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ALEJANDRA CHÁVEZ, DISTRICT 1
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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

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2026
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUAL
9:00 A.M.

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Alejandra Chávez was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrival: Chris Canales at 9:08 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson requested to be excused.
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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2026

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AGENDA

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1. Presentation, discussion, and update on the City of El Paso's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 119th United States Congress.

Ms. Alejandra Gorski, Legislative Liaison, Strategic and Legislative Affairs, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar-Trejo, and Fierro commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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2. Discussion and action on motion from City Council on February 3, 2026, directing 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; and to research and look into the following:
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.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, introduced the item.

The following City employees presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

- Mr. Mario M. D'Agostino, Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Kevin W. Smith, Assistant Director of Planning and Inspections
- Police Chief Peter Pacillas,
- Ms. Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Grants Administrator, Office of the Comptroller

The following members of the public commented:

- Ms. Ana Reza
- Eduardo Castillo

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Temp Chávez, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:08 a.m.

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time a motion was made.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to draft revisions to the zoning ordinance for the correctional facility use, to evaluate the definition for appropriateness and bring forward any identified potential changes, to modify approval by right permitted to special permit in all applicable zoning district, and to evaluate other requirements which may include items such as distance from each other, distance from residential, setbacks, and size requirements;

and to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to implement recommended protocols related to federal agents' actions within City facilities;

and to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to continue to comply with grant assurances.

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

NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 11:31 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 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

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

NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 3:07 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

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

NAYS: None

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EX1. Real Estate Division Update, HQ#25-5035 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX2. Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan; PUC#59137; HQ#UTILITY-77 (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be authorized to **ENGAGE** in settlement discussions in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59137, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-77, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from the El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed that he received a contribution from the El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

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

NAYS: Representative Limón.

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EX3. Legal Consultation on Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Worldwide LLC. HQ#478 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX4. Daniel Villegas v. COEP et. al.; Cause No.: 3:15-CV-386 (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried that the City Manager in consultation with the City Attorney be authorized to **HIRE** consultants in the matter *Daniel Villegas v. City of El Paso and Police Officers et. al.*, Cause No. 3:15-CV-00386, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried
to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk