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MAYOR



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JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4  
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ART FIERRO DISTRICT 6  
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7  
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

TOMMY GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY  
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
April 10, 2023  
9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Leeser present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Alexsandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, and Henry Rivera. Late arrival: Chris Canales 9:12 a.m. Cassandra Hernandez requested to be excused.

The agenda items for the April 11, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting were reviewed.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant application 3007108 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as “El Paso 2022 OPSG” through the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Homeland Security Grant Division, including all related paperwork, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, and to accept, reject, amend, and/or terminate the grant which will provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. In the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the City of El Paso assures it will return the funds to the Office of the Governor in full. Requesting \$1,371,166.00. No cash match is required. The grant period will be from March 01, 2023 - February 29, 2024.

Assistant Police Chief Humberto Talamantes commented.

Representative Annello commented.

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**ITEMS 5 THROUGH 7 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) -Titanic Ave at Howard St Traffic Circle project, which has an estimated total project cost of \$218,885.36 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$87,123.65. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents, agreement amendments, and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - Traffic Signal

at Edgemere and John Hayes project, which has an estimated total project cost of \$523,863.29 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$23,707.51. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents, agreement amendments, and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the Border Highway West Shared Use Path from Racetrack Drive to Executive Center Blvd project, which has an estimated total project cost of \$1,980,194.00 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$115,015.00. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents, agreement amendments, and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

Representative Molinar questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer

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**12. CONSENT AGENDA – BIDS**

The award of Solicitation 2023-0180 OEM Alternators, Starters and Related Parts to The McAdams Group, LLC. Dba Texas Alternator Service, for a term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$107,178.00. The award also includes a two (2) year option for an estimated amount of \$71,452.00. The total amount of the contract is, including the initial term plus the option for a total of five (five) years, for an estimated amount of \$ 178,630.00. This contract will provide Replacement Alternators, Starters and Related Parts to the Fire Department.

Contract Variance:

The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: A decrease of \$1,367.40 for the initial term, which represents a 1.26% decrease due to improved pricing

Department:	Fire
Award to:	The McAdams Group, LLC. Dba Texas Alternator Service Austin, TX
Initial Term:	3 years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$35,726.00 (1 year)
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$107,178.00 (3 years)
Total Estimated Award:	\$178,630.00 (5 years)
Account No:	531180 - 322 - 1000 - 22090 - P2216
Funding Source:	General Fund
District(s):	All

This is a Low-Bid, unit priced contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Fire Departments recommend award as indicated to The McAdams Group, LLC. dba Texas Alternator Service, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

Mayor Leeson questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Edward Rodriguez, Procurement Analyst

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

Discussion and action to approve a Resolution allowing the City Manager to accept a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from Marathon Petroleum Inc. and authorizing the use of District 3 discretionary funds in the amount of \$25,000 to be used towards the establishment and funding of EP TreeKeepers, a tree planting initiative within low tree equity score areas for the City of El Paso.

Representative Salcido commented.

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

Discussion and action to direct the City Manager to adjust the operating schedule of the Streetcar to be event-driven for optimal use.

Mayor Leeson and Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Rivera, and Canales questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Tracey Jerome, Senior Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

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**21. REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES**

Budget Update.

Mayor Leeson questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer

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**ITEMS 30 THROUGH 32 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**30. REGULAR AGENDA – INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023A for debt service savings; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of such Bonds; and resolving other matters which are necessary to effectuate such issuance; including the delegation of matters relating to the sale and issuance of such Bonds to an authorized City official within certain specified parameters.

**31. REGULAR AGENDA – INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

An Ordinance approving the issuance of the City of El Paso Downtown Development Corporation Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2023 (Downtown Ballpark Venue Project), approving a Fourth Amendment to Master Lease Agreement related to such refunding bonds and approving other matters incident and related thereto.

**32. REGULAR AGENDA – INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

An Ordinance approving the issuance of the City of El Paso Downtown Development Corporation Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2023A (Downtown Ballpark Venue Project), approving a Fifth Amendment to Master Lease Agreement related to such refunding bonds and approving other matters incident and related thereto.

Mayor Leeser commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property described as Lot 135, Sunrise Acres #2, 4645 Vulcan Avenue, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from R-4 (Residential) to A-O (Apartment/Office) and imposing a condition. 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: 4645 Vulcan Avenue  
Applicant: Aguilar Pedro M. & Morales Francisca, PZRZ22-00023

Representative Canales questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Raul Garcia, Planning Program Manger

Mayor Leeser and Representative Anello commented.

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**ITEMS 37 THROUGH 51 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$185,000, such real property legally described as lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 1, HADLOCK’S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$8,300,000, such real property legally described as tracts 26A, 26B, 26B2, 26C, 27A, 27A1 and 27A2, Elijah Bennett survey No. 11, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the resurvey of said Elijah Bennett survey No. 11 made by El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$90,000, such real property legally described as Lots 42 and 43, Block 2, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$90,000. Such real property legally described as Lots 46 and 47, Block 2, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, in addition to the City of EL Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$63,000, such real property legally described as Lots 26, 27, 28 and the south 2 feet of Lot 29, Block 2, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$45,000, such real property legally described as Lot 19, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$45,000, such real property legally described as Lot 18, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$90,000, such real property legally described as Lots 16 and 17, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$45,000, such real property legally described as Lot 15, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$45,000, such real property legally described as Lot 14, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in volume 12, page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of EL Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$45,000, such real property legally described as Lot 13, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$90,000, such real property legally described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$95,000, such real property legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price

of \$90,000, such real property legally described as Lots 20 and 21, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso, County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of EL Paso to TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO for the purchase price of \$90,000, such real property legally described as Lots 26 and 27, Block 1, HADLOCK'S SUBURBAN GARDENS, an addition to the City of EL Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 12, Page 20, real property records, El Paso County, Texas.

Mayor Leeser commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

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**ITEMS 52 THROUGH 56 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**52. 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 Bitwise Impact, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, providing \$1,600,000 to Bitwise Impact to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to implement the El Paso Workforce Development Program in the tech industry, to entities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**53. 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 Fab Lab El Paso, a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit organization, providing \$300,000 to Fab Lab El Paso to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to implement the El Paso Workforce development to build pipeline of 3D Printer technicians to entities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**54. 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 Just Community Inc, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization providing \$125,000.00 to Just Community Inc., to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide Technical Assistance for female micro entrepreneurs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 Success Through Technology Education (STTE) Foundation, providing \$500,000 to STTE to administer American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) funds to provide Technology Start-up Support 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 the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), a part of the University of Texas System, providing \$299,989 to UTEP to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide study results of the econometric information associated with the creation and use of a One-Stop Shop Business Center in El Paso.

Representative Canales questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Mirella Craigo, Economic and International Development Assistant Director

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Motion made by Representative Molinar, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Anello, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Hernandez

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk