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

October 28, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

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9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

St. Clements School at the Invitation of City Representatives Lily Limón and Art Fierro

Lulu Carmona
Bishop Farah
Aria Forney
Gia Gerardo
TJ Marmolejo
Levi Murray
Belen Resendiz
Hannah Shimunov
Amy An
Matilda Genrich
Blake Huffman
Raul Lopez
Caroline Mata
Rose Tullius
Rivers Anderson
Prescott Colquitt
Charley Follett
Anson Gaddy
Sebastian Macias
Cal Martinez
Ana Emilia Ramirez
Renee Roldan Fuentes
Vivien Stockard
Aila Davis
Ryland Grambling
Iwinosa Idada
Amelia Martin
Isabel Tamariz

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

Adair Margo

KLAQ FM Halloween Parade Day

Scherr Legate Lights Parade

Vernon "Randy" Carothers Day

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10:00 AM ROLL CALL

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Early departure: Art Fierro at 2:53 p.m.

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INVOCATION BY THE EL PASO POLICE SENIOR CHAPLAIN DAVID MAYFIELD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The following members of the public provided comments on the items as indicated, before consideration:

1. Mr. Roberto Q. Avalos – Item 24
2. Mr. Joe Gudenrath – Item 29

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

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Ms. Brenda Carbajal
3. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
4. Mr. Ron Comeau
5. Mr. Peter Miller-Valerio
6. Ms. Barbara Valencia
7. Ms. Chris Velez
8. Ms. Wanda Helgesen
9. Mr. Rico Velazquez
10. Mr. Mostafa Rifai
11. Ms. Lisa Turner

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 14, 2025, and the Work Session of October 13, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

2. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:

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

WHEREAS, WinterFest is a holiday event that draws the community to the downtown area, during a time of year when there are numerous other activities in the downtown area, which can cause a strain on available downtown parking; and

WHEREAS, City Code Subsection 12.56.020(F)(1) allows for the International Bridges Director to make a recommendation to City Council for exceptions to the days and times when parking meter fees shall apply; and

WHEREAS, the International Bridges Director recommends that parking meter fees North of 1-10, including but not limited to the Uptown Parking Benefit District, be waived solely and exclusively on November 22, 2025, for the event known as Winterfest; and

WHEREAS, the International Bridges Director does not recommend that parking meter fees in the downtown area be waived on November 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages the community to park at the parking meters to the North of I-10, including but not limited to the Uptown Parking Benefit District, and encourages the community to utilize the El Paso Streetcar in order to travel to WinterFest on November 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that WinterFest constitutes a special downtown event as contemplated in City Code Subsection 12.56.020(F)(I).

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

THAT the City Council, in accordance with the provisions of City Code Subsection 12.56.020(F)(1), hereby exempts the regularly designated parking meter fees to the North of 1-10, to include, but not be limited to the Uptown Parking Benefit District, on November 22, 2025, for WinterFest which constitutes a special downtown event.

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4. **ITEM**: That the Solid Waste liens on the attachment posted with this agenda be approved.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, 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 Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Fierro, and carried to **POSTPONE** the Solid Waste liens listed below and posted on the attachment with this agenda for **ONE WEEK**.

Address	**Owner of Record**	**Amount**	District
PID# S564-999-0010-3300	ESCOBAR ENRIQUE	$564.00	1
PID# W145-999-0820-22A0	AT&T WIRELINE HOLDING LLC	$344.00	1
7416 ALAMEDA AVE	CALDERON XIADANY	$327.00	3
10232 SUEZ AVE	PINA VICTOR M & CONSUELO	$348.50	3
10733 AQUAMARINE DR	MARTINEZ ROBERTO & ROSE M	$342.50	4
9100 N GATEWAY BLVD	NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	$518.50	4
9228 MOUNT SAN BERDU DR	MARTINEZ ANASTACIO F & KEL	$574.50	4
9920 AUDOBON ST	ROBINSON MERCINE M	$1,426.00	4
14303 SPANISH POINT DR	DUBOSE ISAAC A & MASOUMEH N	$413.00	5
14232 SILVER POINT AVE	SANTANA MICHAEL J	$344.00	5
PID# P189-999-000B-4100	DE LA CRUZ LUIS H	$512.50	6

PID# W123-999-000A-5900	GUTIERREZ DAVID JR & R	$512.00	6
PID# V893-999-3540-0210	NAVAR CULTURE LLC	$671.00	7
11614 CHITO SAMANIEGO DR	ESCOBAR JARED	$383.00	7
7848 PARRAL DR	WILLIAMS MINNIE B	$457.00	7
9228 TENANGO DR	ORTIZ GILBERTO M	$330.00	7
9525 DESERT RIDGE DR	THE KISTENMACHER TRUST	$676.50	7
10216 MONTWOOD DR	SANCHEZ-ROMERO YASSEL	$458.50	7

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Fierro
NAYS: Representative Limón
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Canales

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Tax Code ("Tax Code"), the governing body of a taxing unit shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.01 I(d) a request for waiver of penalties and interest pursuant to Section 33.011(a)(1) must be made before the 181st day after the delinquency date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.01 I(d) of the Tax Code, taxpayer, CHICK-FIL-A INC. ("Taxpayer") requested a waiver of penalties and interest on September 17, 2025, before the 181st day after the delinquency date, in the amount of $2,376.66 for the 2024 delinquent taxes for the property with the following legal description:

FURN CMP MACH SIGN

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency.

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

THAT the Taxpayer, CHICK-FIL-A INC., has met the requirements of Section 33.011 of the Tax Code for the request of waiver of penalties and interest, and the City waives the penalty and interest amount on the 2024 delinquent taxes, pursuant to Section 33.01 I(a)(1) of the Tax Code, in the amount of $2,376.66 for the property with the following legal description:

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Representative Canales commented.

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

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

WHEREAS, there are existing City of El Paso ("City") bus stops and bus shelters along roadways and rights of way within the control of the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”); and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2011, the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, for the purpose of allowing the City access to TxDOT roadways and rights-of-way for installation of new City bus shelter located along and within TxDOT right-of way and this Multiple Use Agreement was approved by TxDOT on behalf of the State of Texas on May 25, 2011 (“2011 Multiple Use Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, TxDOT has approved supplements to the 2011 Multiple Use Agreement throughout the years, to allow for enhancement of bus pads located along and within TxDOT rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to expand on the authority provided under the 2011 Multiple Use Agreement, to allow the installation of new bus stops, including all actions necessary for the operation, construction, and maintenance of bus shelters, bus pads and bus signage at various locations along and within the rights-of way under the control of TxDOT; and

WHEREAS, the City and TXDOT desire to amend the Multiple Use Agreement allowing the City access to TxDOT roadways and right- of way for the installation of the new city bus stops.

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

That the City Council of the City of El Paso finds the above recitals to be true and correct.

That the City Manager or designee, be authorized to sign an Amendment to Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in a form substantially similar to the attached, for the purpose of allowing the City access to TxDOT roadways and right-of-way for the installation, operation and maintenance of new City bus stops located along and within TxDOT right-of way.

That the City Manager or designee, be authorized to sign, after review and approval by the City Attorney’s office, any related documents, agreements, and amendments to such agreements for the City to take all actions necessary for the installation, maintenance and operation of bus stops located along and within TxDOT rights-of-way, to include but not limited to actions related to construction, enhancements, maintenance and operation of the bus stops.

That the City Manager or designee, be authorized to sign any future documents, agreements and amendments to such agreements, after review and approval by the City attorney’s office, between the City and TXDOT related to adding new bus stops as well as enhancing or updating
existing bus stops, located along and within TxDOT right-of-way.

That the City Manager or designee, be authorized to take actions necessary and effectuate any budget transfers, sign all related agreements, amendments to such agreements and related documents after review and approval by the City Attorney’s office, necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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7. ***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 Interlocal Agreement between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the City of El Paso for the City's Department of Public Health Clinical laboratories, to provide: 1) a CLIA qualified faculty member to serve as the medical director; 2) review and approve quality control procedures; 3) make final determinations concerning abnormalities in clinical laboratory procedures; and 4) make recommendations on clinical procedure manuals; in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, for a three year term starting on October 28, 2025 and ending on October 27, 2028.

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8. **ITEM:** A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing to notify AZTEC CONTRACTORS, INC., that the City is terminating Contract No. 2025-0398 EPIA Terminal Roof Repairs pursuant to Attribute 18, Subsection 7. Liquidated Damages for Failure to Enter into Contract of the Solicitation Documents, and that the termination shall be effective as of October 28, 2025, and that the City may take all necessary steps to seek forfeiture of Vendor's bid bond as liquidated damages.

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

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from Mr. Frank Spencer III, President of Aztec Contractors.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Claudia Garcia, Purchasing and Strategic Sources Director
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Ms. Crystal Paz, Lead Procurement and Contract Analyst
- Ms. Shane Brooks, Aviation Development Assistant Director
- Ms. Nicole Cote, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Frank Spencer III
2. Mr. Adrian Ruiz
3. Ms. Nancy Camarena
4. Mr. Jonathan Russell

1ST MOTION
*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA.**

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and carried to **DENY** the contract termination.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Limón
NAYS: Representative Fierro
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Canales

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

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9. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Jonathan Hernandez to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee by Representative Josh Acevedo, District 2.

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10. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Celia Gutierrez to the Committee on Border Relations by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.

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CONSENT AGENDA – APPLICATIONS FOR TAX REFUNDS:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c) of the Texas Code an application for a refund must be made within three (3) years after the date of the payment or the taxpayer waives the right to the refund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c-1) the governing body of the taxing unit may extend the deadline for a single period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer, PERLA DENISSE BENITEZ CASTANEDA ("Taxpayer") has applied for a refund with the tax assessor for their 2021 property taxes that were overpaid on January 31, 2022 in the amount of $281.27 for all taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, City Council may extend the deadline for the Taxpayer's application for the overpayment of the 2021 taxes for a period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

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

THAT THE City finds that PERLA DENISSE BENITEZ CASTANEDA showed a good cause to extend the deadline to apply for a refund of the overpayment of the 2021 taxes and the tax refund in the amount of $281.27 is approved.

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CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

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12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Alejandra Chávez in the amount of $500 from Carmen Renee Jimenez and $1,500 from Maria Terán.

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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUESTS TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS:

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13. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Department to issue a Purchase Order(s) to increase contract 2022-0004 Security Services for Municipal Buildings to Night Eyes Protective Services. This change order will increase referenced contract by $129,560.00 for a total amount not to exceed $3,708,725.00. This change order will increase the contract capacity to include additional guards at the Municipal Services Center (MSC) Building and City Hall.

Department:	Streets and Maintenance
Award to:	Night Eyes Protective Services
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Current Contract Estimated Amount:	$2,203,389.00
Change Order Amount:	$129,560.00
Total estimated Amount not to Exceed:	$2,332,949.00
Account(s):	532-1000-31040-522120-P3120
Funding Source(s):	General Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Best Value Bid Award - unit price contract.

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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

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14. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2025-0361R Financial and Planning Services – Airport to the following suppliers: 1) Garver, LLC and 2) Ricondo & Associates Inc. for an initial term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of $900,000.00. The award also includes a two (2) year option for an estimated amount of $600,000. The total contract time is for five (5) years for a total estimated amount of $1,500,000.00. The contract will provide planning and financial consulting services in connection with the El Paso International Airport.

Contract Variance:
The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: An increase of $150,000.00 for the initial term, which represents a 20% increase due to an increase to the annual budgeted amount needed for services.

Department:	El Paso International Airport
Award to Supplier 1:	Garver, LLC
City & State:	North Little Rock, AR
Award to Supplier 2:	Ricondo & Associates Inc.
City & State:	Chicago, IL
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Terms:	2 Years
Total Contract Time:	5 Years
Total Annual Estimated Award:	$300,000.00
Total Initial Term Estimated Award:	$900,000.00
Total Option Term Estimated Award:	$600,000.00
Total Estimated Award:	$1,500,000.00
Account(s):	562-3000-62030-521160-P6201
Funding Source(s):	Airport Enterprise Fund
District(s):	3

This was a Request for Proposals Procurement - service contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and El Paso International Airport Departments recommend award as indicated to 1) Garver, LLC and 2) Ricondo & Associates Inc. the highest ranked offerors 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.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

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REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Fierro

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15. An Ordinance changing the zoning of a portion of E.R. Talley Surveys No. 6 and 7, 4600 Edna Avenue, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to R-5 (Residential). The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the 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: 4600 Edna Ave.
Applicant: City of El Paso, PZRZ25-00018

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16. An Ordinance amending Title 15 (Public Services), Chapter 15.22 (Water and Wastewater Impact Fees), by adding Section 15.22.200 (Exemptions) in order to comply with the updated requirements in accordance with Senate Bill 840 of the Texas 89th Legislative Session.

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17. An Ordinance amending Title 19 (Subdivision and Development Plats, Article II Subdivision Standards), Chapter 19.18 (Traffic Impact Analysis), Chapter 19.23 (Easements, Block and Lot Design and Improvement Standards), and Article VI (Definitions), Chapter 19.50 (Definitions) in order to comply with the updated requirements in accordance with Senate Bill 15 and Senate Bill 840 of the Texas 89th Legislative Session. The penalty is as provided in 19.42 of the El Paso City Code.

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18. An Ordinance amending Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.02 (General Definitions), Chapter 20.04 (Administrative Provisions), Chapter 20.10 (Supplemental Use Regulations), Appendix A (Table of Permissible Uses), Appendix B (Table of Density and Dimensional Standards), and Appendix C (Table of Parking Requirements and Standards), in order to comply with the updated requirements in accordance with Senate Bill 15 and Senate Bill 840 of the Texas 89th Legislative Session. The penalty is as provided in 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

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19. An Ordinance amending Title 21 (SmartCode), Chapter 21.10 (General to all Plans), Chapter 21.30 (New Community Plans), Chapter 21.40 (Infill Community Plans), Chapter 21.50 (Building Scale Plans), Chapter 21.70 (Definition of Terms), and 21.80 (Tables) in order to comply with the updated requirements in accordance with Senate Bill 15 and Senate Bill 840 of the Texas 89th Legislative Session. The penalty is as provided in 21.60 of the El Paso City Code.

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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025, FOR ITEMS 15 THROUGH 19

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REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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20. **ORDINANCE 019808**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 9 AND 13, SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF TRACT 9 CONVEYED OUT TO THE STATE OF TEXAS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED IN VOLUME 550, PAGE 623, SUNNYFIELDS MAP NO. 2, 7800 ALAMEDA AVENUE, AND TRACTS 10 AND 14, SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF TRACT 10 CONVEYED OUT TO THE STATE OF TEXAS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED IN VOLUME 561, PAGE 155, SUNNYFIELDS MAP NO. 2, 7804 ALAMEDA AVENUE, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-4 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (COMMERCIAL), AND IMPOSING CONDITIONS. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE 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.

Motion duly made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha 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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21. **ORDINANCE 019809**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOTS 15 TO 20, BLOCK 13, HART'S SURVEY NO. 9, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM C-1/SC (COMMERCIAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT) AND S-D (SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT) TO G-MU (GENERAL MIXED USE) AND APPROVING A MASTER ZONING PLAN WITH A 32% PARKING REDUCTION. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE 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.

Motion duly made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha 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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The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 12:40 p.m. for lunch.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 1:43 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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22. R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, by Resolution of March 13, 2007, the City Council of the City of El Paso created the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) and named its initial Board;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 370.251 of the Texas Transportation Code and the City of El Paso's Petition and Request for Authorization to Form the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, as approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, the term for the CRRMA Board positions expire on February 1 of each year;

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the continuity of the CRRMA through the avoidance of any vacancies in City-appointed positions of the CRRMA Board, the City Council desires to make an appointment to Position 5, which shall become effective on October 28, 2025.

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

That the City of El Paso hereby appoints the following board member to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Board for the position(s) identified below, which shall take effect on October 28, 2025:

1. Christopher Lindner, Position 5, term expiring on February 1, 2026.

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Fierro

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23. R E S O L U T I O N

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

WHEREAS, the hiring of a part-time administrative specialist for the Office of City Representative District 2 promotes transparent & consistent communication amongst members of the community and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the worked hours of the part-time administrative specialist for the Office of City Council District 2 shall not exceed twenty hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of District 2's discretionary funds, not exceeding $2,000.00, for payroll purposes of the part-time administrative specialist serves a municipal purpose of promoting transparent and consistent communication amongst all members of the community by fostering and encouraging open communication of current and future projects to our citizens.

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

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 transferred for payroll purposes.

Representative Acevedo commented.

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Fierro

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24. **ITEM:** Discussion and action directing the City Manager and City Attorney to engage collaboratively with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to explore the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and/or lease agreement regarding the TSA security checkpoint at the El Paso International Airport (EPIA). This effort would aim to align operations with applicable City of El Paso guidelines, policies, procedures, and ordinances, including but not limited to, those related to the display of political language. Further direct the City Manager and City Attorney to review all relevant documentation related to the security checkpoint at EPIA and formally request any necessary security clearances to access and review existing contract/lease agreements, with a report to be presented to City Council within 60 days.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Mr. Ignacio Troncoso, Assistant City Attorney

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Joseline Avila
2. Mr. Roberto Q. Avalos

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to engage collaboratively with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to explore the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and/or lease agreement regarding the TSA security checkpoint at the El Paso International Airport (EPIA). This effort would aim to align operations with applicable City of El Paso guidelines, policies, procedures, and ordinances, including but not limited to, those related to the display of political language. Further direct the City Manager and City Attorney to review all relevant documentation related to the security checkpoint at EPIA and formally request any necessary security clearances to access and review existing contract/lease agreements, with a report to be presented to City Council within 60 days.

AYES: Representatives Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, and Canales
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting "NAY". THE MOTION FAILED.

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

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25. Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2025-0285 Vista Del Sol Reconstruction & Resurfacing to Jordan Foster Construction, LLC for a total estimated amount of $4,217,873.40. This project will consist of mill and overlay, implement Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramps, remove and replace sidewalks, video image vehicle detection system (VIVDS), implement signage and striping along Vista Del Sol Drive from Sumac Drive to Phil Gibbs Drive.

Department:	Capital Improvement
Award to:	Jordan Foster Construction, LLC
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	Base Proposal I
Contract Term:	204 Consecutive Calendar Days
Base Proposal I:	$4,217,873.40
Total Estimated Award:	$4,217,873.40
Account(s):	190- 4825- 29110- 580270- PCP23ARTRECON02
Funding Source(s):	Community Progress Bond
District(s):	6, 7

This was a Competitive Sealed Proposal Procurement unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to Jordan Foster Construction, LLC 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.

Representative Maldonado-Rocha commented.

Mr. Gilbert Guerrero, Capital Improvement Assistant Director, commented.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

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

WHEREAS, the Mexican American Cultural Center, which celebrates the dynamic traditions and resiliency of border cultures through vibrant art experiences and creative engagement, opened on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Community Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation located in the City of El Paso ("Foundation"); and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and the Foundation entered into a 5-year agreement ("Agreement") on February 17, 2025 in order for the Foundation to help support the education and programming at the Mexican American Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, the amount of support by the El Paso Community Foundation has generously approached the limit of City Manager authority per Ordinance 016736; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to promote the Mexican American Cultural Center through this Agreement, City Council approval is required.

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

1. That City Council authorizes the Agreement between the City and the El Paso Community Foundation included here as Attachment "A"**.

2. That City Council authorizes the City Manager to administer and effectuate any budget transfers throughout the term of the Agreement for purposes of fulfilling this Agreement.

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

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Managing Director of Cultural Affairs, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file at the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Canales commented.

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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

WHEREAS, the State Infrastructure Bank, operated by the Texas Department of Transportation, is a revolving loan fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") deems it proper and in the best interest of the City to execute a loan agreement from the State Infrastructure Bank in an amount up to Seven Million Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars ($7,364,000.00) to be used for actual costs of utility relocation and construction necessary for the Sean Haggerty Extension Project; and

WHEREAS, the City is qualified to apply for and obtain financial assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2025 the City Council approved a Resolution authorizing the submission of a loan application to the State Infrastructure Bank.

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

Section 1. That the City Council hereby accepts the State Infrastructure Bank loan agreement in its substantially final form in order to secure receipt of funds in an amount up to Seven Million Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars ($7,364,000.00), to be fully repaid over no more than twenty-five (25) years for actual costs, including but not limited to, roadway construction, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, and local match costs for the Sean Haggerty Extension Project.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the State Infrastructure Bank loan agreement, together with all required documentation, to effectuate the City's intent to borrow such funds.

Section 3. That the City Council further authorizes the City Manager to take or perform any actions required for implementation of this Resolution to receive funding from the State Infrastructure Bank.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Program Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file at the City clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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28. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on updates of short-term rentals in El Paso. The presentation by City staff, the Greater El Paso Association of Realtors, and the El Paso Short-Term Rental Alliance will include requested items by City Council on September 3, 2025, including identified safety issues and concerns related to short-term rentals in the City of El Paso and an update on the current state of short-term rentals within the City.

The following City staff and external partners presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file at the City Clerk's Office):

1. Mr. Philip Etiwe, Planning and Inspections Director
2. Ms. Heidy Seoenz, President of the El Paso Short-Term Rental Alliance
3. Mr. Ernesto Garcia, Governmental Affairs Director of the Greater El Paso Association of Realtors

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

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Nicole Cote, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Carolyn Patrick, Chief Information Officer

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney and staff to define short-term rental in the City Code and amend the permissible use table.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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29. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on a presentation on proposed amendments to El Paso City Code 20.20 (Historic Landmark Preservation). The presentation will provide Council an update on the input received from the community and staff recommendations.

Representatives Chávez, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Tony De La Cruz, Building Permits and Inspections Assistant Director
- Ms. Dionne, Mack, City Manager

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro
NAYS: Representatives Niño, Limón, and Canales
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

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

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 7.3D of the City of El Paso municipal code, the City Council approved the FY2026 City budget by resolution ("Budget Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee to make budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise funds or reprogram funds within an enterprise department, not to exceed $100,000, to the extent permitted by law and budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise department funds exceeding $100,000 requiring City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo requires a budget transfer in excess of $100,000, which in accordance with Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution, requires City Council approval.

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

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate a budget transfer to use Zoo's operating fund balance for the purchase of 50 air conditioner units including labor and materials.

In accordance with updated project scope and expenditure needs, funding source in General Fund, as respectively listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase /(Decrease)
BT2026-0060	3400	N/A	$756,000

Mr. Gary Lunsford, Zoo Assistant Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Acevedo and Fierro commented,

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Director of Management and Budget

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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31. **ITEM:** Discussion and action to approve the FY 2025-2026 Annual Internal Audit Plan.

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

Mayor Johnson and Representative Niño commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the FY 2025-2026 Annual Internal Audit Plan.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Fierro

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 3:08 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Fierro

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk