collector & Arterial Street Resurfacing to International Eagle Enterprises, Inc. for a total estimated amount of \$35,427,150.00. This contract supports the City of El Paso's street resurfacing program by providing milling, paving, and asphalt rehabilitation of collector and arterial streets within the City right-of-way through task orders issued by the Streets and Maintenance Department, including associated base repairs, concrete repairs, and other roadway improvements as needed, with funding from multiple sources for both routine and expedited projects.

Department:	Streets & Maintenance
Award to:	International Eagle Enterprises, Inc.
City & State:	El Paso, Texas
Item(s):	All
Contract Term:	730 Consecutive Calendar Days
Base Bid I:	\$35,427,150.00
Total Estimated Award:	\$35,427,150.00
Account(s):	532-2560-32040-522270-P26STYR7ART 532-2560-32040-522270-P27STYR8ART 532-4825-29110-522270-TBA
Funding Source(s):	FY26 Arterial Street Resurfacing - PayGo FY27 Arterial Street Resurfacing - PayGo Top 50 Arterials - Community Progress Bond
District(s):	All

This was a Competitive Sealed Proposal Procurement unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing, Streets and Maintenance, and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to International Eagle Enterprises, Inc. the highest ranked offeror based on the evaluation factors established in the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

Work under this unit price contract is only an estimated value and will be ordered, performed, invoiced, and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of this contract may be higher or lower than the total estimated value and will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

As a part of this award, upon the review of the City Attorney, the City Engineer may without further authorization from City Council approve contract changes which are necessary for proper execution of the work and carrying out the intent of the project, which are in accordance with applicable law, do not make changes to the prices and are within the appropriate budget.

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from International Eagle Enterprises, Inc.

Representatives Chávez and Niño commented.

Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance Director, commented.

Mr. Marcos Molina, citizen, commented.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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42. Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Department to issue a Purchase Order to for Solicitation 2026-0238 Hologic Testing Supplies

to Hologic Sales and Service, LLC the sole source for the Panther instrument system supplies, firmware, and field service for a three (3) year term with an estimated amount of \$285,000.00. Supplier will be required to provide an updated sole source letter and affidavit each year. This contract will provide testing supplies and standard annual preventative maintenance for the Panther Integrated Nucleic Acid Testing System.

Contract Variance:

The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: An increase of \$66,202.00 which represents a 35.31% increase due to:

- Panther Standard Preventative Maintenance with an estimated annual amount of \$26,000.00, an increase of \$2,067.33 for a 3-year increase of 8.64%.
- Unit cost for all items remained the same, supplies will be ordered as needed. Budgeted amount increased by \$60,000.00 or 26.67%.

Department:	Public Health
Award to:	Hologic Sales and Service, LLC
City & State:	Marlborough, MA
Item(s):	ALL
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Term:	NA
Total Contract Time:	3 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$95,000.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$285,000.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	NA
Total Estimated Award:	\$285,000.00
Account(s):	341-1000-41130-531120 341-1000-41130-532008
Funding Source(s):	General Fund
District(s):	All

Non-Competitive Procurement under Local Government General Exemption: Section 252.022 - (7) a procurement of items that are available from only one source - (D) captive replacement parts or components for equipment.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Public Health Departments recommend award as indicated to Hologic Sales and Service, LLC under the exemption listed above.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

Additionally, it is requested that the City Attorney's Office review and that the City Manager or designee be authorized to execute any related contract documents and agreements necessary to effectuate this award.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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- 43.** Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2026-0079 Residential Street Resurfacing to Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Inc. dba Allied Paving Company for a total estimated amount of \$19,839,245.50.

This project will provide ongoing support for the City's street resurfacing program and will provide milling and paving for various residential streets.

Department:	Streets and Maintenance
Award to:	Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Inc. dba Allied Paving Company
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	All
Contract Term	730 Consecutive Calendar Days
Total Estimated Award:	\$19,839,245.50
Account(s):	532-2560-32120-522270-P25STYR6RES 532-2560-32120-522270-P26STYR7RES 532-4825-29110-522270-TBA
Funding Source(s):	FY25 Residential Street Resurfacing- PayGo FY26 Residential Street Resurfacing- PayGo FY26-FY27- Community Progress Bond Residential
District(s):	All

This was a Competitive Sealed Proposal Procurement, unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing, Streets and Maintenance, and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Inc. dba Allied Paving Company the highest ranked offeror based on the evaluation factors established in the evaluation criteria for this procurement.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

Work under this unit price contract is only an estimated value and will be ordered, performed, invoiced, and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of this contract may be higher or lower than the total estimated value and will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

As a part of this award, upon the review of the City Attorney, the City Engineer may without further authorization from City Council approve contract changes which are necessary for proper execution of the work and carrying out the intent of the project, which are in accordance with applicable law, do not make changes to the prices and are within the appropriate budget.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

44.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign, on behalf of the City of El Paso, an approval for the street resurfacing list for the Calendar Years 2026-2027, attachment "A"***.

**Attachment available at the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Sylvia Carreon, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

45.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, Texas ("City"), a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, and the Town of Van Horn, Texas ("Town"), a Texas municipal corporation, are local governments as defined in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and have the authority to enter into this Agreement, and have each entered into this Agreement in the appropriate manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the City approved the Texas Economic Development Incentive Program ("TED Program") Policy and Guidelines on January 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TED Program is to promote economic development within El Paso Electric's ("EPE") Texas Service Area through various programs, including Infrastructure Development Assistance and Quality Jobs and Investment Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Development Assistance Program provides financial assistance for public infrastructure improvements benefitting one or more companies committed to creating net-new jobs and/or making new capital investments within EPE's Texas Service Area; and

WHEREAS, Town of Van Horn, Texas ("Town") applied under the TED Program for financial assistance to construct its *Third Water Pressure Zone Project* ("Project"), including a 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, to address longstanding water capacity constraints that currently limit commercial, residential, and hospitality development

WHEREAS, the Project directly aligns with the objectives and eligibility criteria of the TED Program, including: (1) addressing essential public infrastructure needs; (2) catalyzing significant private investment estimated at \$25 million; (3) supporting 74 permanent jobs and over 70 temporary construction jobs; (4) benefiting target industries such as tourism and defense/aerospace; and (5) promoting economic growth within an underserved community; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the Town's TED Program application and determined that the Project provides a net positive economic impact to EPE's Texas Service Area, demonstrates a financial need for assistance under one of the TED Program categories, and meets all statutory and policy requirements for TED Program participation; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to provide financial incentives to the Town in the form a grant totaling \$600,000 ("Grant Funds") from the TED Fund in accordance with the TED Program guidelines for the Project of the Interlocal Agreement for Texas Economic Development Funds with the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT, the above recitals are accepted as true and correct; and

THAT, the City Council finds that the *Third Water Pressure Zone Project* meets the requirements of the TED Program and provides a sufficient net positive impact to EPE's Texas Service Area; and

THAT, the City agrees to provide Grant Funds to the Company totaling \$600,000 from the TED Program Fund for the *Third Water Pressure Zone Project*; and

THAT, the Mayor be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement, for good and valuable consideration, by and between the City of El Paso and the Town of Van Horn, Texas for the provision of Grant Funds from the Texas Economic Development Fund in connection with the *Third Water Pressure Zone Project*; and

THAT, the Mayor is authorized to execute appropriate amendments to this Interlocal Agreement administratively; upon review by the City Attorney, and

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to execute any budget transfers and associated agreements in order to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Ms. Karina Brasgalla, Economic and International Development Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, and Limón commented.

Ms. Annette Gutierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments Executive Director, commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

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- 46. ITEM:** Discussion and action on the results of the Animal Services – Westside Adoption Center Construction Audit A2025-08.

Mr. Miguel Montiel, Audit Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the audit results.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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47. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on the results of the El Paso Zoo - Financial Activity Audit A2025-09.

Ms. Liz De La O, Deputy Chief Internal Auditor, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Niño and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez,, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the audit results.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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48. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on the results of the Planning and Inspections – Permit Review Follow-Up Audit A2026-01.

Mr. Miguel Montiel, Audit Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the audit results.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

49. **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a two-year On-Call Agreement for Professional Services to perform Civil Engineering on a task-by-task basis by and between the City of El Paso and each of the following 3 consultants:

1. CEA Engineering Group, Inc.
2. GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
3. HDR Engineering, Inc.

Each On-Call Agreement will be for an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, 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.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez and Niño verbally disclosed a contribution received from CEA Engineering Group, Inc.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

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- 50. ITEM:** Discussion and action that the Mayor of the City of El Paso, Texas, be authorized to sign Resolutions of Support and/or Resolutions of No Objection for the following 2026 9% Regional Competitive Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications:

- Cielo Towers II
- Eastside Crossings II
- Siesta Jardin

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **FOREFRONT** of the Regular Agenda.

2ND MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** Resolutions of **SUPPORT** for the following 2026 9% Regional Competitive Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications:

- Cielo Towers II, located at 201 Cortez Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).
- Siesta Jardin, located at 9009 Dyer Street, El Paso, Texas 79904, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).

And a Resolution of NO OBJECTION for the following 2026 9% Regional Competitive Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) application:

- Eastside Crossings II, located at Zaragoza/Joe Battle, El Paso, Texas 79938, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).

3RD MOTION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried to **AMEND** the motion by striking “**NO OBJECTION**” and inserting “**SUPPORT**”.

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

NAYS: Representative Canales

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has proposed a development for 80 affordable rental housing units at 201 Cortez Dr, El Paso, TX 79905, named Cielo Towers II in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has committed to a minimum 45-year affordability period for those 80 units at 201 Cortez Dr, El Paso, TX 79905, named Cielo Towers II in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has advised that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for 2026 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits for Cielo Towers II.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso, Texas, acting through its governing body, hereby confirms that it **supports** the proposed **Cielo Towers II** development located at 201 Cortez Dr, El Paso, TX 79905 (TDHCA Application number 26245) and that this formal action has been taken to put on record the opinion expressed by the City of El Paso, Texas on February 3, 2026.
2. That for and on behalf of the Governing Body, Laura Prine, City Clerk, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to certify these resolutions to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has proposed a development for 80 affordable rental housing units at Zaragoza/Joe Battle, El Paso, TX 79938, named Eastside Crossings II in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has committed to a minimum 45-year affordability period for those 80 units at Zaragoza/Joe Battle, El Paso, TX 79938, named Eastside Crossings II in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has advised that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for 2026 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits for Eastside Crossing II.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso, Texas, acting through its governing body, hereby confirms that it **supports** the proposed **Eastside Crossings II** development located at Zaragoza/Joe Battle, El Paso, TX 79938 (TDHCA Application number 26246) and that this formal action has been taken to put on record the opinion expressed by the City of El Paso, Texas on February 3, 2026.
2. That for and on behalf of the Governing Body, Laura Prine, City Clerk, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to certify these resolutions to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has proposed a development for 80 affordable rental housing units at 9009 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79904, named Siesta Jardin in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has committed to a minimum 45-year affordability period for those 80 units at 9009 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79904, named Siesta Jardin in the City of El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation has advised that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for 2026 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits for Siesta Jardin.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso, Texas, acting through its governing body, hereby confirms that it **supports** the proposed **Siesta Jardin** development located at 9009 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79904 (TDHCA Application number 26247) and that this formal action has been taken to put on record the opinion expressed by the City of El Paso, Texas on February 3, 2026.
2. That for and on behalf of the Governing Body, Laura Prine, City Clerk, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to certify these resolutions to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Ms. Nickole Rodriguez, Community and Human Development Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following Housing Authority staff members commented:

1. Mr. Gerald Cichon, Chief Executive Officer
2. Ms. Shelly Rivas, General Counsel

4TH AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED)

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** Resolutions of **SUPPORT** for the following 2026 9% Regional Competitive Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications:

- Cielo Towers II, located at 201 Cortez Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).
- Eastside Crossings II, located at Zaragoza/Joe Battle, El Paso, Texas 79938, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).
- Siesta Jardin, located at 9009 Dyer Street, El Paso, Texas 79904, proposed by Paisano Housing Redevelopment Corporation (instrumentality of HACEP/HOME).

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

51.

RESOLUTION

Greater than 20% HTC Units per Total Households in Census Tracts

WHEREAS, EP Cielo Seniors, LP has proposed a development for affordable rental housing at 201 Cortez Drive, El Paso, TX 79905 named **Cielo Towers II** in the **City of El Paso**; and

WHEREAS, EP Cielo Seniors, LP has advised that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for 2026 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits funds for **Cielo Towers II (TDHCA Application number 26245)**.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That as provided for in 10 TAC §11.3(e) and §11.4(c)(1), it is hereby acknowledged that the proposed New Construction or Adaptive Reuse Development is located in a census tract that has more than 20% Housing Tax Credit Units per total households and,
2. That the **City of El Paso** hereby confirms that its Governing Body supports the Application, pursuant to 10 TAC §11.3(e) and §11.4(c)(1) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **FOREFRONT** of the Regular Agenda.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2024, the City of El Paso ("City") awarded Contract No. 2024-0056 Security Guard Services - Airport ("Contract") to the following vendor ("Vendor"):

1. KR Contracting, Inc.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Attribute 28, Contract Clauses (Terms & Conditions) – Section 8, Part B. Termination for Default, the City is authorized to terminate the Contract for Default; and

WHEREAS, vendor has accumulated numerous security violations, resulting in Letters of Investigation from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Notices of Violation from the El Paso International Airport. These violations constitute non-compliance with federal security regulations and raise serious concerns regarding the vendor's ability to safely and reliably perform under this contract; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to terminate the Contract for Default.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing is authorized to notify KR Contracting, Inc. that the City is terminating Contract No. 2024-0056 Security Guard Services - Airport, pursuant to Contract Clauses (Terms & Conditions) – Section 8, Part B. of this contract, due to accumulated numerous security violations, resulting in Letters of Investigation from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Notices of Violation from the El Paso International Airport. These violations constitute non-compliance with federal security regulations and that the termination shall be effective as of March 19, 2026.

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, and Limón commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Willie Paris, Assistant Director of Aviation Operations and Security
- Ms. Crystal Paz, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Interim Assistant Director

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

- 53. ITEM:** Discussion and action on the appointment of (1) candidate to fill (1) Municipal Court Magistrate vacancy. Five (5) candidates submitted applications; (5) candidate names were submitted to Mayor and City Council. This position serves as judge for cases involving Class "C" misdemeanors and as a magistrate for defendants arrested by the El Paso Police Department. The candidates are:

1. Cori A. Harbour

2. Elia Garcia
3. David Alan Rutledge
4. Lauren Ferris
5. Oscar Gonzalez

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the **ITEM** at 4:00 p.m.

2ND MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 4:03 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to interview the candidates under:

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

2ND MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council, at which time, a motion was made.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the retirement of the Municipal Magistrate Judge has left a vacancy among the substitute municipal judges; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.44.030H of the El Paso City Code permits City Council to fill the vacancy in the office of a substitute associate judge; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the appointment of a new associate judge to fill the vacancy is in the best interest of the Court and City;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council appoints Cory A. Harbour as a Full-Time Associate Municipal Court Judge to serve the remainder of the term from February 3, 2026, through June 6, 2027.

Mayor Johnson commented.

4TH AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** a Resolution appointing Cori A. Harbour as Municipal Court Magistrate judge for cases involving Class "C" misdemeanors and as a magistrate for defendants arrested by the El Paso Police Department.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:12 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Fierro

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

ABSTRACTS FOR ITEM 34

Transcript of Rep. Canales's Comments on Item #34 re: Detention Facilities Regular City Council Meeting on February 3, 2026

There are so many things that I want to say about ICE and the actions of the federal government over the past year. I could go on for 20 minutes, and I will mostly spare you all of that. So many times in recent months, I have sat in my house, or here in my office, and seethed. So many of the speakers we have heard from today have said so much of what I want to say, and I appreciate and admire your boldness. I'll endeavor to keep my comments to the specific action we are considering today.

Unquestionably, the extreme escalation from the federal government that we have seen across the country over the last year has not been normal. Far from it. I won't equivocate: Recent deaths at Camp East Montana, located not in the City of El Paso but on the military installation of Fort Bliss, are unacceptable. At best, they represent terrible gross negligence; at worst, they are murders. In Minneapolis, multiple people have been brutally killed in the streets by masked agents of the federal government. Renee Good was murdered on video. Alex Pretti was murdered on video. We've all seen it. I, like so many across the country, have looked on in horror and anger and shame and disgust, but unfortunately not quite in disbelief. But this isn't just something that's happening far away. There has been so much direct impact in our community as well.

The recent raids of construction job sites in nearby Horizon City, for example, have targeted local workers. Federal agents have been detaining people, including US citizens over whom they have no authority, throughout El Paso, and particularly in neighborhoods in my district, including in Segundo Barrio, historically known as the Ellis Island of the US-Mexico border, and other south side neighborhoods like Chihuahuita and Barrio Chamizal. All of these actions have me worried that ICE may look to continue to increase their physical presence within El Paso city limits.

I know that the media has reported on a proposed warehouse facility in El Paso County but not within the City limits, a literal warehouse for people (concentrating people in a confined space – I think there's a name for that). The federal government's warehouse plan seems to still be in somewhat of a state of flux as their purported contractors seem to be backing out, so if they have to pivot and relocate, it's important to be clear: we don't want it in the City of El Paso.

It's important for us, the City government, to understand in advance what tools are available to us to push back against ICE and related entities should they seek to locate

any new facilities within the City of El Paso. We can't be surprised and reactive. We need to be prepared and proactive.

I have seen some criticism that this is somehow seeking to violate the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution. This isn't that at all, and I think that argument reflects only a middle school level of understanding of government. While the U.S. Constitution is the "supreme law of the land," it in no way grants the federal government the ability to do whatever it wants, wherever it wants. To the contrary, the federal government reserves itself specific powers, and everything else is left to the states. For example, in Texas, Home Rule Municipalities like El Paso have zoning authority, the ability to regulate land use. We have the authority to regulate building safety and other life safety issues. We have permitting authority, and the authority to require and conduct inspections to enforce those other authorities. Now, these are just some examples, and these specific tools may or not be effective in this scenario, but we won't know that unless we study and plan and do the work necessary to understand. The direction to carry out that work is what we are asking the Council to approve today.

My opinion is very clear: I don't want ICE in El Paso, and frankly ICE shouldn't exist at all. But that said, to those who don't agree with me, I offer this: Even if you support ICE and what they are doing, the terror they inflicting on American cities, surely you don't want the clashes in the streets that we have all seen in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Chicago, and cities all across the country. Even if you don't care about this as a humanitarian issue, you can hopefully understand that the additional police presence will cost us all public funds, and the resulting economic disruption will harm El Paso businesses. There are practical reasons, not just ideological ones, to oppose ICE expanding their detention operation in El Paso.

And finally, cooperation with one another is of vital importance. The item specifically calls out the El Paso County government, who recently passed a similar resolution, but there are others who we should cooperate with: our neighboring municipalities in Socorro, San Elizario, Anthony, and others; local organizations who can be helpful in our efforts; and of course, the people of El Paso. Your participation here today is one step in a much longer march to true justice and peace for our community.

Thank you to all of the public speakers who joined us today. Council, I urge you to support this proposal. We have a responsibility to the people of El Paso who we represent to be prepared to face a scenario that once was but is no longer farfetched: that the federal government could seek to open a human warehousing facility in our City. I see no way in which that would be beneficial to us as a city.

From: [Guerrero, Camila](#)
To: [Rosas, Adriana](#); [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [District #7](#)
Subject: Statement for Minutes - Item 34
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 3:10:15 PM

Good afternoon,

Representative Limón would like the following statements (exactly as made during Council Meeting) to be reflected in the minutes of the 02/03 meeting:

“(...) The item is on the agenda so that we as a city can take control of our narrative. We don’t want others to write our story, and we make the best decisions for our constituents. We heard it very clearly; we must remain watchful at all times. We can’t turn our back until this government understands, values, and respects the rights of all the people in our country. Until that day, we must be vigilant. And we are El Paso, a city of immigrants. We stand for the humane treatment and respect of all our people.”

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Camila Guerrero

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From: [Moreno, Jesus](#)
To: [Rosas, Adriana](#); [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [District #3](#)
Subject: RE: Statement for item 34 from the 2/3/26 meeting
Date: Friday, February 6, 2026 12:07:02 PM
Attachments: [#34 Rep Rocha Statement CC.docx](#)

Hi Clerks,

Here is the responsive document. We have transcripts of her other dialogue from her on this item if needed.

Thank you,

Jesus Moreno
City of El Paso | [District 3](#)
City Representative Deanna M. Rocha
O: 915-212-0003 | C: 915-996-6640



From: Moreno, Jesus
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Rosas, Adriana <RosasAX@elpasotexas.gov>
Cc: District #3 <District3@elpasotexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Statement for item 34 from the 2/3/26 meeting

Good morning Adriana,

Thank you for reaching out, I am working on this for you all.

Respectfully,

Jesus Moreno
City of El Paso | [District 3](#)
City Representative Deanna M. Rocha
O: 915-212-0003 | C: 915-996-6640



From: Rosas, Adriana <RosasAX@elpasotexas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 5:37 PM

To: Vera, Julia A. <VeraJA@elpasotexas.gov>; Jimenez, Melody <JimenezM1@elpasotexas.gov>;
Moreno, Jesus <MorenoJ6@elpasotexas.gov>

Subject: Statement for item 34 from the 2/3/26 meeting

Good afternoon,

Could you please forward the statement that Rep. Maldonado-Rocha read into the record during Item 34 so that it can be included in the minutes?

Thank you,

ADRIANA ROSAS
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
300 N. Campbell, El Paso, Texas 79901
| 915-212-1211 |

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Representative Maldonado-Rocha

39:10 ... I want to acknowledge that the humanity of everyone that's affected by this conversation is something that is deeply important to me. I'm a first-generation American. My father lived here illegally for many years, and immigrants, come, they are the fabric of our community. They absolutely are. They are the ones that deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion. But we have the ice officers that are local, and while I understand that there's a lot of disdain for these officers and what they're doing, there's a lot of them that live among us. And whose children go to school with my child. And a lot of them, whose wives go to church or their families go to church with us. And they are living in fear as well. It needs to be very cautious for us to put all of them into one group. That's sometimes very difficult. Pope Leo says that countries have a right to manage borders, that treatment of people must always respect their inherent dignity. There may be people that need ramifications for their actions. But I also believe that those families are living in fear as well. It's important to be honest about the role of city council. I want to be absolutely clear, we do not have unilateral authority to stop a federal agency from building a facility. What we do have to what Rep. Canales mentioned earlier is responsibility over city processes, over land use, over infrastructure, and coordination with our local partners. This is not about assigning blame or devaluing any group in this particular item is how I've read it. It does direct the city manager and the city attorney to identify those lawful tools that are available to us and to work with the county, so that decisions of this magnitude are approach thoughtfully, transparently, and with community impact in mind. We can always lead with compassion for immigrants, respect for the families who serve in all forms of law enforcement, and a commitment to responsible governance. I will, and as I mentioned, support this item..., I just want to make sure that I put those pieces of my comments into the record, Ms. Prine. Thank you."