

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

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2025**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Art Fierro, and Chris Canales. Late arrivals: Lily Limón at 9:12 virtually, and Ivan Niño at 10:05 a.m..

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**AGENDA**

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1. Presentation, discussion, and action by Weaver and Tidwell, LLP on City of El Paso's Internal Audit Current State, Maturity, and Needs Assessment.

The following Weaver and Tidwell, LLP associates presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

- Mr. Brandon Tanous, Partner, Risk Advisory Services
- Ms. Holly Hart, Manager, Risk Advisory Services

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Limón commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

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

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2. Presentation and update on behalf of the Humanitarian Engagement Action Response Team.

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

- Ms. Denice Sepulveda, Community Experience Manager
- Police Commander Steven Lopez
- Police Lieutenant Falisha Milner

- Police Officer Alberto Machorro

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

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Nickole Rodriguez, Community and Human Development Director
- Fire Captain Jesus Aranda

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Lisa Turner
2. Mr. John Martin, Deputy Director at Opportunity Center for the Homeless
3. Ms. Kristi Mitchell, Clinical Social Work Manager, Veterans Affairs

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 12:12 p.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

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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

NAYS: None

Representative Limón not present for Executive Session as she participated virtually.

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 Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 3:52 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.** Claim of Khlayel Fareed - Claim-748. (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the claim of *Khlayel Fareed*, in HighQ Matter No. Claim-748, 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, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Representative Limón

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**EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company for Its Amendment to its Commission-Approved AMS Deployment Plan - PUC#58209; HQ#UTILITY-68 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

Representative Maldonado-Rocha verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a \$1,000 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Tempore Chávez, seconded by Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company for its Amendment to its Commission Approved AMS Deployment Plan*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 58209, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-68, 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, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Representative Limón

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**EX3.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates - PUC#57568; HQ#UTILITY-60 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

Representative Maldonado-Rocha verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a \$1,000 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

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**EX4.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in West El Paso HQ#24-4099 (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.  
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**EX5.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in East El Paso. HQ# 24-3468 (551.087)

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

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**EX6.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in East El Paso. HQ# City Attorney evaluation and legal consultation regarding employment, evaluation process and duties for City Manager, City Attorney and Chief Internal Auditor, as City Council appointed employees. HQ#4883 (551.071) (551.074)24-3468 (551.087)

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

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Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 3:55 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:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk