

DEE MARGO
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1
ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO, DISTRICT 2
CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
SAM MORGAN, DISTRICT 4
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5
CLAUDIA L. RODRIGUEZ, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER

AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES
December 14, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Due to the temporary suspension of Open Meetings laws due to the COVID-19 emergency this meeting was conducted via telephonic and videoconference platforms.

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The City Council met via videoconference on the above date. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarbein, Aleksandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga.

The agenda items for the December 15, 2020 Regular City Council meeting were reviewed.

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3. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

This Resolution is to authorize the City Manager to sign a Southern Industrial Lease between the City of El Paso (“Lessor”) and ERNEST MARTINEZ (“Lessee”) for a portion of Lot 2 and 3, Block 2A, El Paso International Airport Tracts, Replat of Unit 4, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas, commonly referred to as 6455 Hiller, Street, El Paso, Texas.

The initial lease term is forty years with one (1) ten-year option. The site is 75,227.264 SF at \$0.4402 per SF and the annual rental rate is \$33,115.04, an increase of \$3029.09 over the expiring lease annual rate.

Mayor Margo questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Terry Sharpe, Aviation Assistant Director

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23. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.92 (Ethics) of the El Paso City Code to perform the following: Divide the Chapter into Articles and reorganize provisions under the new Articles; add definitions for “City”, “Confidential Information”, “Conducting Business with the City”, “Days”, “Mailbox Rule”, “Ministerial Act”, “Newly Discovered Evidence” and “Resident”; delete definition for “Negotiating Concerning Prospective Employment” and “Person”; update definition for “Board”; relocate definitions for “Clear and Convincing”, “Designated Employee”, “Frivolous Complaint”, and “Honorarium”; delete Section 2.92.050(G) of the Standards of Conduct; add Standard of Conduct regarding interest affecting official conduct by City Officers and Employees; add Standard of Conduct to restrict a City Officer or Employee from inducing or attempting to induce another City Officer or Employee to violate this Chapter; restrict the jurisdiction of the Ethics Review Commission to only violations by City Officers within two years of an alleged violation; update the process for complaints

filed before the Ethics Review Commission; add restrictions applicable to members of other Boards and Commissions throughout the City; clarify restrictions for City Employees and Officers; add a provision to allow the Ethics Review Commission to consolidate certain complaints; eliminate prohibition of Ethics Review Commission members from participating in political campaigns or campaigns related to a City Referendum or other ballot issue; add a reconsideration process before the Ethics Review Commission for sanctioned parties; eliminate all Ethics Review Commission Panels except for a Panel to write advisory opinions for Officers or when Panel is needed to dispose of a complaint; add a provision to allow the City Attorney to write advisory opinions for employees; add a requirement for Ethics Review Commission Member to recuse themselves if a member has engaged in Ex Parte Communications; add requirement for Ethics Review Commission members to recuse themselves if a complaint involves a City Officer whose campaign they donated to or participated in; delete Section 2.92.150 (Penalty); and clarified language throughout Chapter 2.92 (Ethics) of the El Paso City Code. The penalty for violations of Chapter 2.92 (Ethics) of the El Paso City Code is listed in Section 2.92.200 (Disposition) as amended in this Ordinance.

Representatives Svarzbein and Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

1. Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
2. Ms. Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

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28. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the Mayor of the City of El Paso, Texas be authorized to sign Resolutions of Support for all, or some, of the following projects for 2021 9% Regional Competitive Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications, including a waiver of permit fees in the amount of \$500 each: Mountain View Estates located at the Northwest Quadrant of Montana Ave. and Justice St., El Paso, Texas 79938, submitted by Mountain View Estates Ltd.; and Sun Pointe Apartments located at 4647 Maxwell Ave., El Paso, Texas 79904, submitted by the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso.

Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Mark Weber, Community Development Program Manager

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30. MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Recognize Lieutenant Marvin Ryals for being the first El Paso County Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) to be elected as President of Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT), the largest police officers' union in Texas, representing law enforcement rights and interests statewide.

Representative Rivera questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

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Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:15 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Anello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk