

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk's Office

AGENDA DATE: July 05, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Laura D. Prine, (915) 212-0049

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6 – Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: 6.8 – Support Transparent and Inclusive Government

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution regarding the process for City Council members to attend City Council meetings via videoconference.

An amendment to the Resolution allowing up to two City Council Members at a time to attend City Council meetings via videoconference adopted on May 23, 2023 will be limit participation during executive session discussions to Council members attending in person.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On May 23, 2023, a Resolution was approved regarding the process for up to two City Council Members at a time to attend City Council meetings via videoconference on a first come, first served basis each meeting week beginning June 6, 2023.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

A Resolution amending the process for Council Members to attend City Council meetings via videoconference was last adopted on May 23, 2023.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: *Laura D. Prine 6/26/2023*

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the TOMA requires that a quorum of Council be present at the meeting location in order to constitute a meeting; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain a quorum during each meeting, beginning on the meeting week of June 5, 2023, up to two members of Council may appear by videoconference at each meeting in accordance with this resolution.

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

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Members who wish to attend by videoconference must notify the City Clerk no later than noon on the Wednesday before each meeting.

In order to ensure equity among the members of Council, members may request to attend by videoconference no more than three months in advance, and shall not request to attend by videoconference more than one regular meeting week in a row without prior approval of Council.

Up to two members may participate in any Special City Council meeting by videoconference on a first come first served basis by notifying the City Clerk prior to the agenda being posted.

City Council Members may not attend executive sessions by videoconferencing.

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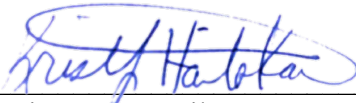
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ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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