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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
April 14, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 A.M.

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:26 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, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

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AGENDA
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1. Presentation and discussion on Robert's Rules of Order.

Ms. Laura Prine, City Clerk, introduced the item and the guest presenter, Ms. Mary Lynn Stratta.

Ms. Mary Lynn Stratta, Texas Registered Municipal Clerk and City Secretary Emeritus for the City of Bryan, Texas, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation, Discussion, and Action on the Economic & International Development International Program and adoption of the City of El Paso's International Policy Agenda.

Ms. Adriana Pulecio, International Business and Trade Development Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Mr. Ian Voglewede, Strategic and Legislative Affairs Director
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the 2025 International Policy Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Fierro

3. Presentation on 2026 El Paso Days in DC.

Mr. Omar Martinez, Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

4. Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Second Quarter Financial Report.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Boyar Trejo, and Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

The Regular City Council meeting was **RECESSED** at 12:41 p.m. for lunch.

The Regular City Council meeting was **RECONVENED** at 1:46 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 1:47 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 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales.

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 3:18 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. 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 Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electrical Employee Political Action Committee.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX2. Application of El Paso Electric Company's Approval to Implement a Time-Varying Rate Pilot Program - PUC#56658; HQ#UTILITY-41 (551.071)

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado Rocha and Canales commented.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

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 Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electrical Employee Political Action Committee.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

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 enter into a settlement agreement in the *Application of El Paso Electric*

Company's Approval to Implement a Time-Varying Rate Pilot Program, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 56658, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-41, 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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EX3. Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a Military Resiliency Services Tariff; HQ#UTILITY-52 (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 Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electrical Employee Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be authorized to **DENY** application in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a Military Resiliency Services Tariff*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-52, 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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EX4. Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in El Paso; HQ 25-4751 (551.071) (551.072) (551.087)

Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **POSTPONE** the item for **FOUR WEEKS**.

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

NAYS: Representative Canales

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 3:39 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:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk