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INTERIM CITY MANAGER



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JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 3, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 A.M.

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Josh Acevedo, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, and Henry Rivera. Late arrival: Chris Canales at 9:36 a.m.

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AGENDA

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1. For Notation Only: Formal Report of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on May 1, 2024.
 1. Discussion and Action on External Audit Results for Fiscal Year 2023.
 - Motion made by Representative Molinar, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo, Representative Fierro and Representative Molinar to accept the audit results.
 2. Discussion and Action to include an audit in the FY 2023-2024 Audit Plan of the Sun Bowl Game Agreement.
 - Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Molinar and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo, Representative Fierro and Representative Molinar to include the audit in the FY2023-2024 Audit Plan.
 3. Discussion and Action on the results of the City Council and City Manager's Office P-Card and Travel Review-Years 2020,2021,2022 and 2023.
 - Motion made by Representative Kennedy, seconded by Representative Fierro and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo, Representative Fierro and Representative Molinar to postpone the agenda item to the next FOAC meeting.
 4. Discussion and action on the results of the City Council and City Managers Commercial Fuel Card Review-Years 2020,2021 and Years 2020 to 2023 Recap.
 - Motion made by Representative Molinar, seconded by Representative Acevedo and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo, Representative Fierro and Representative Molinar to accept the project results.
 5. Discussion and Action on directing staff to review the Internal Audit Charter for any proposed revisions.
 - Motion made by Representative Molinar, seconded by Representative Acevedo and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo and Representative Molinar to postpone the agenda item to the next FOAC meeting.

6. Discussion and Action on FY2023-2024 Audit Plan 2nd Quarter Updates.
 - Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Fierro and approved by Representative Kennedy, Representative Acevedo, Representative Fierro and Representative Molinar to postpone the agenda item to the next FOAC meeting.

7. Discussion and Action on Client Surveys.

Mr. Edmundo Calderon, Chief Internal Auditor, provided a briefing of the May 1, 2024 meeting.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams:

1. Vision Block: Safe and Beautiful Neighborhoods:

Goal 2 (Safe and Secure City)

Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Redd and Police Executive Assistant Chief Zina Silva presented a PowerPoint Presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar, and Rivera commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Fire Chief Jonathan Killings
- Police Chief Peter Pacillas
- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager
- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer
- Ms. Lilia Worrell, Municipal Court Director

Goal 7 (Infrastructure)

Mr. Rene Barraza, Streets and Maintenance Administrative Services Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer
- Mr. Anthony Dekeyzer, Sun Metro Director
- Mr. Forest Clancy, Environmental Services Assistant Director
- Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager
- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer

Goal 8 (Healthy, Sustainable Community)

Mr. Terry Kebschull, Animal Services Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3. Discussion on how the City will implement Phase I and Phase II of the Department of Labor's final rule on overtime pay requirements for executive, administrative, and professional employees.

Ms. Mary Wiggins, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representative Canales commented.

Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 10:57 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Fierro

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:36 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time a motion was made.

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

NAYS: None

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- EX1.** Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor; HQ#UTILITY-7 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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- EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company's Approval to Implement a Time-Varying Rate Pilot Program; HQ#UTILITY-41 (551.071)

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$750 contribution received from El Paso Electric Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in *El Paso Electric Company's Statement of Intent and Application to Implement a Time-Varying Rate Pilot Program and Tariffs* filed on May 23, 2024, under the Texas Public

Utility Commission, Docket No. 56658, in Matter Number UTILITY-41, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

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EX3. Closeout of the 2012 Contract with El Paso Zoological Society, HQ#2062 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX4. City Attorney Annual Performance Evaluation HQ#2689 (551.071) (551.074)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk