

OSCAR LEESER  
MAYOR



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PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1  
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TOMMY GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY  
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
October 10, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Leeser present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alexandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, and Cissy Lizarraga. Henry Rivera participated via videoconference. Peter Svarzbein and Cassandra Hernandez requested to be excused.

The agenda items for the October 11, 2022 Regular City Council and Mass Transit Board Meetings were reviewed.

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**ITEMS 32 AND 33 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**32. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Discussion and action to recognize October 2022 as National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month.

**33. REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Discussion and action to recognize the month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Annello commented.

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**38. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to sign a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and Finhabits Inc. for the establishment of Finhabits’ financial investment technology company in El Paso, Texas. The City shall provide economic incentives in an aggregated amount of \$132,000 over a period of four years.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Mirella Craigo, Economic and International Development Assistant Director
- Ms. Tracey Jerome, Senior Deputy City Manager

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**ITEMS 39 AND 40 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**39. REGULAR AGENDA – UPDATE AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Presentation and discussion by the City Manager's Office and the Office of Emergency Management providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes related to the migrant crisis.

**40. REGULAR AGENDA – UPDATE AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enactment authorizing the city manager to assign personnel and resources to assist in addressing the humanitarian and public safety crisis resulting from mass migration through El Paso.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Chief Mario D'Agostino, Deputy City Manager

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**ITEMS 52, 53 AND 54 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**52. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance proposed by Initiative Petition under City Charter Section 3.11 to limit individual contributions to political campaigns for Mayor and City Council to \$1,000 per election and require donors to disclose their place of employment.

**53. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance proposed by Initiative Petition under City Charter Section 3.11 to provide public financing for candidates for Mayor and City Council who voluntarily agree to limit their campaign contributions and expenditures and demonstrate community support for their candidacy.

**54. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance proposed by Initiative Petition under City Charter Section 3.11 to use ranked choice voting for the election of Mayor and City Council where voters rank candidates in order of preference, and if no candidate receives a majority, the candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated and the votes they received are transferred to voter's second choice, and so on until there is a majority vote for one candidate, so long as permitted by state law.

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello, Molinar, Rodriguez, and Lizarraga questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Laura Prine, City Clerk
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

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**ITEMS 55, 56 AND 57 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**55. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and LiftFund, providing \$2,500,000 to LiftFund to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to institute the City of El Paso Small Business Grant & Interest Buy-Down Program to entities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**56. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and Better Business Bureau (the "BBB"), providing \$1,435,522.24 to BBB to administer American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds to continue the EPBusinessStrong and Buy El Paso Program and to implement the El Paso Small Business Rewards Program.

**57. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to execute a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and Project Vida, providing \$200,000 to Project Vida to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide Microenterprise Technical Assistance to entities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Rodriguez questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Elizabeth Triggs, Economic and International Development Director

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Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Svarzbein and Hernandez

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk