

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER



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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 22, 2021
9:00 AM

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

The City Council of the City Council met on the above time and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Alessandra Annello, Isabel Salcido, Henry Rivera and Cissy Lizarraga. Late arrivals: Cassandra Hernandez at 9:03 a.m. and Claudia Rodriguez at 9:05 a.m. Joe Molinar requested to be excused.

INVOCATION BY POLICE CHAPLAIN ROBERT HEMPHILL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

Coach Archie Duran Day

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame and El Paso Sports Commission Week

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Lizarraga, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED** all matters listed under the Consent Agenda unless otherwise noted. (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}).

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
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Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 8, 2021, the Agenda Review Meeting of June 7, 2021 and the Work Session of June 7, 2021.

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CONSENT AGENDA - REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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2. REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **EXCUSE** Representative Joe Molinar from the June 22, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:
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Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development
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3. *RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a Concession License Agreement between the City of El Paso ("City") and EPTEx Healthy Vending, LLC ("Concessionaire") to allow Concessionaire to operate automated retail machines at the El Paso International Airport, with Concessionaire's payment to the City being the greater of an amount based on the square footage of the concession site or a percentage of the revenues derived from the automated retail machines, for a one year term, with an option to renew the Agreement for four additional one-year terms.

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Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City
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4. *RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is eligible to receive grants from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles through the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) grant program to provide financial support to the El Paso Police Department for automobile theft enforcement teams and to combat automobile burglary in El Paso, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1 006 and Texas Administrative Code Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds that the MVCPA FY2022 grant program will assist the City of El Paso to combat motor vehicle theft, burglary of motor vehicles and fraud-related motor vehicle crime; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the MVCPA grant funds, the City of El Paso assures that the grant funds will be returned in full to MVCPA; and

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

1. That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to submit an MYCPA FY2022 grant application in the amount of \$975,265.00 and to accept, alter, decline, modify, terminate and/or execute all necessary documents related to the grant.
2. That the City of El Paso agrees to provide a cash match in the amount of \$378,420.00 and in-kind match of salaries and benefits for sworn officers and civilian positions and contractual obligations..
3. That the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force Lieutenant or designee is designated as the Program Director.
4. That the City of El Paso's Chief Financial Officer, or designee, is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

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Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso
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5. *RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 2.38 of the El Paso City Code, ARMANDO HOLGUIN in accordance with Chapter 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 of the El Paso City Code, after due notice and hearing, the City Council of the City of El Paso ordered the owner of the hereinafter described property to vacate the building, and relocate the tenants on said property and clear the property of all rubbish and debris, and the owner having failed after due notice to comply with such ORDER, the [PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT], under the Building Official instructions, proceeded to vacate the Building, relocate the tenants, secure and maintain the Building secure until repaired or demolished, and clean the property of all rubbish and debris; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Environmental Services Department has reported the cost of doing such work in the amount hereinafter set forth.

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

1. The City Council determines its reasonable expenses including administrative costs and the cost of removing the accumulated trash, vegetation and weeds or other rubbish located on the property known as:

512 Emerson St., more particularly described as 3 Linda Vista Gardens 16 (EXC W I 0.0 I)
City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, PIO# L36299900306100

to be \$3,909.00, in accordance with the El Paso City Code Section 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 and the Texas Health & Safety Code Section 342.007. The City Council finds that the work was completed on the 15th day of January, 2021, and approves the costs described herein.

2. The City Council, in accordance with Chapter 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 of the El Paso City Code, declares the above total amount THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,909.00) to be a lien on the above described property, said amount being due and payable within ten (10) days from the date of City Council approval, and thereafter bearing ten percent (10%) interest per annum.

3. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the lien by filing a copy of this Resolution for record with the County Clerk.

4. All records of the City Clerk's office relating to the proceeding against the above described property are made a part of this Resolution by reference.

***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 2.38 of the El Paso City Code, BELEN S. HERNANDEZ, in accordance with Chapter 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 of the El Paso City Code, after due notice and hearing, the City Council of the City of El Paso ordered the owner of the hereinafter described property to vacate the building, and relocate the tenants on said property and clear the property of all rubbish and debris, and the owner having failed after due notice to comply with such ORDER, the [PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT], under the Building Official instructions, proceeded to vacate the Building, relocate the tenants, secure and maintain the Building secure until repaired or demolished, and clean the property of all rubbish and debris; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Environmental Services Department has reported the cost of doing such work in the amount hereinafter set forth.

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

1. The City Council determines its reasonable expenses including administrative costs and the cost of removing the accumulated trash, vegetation and weeds or other rubbish located on the property known as:

252 Val Verde St., El Paso, Texas 79905., more particularly described as 7 Val Verde 25 & 26 (7500 Sq. Ft), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, PIO# V08899900704 I 00

to be \$1,220.00, in accordance with the El Paso City Code Section 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 and the Texas Health & Safety Code Section 342.007. The City Council finds that the work was completed on the 16th day of December, 2020, and approves the costs described herein.

2. The City Council, in accordance with Chapter 2.38.070 and 2.38.080 of the El Paso City Code, declares the above total amount ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,220.00) to be a lien on the above described property, said amount

being due and payable within ten (10) days from the date of City Council approval, and thereafter bearing ten percent (10%) interest per annum.

3. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the lien by filing a copy of this Resolution for record with the County Clerk.

4. All records of the City Clerk's office relating to the proceeding against the above described property are made a part of this Resolution by reference.

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Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
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6. *R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, El Paso Electric Company, distributes electric power within the City Limits of the City of El Paso pursuant to a franchise granted to El Paso Electric Company dated as of July 15, 2005, as amended, and is an electric utility; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, El Paso Electric Company (“EPE” or the “Company”), filed with the City of El Paso its Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the City of El Paso maintains original jurisdiction over rates of El Paso Electric Company for rates charged within the City limits of the City of El Paso and the Application specifies that the rate change within the City’s jurisdiction should be effective on July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that additional time and information is needed for it to study the proposed rate changes and tariffs and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Texas Utilities Code Section 36.108, the City of El Paso, as regulatory Authority, has the right to suspend the proposed rate change subject to the City’s jurisdiction for a period of 90 days after the proposed date the change would otherwise be effective; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens and ratepayers to suspend the proposed rate change.

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

1. That the rate increase identified in the Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates is hereby suspended for 90 days after the effective date for the rate increase subject to the City’s jurisdiction as specified in the filing.

2. That the City Manager shall so notify El Paso Electric Company of the suspension by having a copy of this Resolution delivered or mailed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
RULES OF ORDER FOR THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL REVISED, AS EFFECTIVE
JUNE 22, 2021**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION

This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 3.5.B of the Charter of the City of El Paso as a procedural guide for the benefit of the City Council and for the general information of the public. These rules shall apply to regular, special and work session meetings at which action is to be taken, but shall not apply to meetings for committees of the City Council or to informational gatherings of the Council.

SECTION 2. RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the procedures of Council unless they are in conflict with these rules.

SECTION 3. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES

No action of the Council that is otherwise legal shall be invalidated merely by reason of the failure of the Council or City staff to follow these Rules of Order, unless the majority of the Council agrees that such action shall be invalidated.

SECTION 4. STANDING

No one other than a member of the City Council shall have standing to assert before the Council that any action taken by the Council is invalid by reason of the Council's failure to comply with these Rules of Order.

SECTION 5. SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules may be suspended temporarily by a majority of the Council members present and voting, except as they pertain to a quorum, or to the majority required for any motion, or to other matters pre-empted by laws other than those Rules of Order.

SECTION 6. PRESIDING OFFICER

The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council, but if for any reason he is absent from the City, sick or unable to act, then the Mayor Pro Tempore shall preside at such meetings and at such times shall exercise all of the powers and discharge the duties of the Mayor, except that the Mayor Pro Tempore shall vote as a Representative. In the absence or inability of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore, the Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore shall preside and shall vote as a Representative. Upon the arrival of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore or the Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore, the acting chairman shall immediately relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately pending before the Council.

The presiding officer shall preserve strict order and decorum at all regular and special meetings of the Council, and shall state questions coming before the Council as necessary for clarity, and shall announce the decision of the Council on all subjects. The

Presiding Officer shall disable the microphone at the podium when he determines that the speaker has violated council rules of order.

SECTION 7. QUESTIONS OF ORDER

All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer with the right of appeal from his or her decision to the Council that is present, the majority of whom, present and voting, may override the decision.

SECTION 8. VOTING

The electronic voting system shall be utilized for the casting of the roll call votes of the Council in Council Chambers except as otherwise provided herein. The City Clerk shall call for an electronic vote and each Representative shall, without undue delay, cast his or her vote on the electronic voting system. When all votes have been cast, the City Clerk will review, announce and display the results of the voting, and staff will capture the display on the digital recording of the meeting or fully read the results into the record. In the event of a tie vote, the City Clerk will announce the results and call for the Mayor's vote before displaying the results. Any error in voting or any discrepancy between the display of the votes and the City Clerk's announcement of the results shall be corrected prior to the time that the Council proceeds to consider the next agenda item.

The requirements under this section for the use of the electronic voting system shall be automatically suspended under the following circumstances and for the duration as announced by the City Clerk:

- (a) upon the announcement of the City Clerk that the electronic voting system is not working properly;
- (b) for votes on procedural matters including motions to recess and to take an agenda item out of order, and votes by acclamation; (c) when the Council is voting on more than one agenda item simultaneously; and (d) when more than one vote will be taken pertaining to an agenda item and in such instance, the City Clerk shall announce which vote shall be taken by use of the electronic voting system and which vote(s) shall be taken only by voice vote.

In the event that the use of the electronic voting system is suspended or the system is otherwise not available, the City Clerk shall call the roll beginning with the Representative seated furthest to the Mayor's right and continuing in that order. Each Representative shall audibly indicate his or her vote.

Records of all roll call votes shall be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

SECTION 9. RECORDED DEBATE

A Representative may request, through the presiding officer, to have an abstract of his or her statement on any subject under consideration by the Council entered in the Minutes or to attach any document referenced during a Council meeting to the Minutes. The recording secretary may be directed by the presiding officer to enter in the Minutes a synopsis of the discussion on any question coming before the Council.

SECTION 10. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

The order of procedure of motions is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and fully incorporated by reference.

SECTION 11. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Council may be made at any time prior to adjournment of the same meeting at which such action was taken.

SECTION 12. OBTAINING THE FLOOR

Every person desiring to speak shall address the presiding officer, and when recognized by the presiding officer, shall address only the item under consideration.

For Regular City Council Meetings, in the debate, each member of Council has the right to speak twice on the same item on the same day, but cannot make a second speech on the same item as long as any member who has not spoken on that question desires the floor. No one can speak longer than ten minutes at a time without permission of a majority of Council. The City Clerk will keep time and will notify the Mayor if a Representative reaches the allotted time.

During Work Sessions, Special meetings, or Agenda Review meetings, there will not be a limit to the time allowed for each Representative to have the floor, and the Presiding officer has discretion to end discussion on an item, or to give the floor to another representative.

SECTION 13. RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Public Hearings/Agenda Items:

Any member of the public shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at all public hearings of the City Council in regard to any and all matters to be considered at such hearings that are germane and relative to any subject matter of City affairs or business which is within the scope of the authority and legislative functions of the City Council. Provided, however, that the time allowed for each citizen's appearance before City Council will be limited to a fixed number of minutes at the discretion of the presiding officer. Members of the public will usually be granted three (3) minutes to present their position on issues. If a member of the public addresses City Council through a translator into English, he or she will be granted six (6) minutes to present. Time will be kept by the City Clerk. The presiding officer may grant a speaker additional time at his or her discretion.

Public Comment/Non Agenda Items:

A maximum of sixty (60) minutes will be allotted for a public comment portion of each regular City Council meeting. The City Council will designate time to allow members of the public to have a reasonable opportunity to provide comment on items not already posted on the agenda, except that no person shall engage in political advertising contrary to state law. Persons wishing to provide comment during the public comment portion of the City Council agenda must sign up prior to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the City Council meeting either online or by using the sign-in sheet for the public outside of Council Chambers on the day of the Council meeting up until 9:00 a.m. Any person signing up to provide comment

during the public comment portion of the agenda must provide their name, address and a short description of the topic(s) of their comment. Members of the public are required to speak on the topic identified upon the sign-in sheet. If the speaker is a lobbyist, he or she must indicate that fact on the audience participation sheet and prior to commencing his/her comments in compliance with the City's Lobbying Ordinance.

Members of the public may not grant their time to another nor may they purport to speak for another who is not present at the meeting. If someone would like a document or letter to become a part of the record, they may do so by providing the City Clerk with copies of the document or letter no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the meeting, which will be distributed to the Council. It shall not be necessary to read the letter into the record. Interpretation services are only to be provided by the certified interpreter provided by the City.

A document camera and projection system ("Overhead Projector") is available for use for public comment on posted items and call to the public. Members of the public shall submit any document they wish to present on the Overhead Projector to the City Clerk no later than close of business on the previous City business day before the meeting date. Any document that contains insulting, profane, threatening or abusive language, nudity, or campaign material will be rejected. City Staff will assist members of the public in using the Overhead Projector during the meeting. In order to ensure cyber security, members of the public are prohibited from sending or utilizing presentations in any electronic format, including but not limited to email, and from using a Universal Serial Bus (USB) compact disk (CD) or digital versatile disk (DVD) for public comment and call to the public. A member of the public who wishes to make an electronic presentation may bring printed documents to the City Clerk's office no later than close of business on the previous City business day before the meeting date to be scanned for presentation during the meeting.

To facilitate the receiving of comment from as many citizens as possible who are interested in bringing topics forward to the City Council for comment, a person may sign up to obtain one-time slot to speak or otherwise make a presentation on one or more specified topics during the public comment portion of a City Council meeting. This provision does not restrict any member of the public from signing up to speak on items posted on the regular agenda or to ask questions regarding items posted on the consent agenda.

The time allotted for the public comment portion of the agenda shall be uniformly divided among those who have signed up to obtain a time slot and participate and except as provided below, no speaker will have more than three (3) minutes to speak or otherwise make a presentation, regardless of the number of topics a speaker wishes to address within his or her time slot. At the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda, the City Clerk will make one announcement as to the amount of time that each person has to provide comment. The City Clerk will call each person signed up to make comment to the podium in the order that they signed up to speak and will keep time. Each topic brought forward will be for comment from the speaker and may not be deliberated by the members of Council nor rebutted or debated by members of the public. Any member of the City Council may propose that the topic commented on be posted by staff on a future Council meeting agenda for the Council's discussion and action.

The presiding officer at his or her discretion may grant a speaker one (1) additional minute to wrap up his or her comments regardless of whether the allotted sixty (60) minutes will otherwise be taken up by the others making comment.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question regarding an item posted on the consent agenda or to speak regarding an item posted on the regular agenda must sign up prior to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the City Council meeting. The City Clerk shall make available the sign-in sheet for the public outside of Council Chambers on the day of the Council meeting up until 9:00 a.m. or online prior to 9:00 a.m. Persons may sign up to address multiple items, however this does not mean it is permissible to "mark all" or to sign up for every item "just in case" they wish to speak when the discussion on an item takes place. If a member of the public wishes to speak regarding an item, but did not sign up by 9:00 am, he or she may notify the City Clerk at any time prior to the call to vote on the item.

Members of the public who do not desire to speak but want to register support or opposition to an item on the agenda may do so by indicating their position on the audience participation form. The City Clerk will notify the Council of the number of position statements received and the tally when the agenda item is announced.

At the time that the consent agenda is taken up for consideration, the City Clerk shall advise the Mayor Pro Tempore whether persons in the audience have signed up to ask a question regarding an item posted on the consent agenda. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall have the floor and may ask the City Clerk to call those individuals up to the podium to hear their questions. At that time, the City Clerk will announce the agenda item number and call the person to the podium. The Mayor Pro Tempore may request the City Manager to respond to the questions raised by the members of the public. In his or her discretion, the Mayor Pro Tem may move the consent agenda item to the regular agenda for continued discussion and action by the City Council.

Members of Council may move to overrule the determinations by the Mayor Pro Tempore under this section by a simple majority vote of the Council members present and voting.

No person may speak a second time except by permission of the presiding officer, and further, no person shall be heard a second time until all persons desiring to speak once have been given the opportunity to do so.

Personal attacks are not permitted. Members of the public should address their questions to the Council, not to the staff. Council may in turn ask staff to provide input.

Members of the public may be asked to leave or be removed from Council Chambers if it is determined that they are disruptive to the meeting. Such determination will be made by the presiding officer. Members of Council may move to overrule such determination by the presiding officer subject to a simple majority vote of Council, present and voting.

SECTION 14. CALLING AND ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Session will be scheduled at the end of the meeting or other such time as determined by the Council. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance will take place no

sooner than 9:00 a.m. Thereafter, the proceedings will take place as specified on the Attached Exhibit "B".

Items accepting or acknowledging donations to the City will be taken prior to consideration of the consent agenda. Items removed from the consent agenda by the Mayor Pro Tempore or at the request of other Council members will be considered at the time when items for the related department are being considered or as otherwise requested by the Mayor Pro Tempore. The introduction of ordinances will be considered first on the regular agenda, followed by the procurement items posted on the regular agenda by the Financial Services and/or Engineering and Construction Management departments, and any reports or updates from the City's Committees, Boards and Commissions. Notwithstanding the above provisions, the City Manager shall direct the placement of all matters relating to the City Council's adoption of the annual City budget and associated matters relating to the start of each new fiscal year and the adoption of the tax levy on one or more agendas so as to meet all required statutory and charter deadlines.

At the time that each agenda item is to be considered by the City Council, the City Clerk will announce all agenda items by number and a brief statement as to the nature of the item when appropriate. In the case of a revision, the City Clerk or staff shall read the item into the record, as appropriate.

SECTION 15. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk are confirmed to serve as Parliamentarian and Alternate Parliamentarian, respectively.

SECTION 16. USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices within Council chambers shall be used in accordance with all established City practices and procedures and as directed by Information Technology Department staff providing support services during a meeting. City staff, other than the dignitary protection officers, and members of the public shall turn off the signals of all pagers, cellular telephones and other devices capable of making an audible signal and shall not make or take any telephone calls while in Council chambers once a Council meeting has been called to order.

Members of the City Council shall not use any electronic devices other than the desk top computers provided by the City of El Paso located at their seats during any City Council meeting or City Council work sessions. The use of communication devices of any kind, including but not limited to: hand-held portable communication devices, cellphones, computers, tablets, laptops, watches, etc. is expressly prohibited during City Council meetings and shall not be allowed in the room during closed sessions unless they are being used to aid in executive session presentations.

If the City Council member needs to take a telephone call, respond to a text message, etc. during a meeting, he or she must excuse themselves from the dais or room where the closed session is taking place to engage in that communication.

The use of the desktop computers during City Council shall be limited to voting, viewing presentations, research to aid the council member and communication via email to

staff. During meetings, City Council members shall not text, tweet, blog, post on Facebook, Instagram or use any other social media platform.

SECTION 17. TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETINGS AND VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

The Mayor and Council may by action of Council approved by a majority of Council, reschedule the time and place of any City Council meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members of Council may attend City Council meetings by video conference in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act 551.127, as may be amended. Such requires that a quorum of City Council be present at the physical meeting location posted on the agenda.

Any member wishing to attend by video conference must notify the City Clerk no later than noon on the Wednesday prior to the relevant meeting, and the City Clerk shall post notice of which member(s) will appear by video conference on the City Council Agenda.

Each participant's face in the videoconference call, while speaking, must be clearly visible and audible to each other participant and, during the open portion of the meeting, to the members of the public in attendance at the location where a quorum is present, and at any other location of the meeting that is open to the public. Any council member appearing by videoconference call will be considered absent during any portion of the meeting the audio or video is lost or disconnected in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:
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Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community
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- 8. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Marianne Rosas Ayoub to the Community Development Steering Committee by Representative Isabel Salcido, District 5.

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CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
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Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso
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- 9. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Isela Castañon-Williams to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Henry Rivera, District 7.
- 10. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** David Thackston to the Districting Commission by Representative Joe Molinar, District 4.

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Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
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- 11. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Erika Marin to the Bicycle Advisory Committee by Representative Isabel Salcido, District 5.

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CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:
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Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
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12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the notation pursuant to Section 2.92.110 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions of five hundred dollars or greater by Representative Joe Molinar in the amount of \$2,000 from Dr. Richard Teschner.

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The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 9:46 a.m. in order to address technical issues.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 9:57 a.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES:
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Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City
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13. Presentation and update on EPPD Volunteers in Patrol Service (VIPS).

Police Sergeant Javier Sambrano presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, and Rivera commented.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
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14. Budget Update.

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

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, and Rodriguez commented.

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Museums and Recreation Managing Director, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
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15. Discussion and action on the funding priorities of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Rodriguez, and Lizarraga commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
3. Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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16. Discussion and action on a Street Infrastructure Comprehensive Update Presentation.

Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Svarzbein commented.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Eva Shea
2. Ms. Dora Villanueva
3. Ms. Nelly Fierro
4. Ms. Cristina Rios
5. Mr. Carlos Villamar
6. Ms. Elsi Avalos
7. Mr. Julio Aleman
8. Ms. Marcela Arnal read a statement into the record on behalf of Ms. Guadalupe Najera
9. Mr. Michael Castro

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REGULAR AGENDA - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the following Ordinance, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing:

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

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17. An Ordinance granting Special Permit No. PZST21-00004, to allow for a 40' Ground-Mounted Personal Wireless Service Facility on the property described as a portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Centre Court Subdivision, 5901 Upper Valley Road, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.10.455 of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. **THIS IS AN APPEAL.**

The proposed special permit meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.
Subject Property: 5901 Upper Valley Road Applicants: Romano and Associates, LLC
PZST21-00004

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 20, 2021

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REGULAR AGENDA –OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

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Goal 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

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18. Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to sign Service Agreements between the City of El Paso and Gibson Group TouchCity, Ltd., the sole source provider to upgrade and maintain the functionality of the DIGIE.org Interactive Exhibition Upgrade, with the stipulation that the vendor provides an updated sole source letter and affidavit each year. These agreements will enhance and expand access to the DIGIE Touchwall experience on web browsers, provide enhance cybersecurity and provide maintenance service.

Contract Variance:

No contract variance.

Department:	Museums and Cultural Affairs
Award to:	Gibson Group TouchCity, Ltd Wellington, WN, 6011 New Zealand
Annual Estimated Amount:	\$237,560.00 (Implementation) \$ 26,211.60 (Year 1 maintenance) \$ 39,317.40 (Year 2 maintenance) \$ 39,317.40 (Year 3 maintenance)
Total Estimated Award:	\$342,406.40
Account No.:	239-1000-15240-522020-P1506 454-4930-54000-580030- PIF20ROHISTWALL
Funding Source:	General Funds Capital Projects
Districts(s):	All
Reference No.:	2021-1112

This is a Sole Source, service contract.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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

19. Discussion and action on the award of Solicitation No. 2021-0806R Benefit Consulting Services to HUB International Texas, Inc., for an initial term of five (5) years for an estimated amount of \$875,000.00. The award also includes, two (2), two (2) year options for an estimated amount of \$700,000.00. The total contract value is, including the initial term plus options is nine (9) years, for an estimated amount of \$1,575,000.00. This contract will allow the City of El Paso to obtain general benefit consulting advice.

Contract Variance:

The difference in price, based on comparison to the previous contract is as follows: A blended hourly increase of \$295.00, which represents a 21% increase due to additional services and rate increases.

Department:	Human Resources
Award to:	HUB International Texas, Inc. Fort Worth, TX
Item(s):	All
Initial Term:	5 years
Option to Extend:	2 terms of 2 years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$175,000.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$875,000.00 (5 years)
Option Terms Estimated Award:	\$700,000.00 (4 years)
Total Estimated Award:	\$1,575,000.00 (9 years)
Account No.:	209-3500-14045-521160-P1414
Funding Source:	Self Insurance Fund
District(s):	All

This is a Request for Proposal, requirements contract.

The Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing and the Human Resources Departments recommend award as indicated to HUB International Texas, Inc., the highest ranked proposer based on evaluation factors established for this procurement. In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

Mr. Bruce Collins, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello and Hernandez commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
2. Ms. Mary Michel, Human Resources Assistant Director
3. Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Chief Operations and Transportation Officer
4. Mr. Juan Gonzalez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and carried to **POSTPONE THE ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS.**

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, and Rivera

NAYS: Representative Lizarraga

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Svarzbein

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Salcido, seconded by Representative Annello, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the item.

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Svarzbein

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Svarzbein

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso’s Infrastructure Network
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20. Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Annello, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation No. 2021-1071 Parks Litter Control to Delta Unlimited, LLC dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services for a three (3) year term estimated amount of \$2,335,707.00. The award also includes a two (2) year option for an estimated amount of \$1,557,138.00. The total value of the contract, including the initial term plus the option is five (5) years, is for a total estimated amount of \$3,892,845.00. The award of this contract will allow for the cleaning and removal of trash and debris from all park areas and to rake sand in playground areas.

Contract Variance:

The difference in price, based on comparison to the previous contract is as follows: A yearly decrease of \$259,172.08, which represents a 24.97% decrease due to price decreases.

Department: Streets and Maintenance
Award to: Delta Unlimited, LLC
dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services El Paso, Texas
Item(s): All
Initial Term: 3 years

Option to Extend: 2 years
 Annual Estimated Award: \$778,569.00
 Initial Term Estimated Award: \$2,335,707.00 (3 years)
 Total Estimated Award: \$3,892,845.00 (5 years)
 Account No.: 451-2305-51295-522210-P5120
 Funding Source: Environmental Fee Fund-Grounds-keeping
 Horticultural Contracts
 Districts: All

This is a Best Value, services contract.

The Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing and Streets and Maintenance Departments recommend award to Delta Unlimited, LLC dba Delta Pest Control & Lawn Services, the bidder offering the best value bid and that Border TM dba industries, Inc. dba XCEED Resources be deemed non-responsive due to not completing the bid form in its entirety and that L&J General Contractors, LLC be deemed non-responsive due to failure to acknowledge the amendments included in this solicitation.

Representative Rodriguez commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Crystal Paz, Senior Procurement Analyst
2. Mr. Joel McKnight, Streets and Maintenance Deputy Director
3. Mr. Rene Barraza, Business and Financial Manager

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Svarzbein

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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21. Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2021-1155 Gene Torres NTMP Improvements to KARLSRUHER, INC. dba CSA Constructors for an estimated award of \$548,349.16. The proposed project supports the development of traffic calming devices to reduce accidents in the area and reduce speeding vehicles.

Department: Capital Improvement
 Award to: KARLSRUHER, INC. dba CSA Constructors
 El Paso, TX
 Item(s): Base Bid I, Additive Alternate I, Additive Alternate II & Additive Alternate III
 Initial Term: 300 Consecutive Calendar Days
 Base Bid I: \$221,553.63
 Additive Alternate I: \$ 70,930.74
 Additive Alternate II: \$ 60,645.68
 Additive Alternate III: \$195,219.11
 Total Estimated Award: \$548,349.16
 Funding Source: 2013 Street Infrastructure
 Account: 190-4740-28900-580270-PCP13ST006Y1/

District(s):

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This is a Low Bid procurement, unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to KARLSRUHER, INC. dba CSA Constructors the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

Work under this unit price contract is only an estimated value and will be ordered, performed, invoiced, and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of this contract may be higher or lower than the total estimated value and will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

As a part of this award, upon the review of the City Attorney, the City Engineer may without further authorization from City Council approve contract changes which are necessary for proper execution of the work and carrying out the intent of the project, which are in accordance with applicable law, do not make changes to the prices and are within the appropriate budget.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

REGULAR AGENDA –PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

- 22. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** an Ordinance granting Special Permit no. PZST21-00001, to allow for a 100% reduction in parking on the property described as All of Lots 1-6 & 11-20, Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso county, Texas, pursuant to section 20.14.070.B of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. The proposed special permit and detailed site development plan meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Subject property: 405 Montana Ave.

Applicant: SLI Engineering, c/o Georges Halloul, PZST2121-00001
[POSTPONED FROM 05-25-2021]

- 23. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item on an Ordinance changing the zoning of all of Lots 1 through 20, Block 266, and a 20 foot alley out of Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from C-1/c/sp (Commercial/conditions/special permit), A-2 (Apartments), and C-4/sp (Commercial/special permit) to G-MU (General Mixed Use) and approving a Master Zoning Plan. The penalty is

as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject property: 405 Montana Ave.
Applicant: SLI engineering c/o Georges Halloul, PZRZ21-00001
[POSTPONED FROM 05-25-2021]

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Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
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24. ORDINANCE 019200

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE) OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 3.04 (PROPERTY TAXES) BY AMENDING SECTION 3.04.040 (EXEMPTION - RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD) TO INCREASE THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS OVER 65 AND DISABLED CITIZENS WHO QUALIFY UNDER THE CURRENT CODE.**

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

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein and Hernandez commented.

Motion duly made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Rodriguez, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED**.

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:
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Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development
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25. RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement ("Agreement") by and between **CITY OF EL PASO** ("City") and **LIFTFUND, INC.** ("Applicant") in support of a program whereby micro business loans shall be provided to eligible small businesses, program referred to as the "Dream Makers Fund"

("Fund"). The City shall provide a grant payment in the amount of \$600,000 to support the Fund. The Fund will provide micro business loans of up to \$25,000 to help small businesses in The City of El Paso.

