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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 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 10:49 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, and Lily Limón. Late arrival: Art Fierro at 10:51 a.m. Cynthia Boyar Trejo and Chris Canales requested to be excused.

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AGENDA

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1. For presentation and discussion: FY 2025 - 2026 Budget as presented by the City Manager.

The departmental budget presentations continued (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office), and the presenters responded to questions posed by Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, and Limón.

Ms. Jenny Solo, citizen, commented.

Municipal Court

Ms. Annabelle Casas, Municipal Court Director, began the presentations by outlining the Court's responsibilities. She noted that the department's budget variances included across the board salary increases and a decrease in revenue from restricted security and technology funds.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Steve Alvarado, Code Enforcement Director, discussed the department's role in addressing public nuisances and health and safety issues. He attributed the budget variances to the consolidation of code enforcement functions from five City departments.

Capital Improvement

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, briefed Council on how the department provides project management services to City staff and constructs capital assets for El Paso residents and visitors. He stated that the addition of the Urban Planning and Design section contributed to the department's budget variances.

Streets & Maintenance

Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance Director, reviewed the different functions of his department and stated that the budget variances were primarily related to across the board salary increases, contracts, utilities, and fleet fund costs.

Aviation

Mr. Tony Nevarez, Airport Director, spoke about the airport operations and listed the budget variances, which include across the board salary increases, increases in contractual services, and decreases in capital equipment purchases. He highlighted that the addition of the Advanced Manufacturing District will attract businesses.

Information Technology

Ms. Carolyn Patrick, Chief Information Officer, and Mr. Ernesto Arriola, Chief Information Security Officer, summarized the comprehensive support they provide to city departments. They highlighted key budget variances due to across the board salary increases and IT contracts, as well as costs associated with migration to cloud based services.

Human Resources

Ms. Mary Wiggins, Chief Human Resources Officer, discussed the department's initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. She noted that budget variances were related to across the board salary increases and decreases in prescription rebates and workers' compensation expenses.

Community & Human Development

Ms. Nickole Rodriguez, Community and Human Development Director, presented information on the department's role in improving the quality of life for vulnerable El Pasoans. She explained that budget variances reflected a decrease due to the migration of Climate and Military Affairs to another department, and increases due to higher grant funding allocations.

Environmental Services

Mr. Nicholas Ybarra, Environmental Services Director, concluded the presentations by highlighting the department's services supporting solid waste management. He attributed the department's budget variances to across the board salary increases, the El Paso Water billing system, and fleet maintenance charges.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk