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LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 1, 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. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrivals: Josh Acevedo at 9:03 a.m., Art Fierro at 9:07 a.m. and Cynthia Boyar Trejo at 9:13 a.m.
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AGENDA

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1. Presentation by Warren Goodell, Executive Director of the Kelly Center for Hunger Relief, on the impacts of hunger and food insecurity in El Paso.

Mr. Warren Goodell presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Limón, and Canales commented.

Mr. Kris Yagel, Interim CEO, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 9:48 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

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

NAYS: None

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council

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

NAYS: None

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EX1. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend the Texas Business Solar Power Program; PUC#58862; HQ#UTILITY-76 (551.071)

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, 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 to Amend the Texas Business Solar Power Program*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 58862, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-76, 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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EX2. Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. to Increase Rates within the Company's Incorporated Areas of Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Service Areas - OS-25-00028202; HQ#UTILITY-67 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Acevedo and Maldonado-Rocha commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to do the following:

1. Enter into a partial settlement in the *Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. to Increase Rates Within the Company's Incorporated Areas of the Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Service Areas*, in Matter Number OS-25-00028202, HighQ Utility-67; and
2. Continue opposing Texas Gas Service Company's request to consolidate its three existing service areas into a new, single statewide service area; and continue litigating this disputed consolidation issue at the state level with the Railroad Commission of Texas;

and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Boyar Trejo, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Fierro

Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting "NAY". THE MOTION FAILED.

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 Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:08 a.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