Mayor Leeser commented.

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

26.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the CITY OF EL PASO and **DEKKER PERICH SABATINI, LLC.**, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, for a project known as "**PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**" for an amount not to exceed **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,779,750.00)**; that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional Basic Services and Reimbursables for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) and to approve Additional Services for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) if such services are necessary for the proper execution of the project and that the increased amounts are within the appropriate budgets of the project for a total amount of **ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,879,750.00)**; and that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for the execution of the Agreement.

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED**, the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

27.

R E S O L U T I O N

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

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Agreement to Contribute Right of Way Funds by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the US 62/180 Montana Ave. from Global Reach to FM 659 Zaragoza Rd. highway improvements project, which has an estimated total project cost of \$15,407,846.21 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$970,694.31. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

Motion made by Representative Salcido, seconded by Representative Annello and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

28.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign and submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, Form SF-424 and Form SF 424 D, all certifications and assurances contained therein, and any documents necessary to comply with HUD requirements; and

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign Grant Agreements with HUD for the four entitlement grants covered by the Annual Action Plan: the Community Development Block Grant, the Emergency Solutions Grant, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program; and

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign all Letters of Support, Certifications of Local Government Approval, Release of Liens, Assurances and Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan required by HUD or the State of Texas for grant applications or applications for Low Income Housing Tax Credits for programs covered by the Consolidated Plan or related Community Development programs; and

That the City Manager, or designee, subject to completion of environmental review, be authorized to sign all contracts and documents with the agencies, entities, persons, and/or City departments approved for funding under the programs in the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan related to the implementation and performance of the activities contained in the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and corresponding programs. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized herein to sign amendments to such contracts which add to or reduce funding, including but not limited to the removal of the obligation of funds by mutual termination, and extensions to the contract period; and

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign all Environmental Assessments, Requests for Release of Funds, Certifications, and Performance Reports required by the U .S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for activities covered by the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and related Community Development programs; and

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign agreements to secure matching funds which add to amounts allocated under the under the regular CDBG budget; and to sign amendments to matching fund agreements, including extensions to the contract period.

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign all amendments, subordination agreements, loan modification agreements, release of liens, assumption agreements, and other similar documents related to transactions performed under all previous Action Plans and previous entitlement grants provided such documents are approved by the City Attorney's office as to form and comply with department policies and procedures; and

That the City Manager be authorized to execute letters of support, certifications, and other similar documents, that allow third parties to secure funding from state, federal, and local agencies which further the goals of the City's Annual Action Plan.

The following City staff members presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

1. Ms. Nicole Ferrini, Community and Human Development Director
2. Mr. Abraham Gutierrez, Administrative Services Manager
3. Ms. Sarah Ortiz, Grants Project Manager
4. Mr. Mark Weber, Community Development Program Manager

Representatives Svarzbein, Rivera, and Lizarraga commented.

Ms. Carol Henry Bohle, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Annelo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

29.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2009, funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), a program administered by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), was established by the Texas State Legislature to address the needs of persons and families experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) is projecting level funding from the previous year, which would result in TDHCA appropriated

General Revenue Funds in the amount of \$474,257 to award to the City of El Paso under 2021-2022 HHSP funding to be executed under two contracts; one contract for general HHSP funds totaling \$348,133 for homelessness prevention, homeless assistance and case management activities; the other for youth set-aside funds totaling \$126,124 for transitional housing, essential services and case management activities. The period of both contracts to run through August 31st, 2022.

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

1. That the City Manager be authorized to sign all contracts, contract amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas and/or TDHCA for 2021-2022 HHSP funds; and
2. That the Director of DCHD be authorized to sign all contracts, amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and agencies receiving sub-awards from the City (Sub-Grantee Agencies) for 2021-2022 HHSP funds, as well as all certifications, performance reports, and related documents for TDHCA and Sub-Grantee Agencies.

Motion made by Representative Salcido, seconded by Representative Annelo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Annelo, seconded by Representative Lizarraga, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 2:40 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:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Lizarraga, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Molinar

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EX1 Annual performance evaluation for City Attorney (551.074) (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX2 Annual performance evaluation for City Manager (551.074) (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Molinar

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk