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JOSH ACEVEDO, DISTRICT 2
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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
July 15, 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 9:26 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Josh Acevedo, Cassandra Hernandez, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Late arrival: Joe Molinar at 9:27 a.m.

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AGENDA

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1. Presentation and update on El Paso Animal Service's relocation to 5625 Confetti (Morehead).

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

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

Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager, commented.

Mr. Ron Comeau, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:55 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 Kennedy, Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:21 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, and Rivera
NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Kennedy, Acevedo, Fierro, and Canales
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EX1. Joseph Pickett v. City of El Paso; 384th District Court; Cause No. 2020DCV3514 (551.071)

Mayor Leeper and Representative Kennedy were not present in Executive Session for this item.

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney is authorized to **DENY** the Settlement Demand in Joseph C. Pickett vs. City of El Paso, Texas in Matter Number 2020DCV3514, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representative Acevedo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Kennedy and Fierro

EX2. El Paso Employees' Retirement Trust Agreement for Administrative Services (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Rivera and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, to be **AUTHORIZED** to accept payment regarding *the City of El Paso Employees Retirement Trust Reimbursement Claim*, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

EX3. United States of America v. City of El Paso; United Road Towing, Inc., d/b/a UR Vehicle Management Solutions; and Rod Robertson Enterprises, Inc; Cause No.3:23-cv-00044; Matter 20-10260-10714 (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's be **AUTHORIZED** to engage in settlement negotiations and/or settle the matter of City of El Paso, Texas; United Road Towing, Inc. d/b/a UR Vehicle Management Solutions; and Rod Robertson Enterprises, Inc., in Matter Number 3:23-cv-00044-LS, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

EX4. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update Schedule No. COVID-19 in Compliance with Docket No. 52195 - PUC#548122; HQ#UTILITY-5 (551.071)

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

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to file a motion for rehearing in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update Schedule No. Covid-19*, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, under Docket No.

54812, in Matter Number UTILITY-5, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

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EX5. Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Northwest El Paso HQ#24-2106 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:26 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