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TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER



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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 14, 2020
3:35 PM

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

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date via videoconference. Meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Alexandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera and Cissy Lizarraga.
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AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts and processes.

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced the item.

- a) COVID-19 Updates (Governor's Executive Orders & Proclamations) (Karla Nieman)**
- b) CDC Agency Order to Temporarily Halt Residential Evictions (Karla Nieman)**
- c) City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support (Karla Nieman)**

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, provided an overview of the presentation and answered questions posed by Council members.

Ms. Anna Schumacher, Assistant City Attorney, and Mr. Evan Reed, Assistant City Attorney, presented a Power Point presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

2. Cross Functional Team Operations (Chief Mario D'Agostino)

Ms. Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager of Public Safety, presented a PowerPoint presentation containing Community Task Force recommendations (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Margo commented.

3. Team Lead Reports:

- 1. Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)**
- 2. Data Analysis (David Coronado)**
- 3. Financial Focus (Robert Cortinas)**
- 4. Testing Recap and Update (Tracey Jerome)**
- 5. Influenza Prevention Campaign (Angela Mora, Laura Cruz-Acosta, Hector Ocaranza)**

6. Community Vulnerabilities and Human Services (Nicole Ferrini)

7. Economic Recovery (Jessica Herrera)

8. Operations Focus (Cary Westin)

The following City staff members presented PowerPoint presentations and addressed questions posed by Council members (copies of presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office).

1. Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City of El Paso Health Authority
2. Mr. David Coronado, International Bridges Director
3. Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
4. Ms. Tracey Jerome, Deputy City Manager for Quality of Life
5. Ms. Angela Mora, Public Health Interim Director
6. Ms. Laura Cruz-Acosta, Strategic Communications Director
7. Ms. Nicole Ferrini, Community and Human Development Director
8. Ms. Jessica Herrera, Economic and International Development Director
9. Mr. Cary Westin, Senior Deputy City Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

Mayor Margo and Representatives Svarzbein, Anello, and Rodriguez commented and posed questions regarding the information provided.

The following City staff members also responded to Council's concerns:

1. Ms. Claudia Lujan, Human Resources Director
2. Ms. Araceli Guerra, Information Technology Services Director
3. Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

2. Presentation and discussion by the Police Department (Safe and Secure City) Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts and processes.

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced the item and provided a brief overview of the presentation.

2. CFT Operations (Dionne Mack)

Ms. Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager for Public Safety, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

3. Team Lead Reports:

- 1. Approach for Best Practices + Comparative Analysis (Denice Sepulveda)**
- 2. Training Focus (Cary Westin)**
- 3. Report on Racial Profiling (Zina Silva)**
- 4. Composition and scope of the El Paso Discipline Review Board and the Shooting Review (Bruce Collins)**
- 5. Reporting use of force and deadly force incidents (Claudia Lujan)**

The following City staff members presented PowerPoint presentations and answered questions posed by Council members (copies of presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office).

1. Ms. Denise Sepulveda, Senior Budget Analyst
2. Mr. Bruce Collins, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Director
3. Ms. Aimee Olivas, Socioeconomic Compliance Officer
4. Police Sergeant Gregg Furr
5. Mr. Cary Westin, Senior Deputy City Manager of Economic Development and Tourism
6. Assistant Police Chief Peter Pacillas
7. Assistant Police Chief Zina Silva
8. Ms. Claudia Lujan, Interim Human Resources Director

Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Morgan, and Rivera commented and posed questions regarding the information provided.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3. Update from International Bridges providing results from the CrossBorder Survey on social and expenditure activities of travelers through the El Paso-Cd. Juárez bridge system.

Mr. David Coronado, International Bridges Director, and Mr. Carlos Olmedo, Strategic Projects Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Svarzbein and Rivera commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EX1. Lorenzo Hodges claim dated January 13,2020; Matter No. 20-1049-1298 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

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

NAYS: None

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Morgan and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk