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**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
October 23 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Leeser present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Alexandra Annello, Joe Molinar, and Isabel Salcido. Late arrival: Art Fierro at 9:02 a.m. and Henry Rivera at 9:09 a.m. Cassandra Hernandez and Chris Canales requested to be excused.

The agenda items for the October 24, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting were reviewed.

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22. CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE FOR NOTATION

For notation only, the P-Card Transactions for the period of August 21 - September 20, 2023 for Mayor, City Council Representatives and staff.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Molinar questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Nicole Cote, Managing Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing

Ms. Tracey Jerome, Senior Deputy City Manager, commented.

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27. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance granting Special Permit No. PZST23-00007, to allow for infill development with reductions to side and rear yard setbacks, a 72% parking reduction, and an 85% density increase on the property described as being the south 75 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3, and the south 75 feet of the west 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 32, Franklin Heights Addition, 150 Brown Street, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to section 20.10.280 Infill Development of the El Paso City Code. The penalty is being as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

The proposed special permit meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with *Plan El Paso*, the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 150 Brown St.

Applicant: Opportunity Center for the Homeless, PZST23-00007

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Luis Zamora, Planning and Inspections Chief Planner

29. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 7B, and Tract 8, Block 52, Ysleta Grant, 9614 Socorro Road, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from R-F (Ranch and Farm) and R-F/H (Ranch and Farm/Historic) to C-4 (Commercial) and C-4/H (Commercial/Historic), and imposing conditions. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of El Paso City Code.

The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with *Plan El Paso*, the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 9614 Socorro Road
Applicant: Octavio Saavedra, PZRZ22-00003

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello, Molinar, and Rivera questioned the following City staff members:

- Mr. Luis Zamora, Planning and Inspections Chief Planner
- Mr. Raul Garcia, Planning and Inspections Project Manager

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34. REGULAR AGENDA – INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of “City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A” in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,680,000 to the Texas Water Development Board to finance certain wastewater system improvements; and resolving matters which are necessary to effect such issuance.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Molinar questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Rene Leon, El Paso Water Legislative Liaison

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36. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action on a report regarding the feasibility and benefits of issuing El Paso City Identification cards to residents and an implementation plan for implementation of an El Paso City Identification Card program.

Representative Annello questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager

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37. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to execute a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of El Paso and Desert Pass Townhomes, LLC pursuant to the City’s Infill Development Incentive Policy, for the construction of a townhome development located at 201 N. Desert Pass, El Paso, TX 79912. The project includes the Applicant to make a minimum investment of \$12,008,509.00. Over the term of the Agreement, the City shall provide economic incentives not to exceed \$316,238.00 in the form of a Property Tax Rebate; a Development Fee Rebate; and a Construction Materials Sales Tax Rebate.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Bill Allen, Economic and International Development Assistant Director

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38. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action on the school zone safety strategy.

Representative Annello questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director

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39. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action to approve an amendment to the appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the implementation of high-speed internet throughout the City of El Paso from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) and federal guidelines in the Final Rule. This item was previously approved on May 9, 2022.

Representatives Annello and Fierro questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Carolyn Patrick, Deputy Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager

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Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:29 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Hernandez and Canales

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk