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MAYOR

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CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
ALEJANDRA CHÁVEZ, DISTRICT 1
JOSH ACEVEDO, DISTRICT 2
DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA, DISTRICT 3
CYNTHIA BOYAR TREJO, DISTRICT 4
IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

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9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tippin Elementary School at the Invitation of City Representative Alejandra Chávez

Dalton Rava
Joey Fernandez
Ralf Fernandez
Holly Haddad
Vivian Ramos
Derek Ramos
Analucia Vargas
Lincoln Bates
Noelle Perez
Cain Perez
DiMatteo Carrera

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

El Paso Police Department Chaplains' Day

Krystall Poppin Day

Habitat for Humanity Day

La Nube STEAM Discovery Center Day

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10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deana Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Early departure: Cynthia Boyar Trejo at 12:58 p.m.

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INVOCATION BY THE EL PASO POLICE CHAPLAIN AND CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF EL PASO
RABBI LEVI GREENBERG

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Comeau spoke on Item 28.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CITY-RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Mr. Ron Comeau
3. Ms. Patricia Osmond
4. Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga
5. Ms. Priscilla Hernandez
6. Ms. Kately Garcia
7. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, 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 Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 6, 2026..

CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

2. **NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:

3. **ITEMS 3, 27, AND 38 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2012 Quality of Life Bond program included funding for, among other projects, paved trails, and trail head parking areas; and

WHEREAS, the “Montana to I-10 EP Electric Corridor, Section D” had been identified as a proposed trail to be constructed for an estimated project budget of \$551,161.26; and

WHEREAS, the “Palisades Trailhead” had been identified as a proposed trail head to be constructed for an estimated project budget of \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the proposed “Montana to I-10 EP Electric Corridor Section D” be deprogrammed from the 2012 Quality of Life paved trail program due to insufficient available budget; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the proposed “Palisades Trailhead” be deprogrammed from the 2012 Quality of Life trail head program due to the inability to enter into an agreement with an adjacent owner;

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

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to deprogram the proposed “Montana to I-10 EP Electric Corridor, Section D”, and “Palisades Trailhead”.

Mr. Joe Garibay, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: Representative Acevedo

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

4.

***RESOLUTION AMENDING SCHEDULE C FOR
THE CITY OF EL PASO FY2026 FEE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of El Paso adopted the Budget Resolution for FY2026 on August 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 48 of the Budget Resolution provides that any revisions or additions to the fees listed in Schedule C, or the process or formula use for setting fees, shall be approved by simple resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 7.12.070 authorizes the City to charge registration fees for a dog designated as a vicious dog; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to add a new registration fee for designated vicious dogs as authorized by Title 7 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment to Schedule C ensures cost recovery and sound fiscal management.

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

That Schedule C, attached to the FY2026 Budget Resolution and effective September 1, 2025, shall be amended effective January 20, 2026, as set forth in Attachment A, to add a new registration fee for designated vicious dogs.

Department	Account	Fee Description	Detail	Municipal Code Section	FY 2026 Adopted Fees	FY 2026 Revised Fees
Animal Services	441320	Registration	Vicious Dog Registration	Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code 822.043. Registration	\$0.00	\$50.00

Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller, citizen, commented.

5. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE TWO WEEKS** a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with El Paso Electric Company (EPE), City of El Paso (CEP), El Paso Community Action Program Project BRAVO, Inc., also known as Project Bravo (PB), and CLEAResult Consulting Inc., for the sole use of the Low-Income Assistance Funds contemplated in Section 1.2.4 of the Franchise Amendment Ordinance 019022, for the installation of Cool Roofs for low-income homes within El Paso city limits.

6.

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

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grants through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the grant/application number 3952707 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City; and

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

1. **THAT** the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 3952707, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.

2. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant, if applicable.
3. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter, and/or terminate said grant.
4. **THAT**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso will return all funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas.
5. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer-Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, the actual grant contract, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

7.

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

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grants through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas: and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the grant/application number 5684401 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as "Peace Officer Mental Health Program FY2027"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5684401, for the City of El Paso

Police Department project identified as "Peace Officer Mental Health Program FY2027" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.

2. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant, if applicable.
3. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter, and/or terminate said grant.
4. **THAT**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso will return all funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas.
5. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer - Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, the actual grant contract, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

8.

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

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grants through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the grant/application number 4365505 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as "Body Worn Camera FY27"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 4365505, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Body Worn Camera FY2027" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
2. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant if applicable.
3. **THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter and/or terminate said grant.
4. **THAT**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso will return all funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas.
5. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, the actual grant contract, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

9.

***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5381302 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as *Criminal Justice Grant - JAG FY2027* ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the City Manager, or designee, as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5381302, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as *Criminal Justice Grant-JAG FY2027* to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer - Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

CONSENT AGENDA – SPECIAL APPOINTMENT:

10.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and Procedures for the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Board (TPB) provides that the City of El Paso's representation on the TPB shall include the mayor or appointee and three elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the TPB's Bylaws and Procedures further provides that representatives of local units of government shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the city councils for the entities they represent; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council desires to appoint District 2 Representative Josh Acevedo as a City representative on the TPB, replacing District 8 Representative Chris Canales.

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

That District 2 Representative Josh Acevedo be appointed as a City Representative to the Transportation Policy Board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, replacing District 8 Representative Chris Canales, effective immediately.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, to **POSTPONE** the item for **TWO WEEKS**.

AYES: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, and Fierro

Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting “NAY”. THE MOTION FAILED.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: Representatives Limón and Canales

CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

11. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Susannah Byrd to the Public Service Board Selection Committee by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.
12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Carlos Gonzalez to the Civil Service Commission by Representative Art Fierro, District 6.

CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

13. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Cynthia Retana to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Ivan Niño, District 5.
14. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Jose Luis Lopez to the Public Service Board Selection Committee by Representative Art Fierro, District 6.
15. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Jeffrey Dan (JD) Cotham to the Civil Service Commission by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.

Representative Maldonado-Rocha commented.

16. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Lynn Jordan Westbrook to the Fair Housing Task Force, as Alternate Member, by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.

17. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Representative Chris Canales to the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE FOR NOTATION:

18. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** the Special Projects, Discretionary fund expenditures, and P-Card Transactions for the period of November 21, 2025 - December 20, 2025, for Mayor, City Council Representatives, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office and staff.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

19. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, \$1,000.00 from Richard Aguilar; \$1,500.00 from Nicole & Blake Anderson; \$1,000.00 from Randall Bowling; \$1,500.00 from Richard A. Castro; \$1,000.00 from El Paso Electric Company Employee Political Action Committee (PAC) Texas; \$1,000.00 from Edward Escudero; \$1,500.00 from Miguel Fernandez; \$1,500.00 from Nancy & Steve Fox; \$1,500.00 from Ginger & L. Frederick Francis; \$1,500.00 from Dana & Adam Frank; \$500.00 from Lane Gaddy; \$1,000.00 from Edward C. Houghton, IV; \$2,500.00 from Gayle & Woody Hunt; \$1,500.00 from Stanley P. Jobe; \$1,000.00 from the Law Office of Steve Ortega, PLLC; \$500.00 from Rogelio Lopez; \$1,000.00 from Donald & Adair Margo; \$1,000.00 from Ryan McCrory; \$500.00 from Raul Ordaz; \$1,000.00 from Gerald Rubin; \$1,000.00 from Sandra Salinas; \$1,500.00 from Douglas Schwartz; \$500.00 from Kelly Tomblin; \$1,000.00 from Linda Troncoso; and \$250.00 from Garrett Yancey.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the following Ordinances, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing:

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

NAYS: None

20. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Don Luciano or Assigns, for the purchase price of \$483,142.68; such real property municipally known and numbered as 1926 Bassett Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

21. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Romity Ventures, LLC, for the purchase price of \$1,530,000.00; such real property legally described as Lot E and a portion of Lot F, Block 15, Mills Map Addition, an addition to the City

of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as recorded in volume 2103, page 972, Real Property Records of El Paso County, Texas.

22. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Jesus Martin Lara and Lorena Villar, for the purchase price of \$1,608.00; such property municipally known and numbered as 212 Dolan Street, El Paso, Texas
23. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 16015 to grant the authority to the City Manager to administratively enter into and sign certain contracts on behalf of the City in alignment with recent changes to Local Government Code Section 252.021 and repealing Ordinance No. 016736.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026, FOR ITEMS 20 THROUGH 23

REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE 019831

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO TEPABE PROPERTIES, LLC., FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$36,227.50; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 31, BLOCK 11, WOMBLE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Ms. Mary Lou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion duly made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Fierro, 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 Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

ENTERED, and 3

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

ITEMS 25 THROUGH 27 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

ORDINANCE 019832

SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 7, T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 8, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PARCEL 7: T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 7, T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 8, T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 17, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PARCEL 8: T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 20, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PARCEL 10: T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 80 TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 20, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PARCEL 11: T&P RR SURVEY, BLOCK 80, TOWNSHIP 1, A PORTION OF SECTION 28, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, EL PASO , TEXAS.

26.

ORDINANCE 019833

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, A DEED AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY APPROXIMATELY 400.25 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE SALE PRICE OF \$4,000,000.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PARCEL 1: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 2, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-44; PARCEL 2: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 1, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7C1; PARCEL 3: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 1, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-59; PARCEL 4: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 1, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7B2; PARCEL 5: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 1, AND 12, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 24-7B2; PARCEL 6: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING U.S.R.S. TRACTS 24-7A, 24-7B3, 24-7B4 AND 247C1; AND, PARCEL 7: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF BERINO, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 1, T. 26S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 22-59.**

27.

ORDINANCE 019834

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A DEED AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY APPROXIMATELY 1,055.8691 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE SALE PRICE OF \$420,000.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTIONS 9, 15, 16, 17 AND 18, BLOCK 81, TOWNSHIP 1, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Mr. Joe Garibay, citizen, commented.

Motion duly made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and carried that the Ordinances be **ADOPTED**.

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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

28.

ITEMS 28 AND 29 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

ORDINANCE 019835

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (ANIMALS), CHAPTER 7.12 (DOGS AND CATS), TO ADD SECTION 7.12.070 (VICIOUS DOGS); AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (ANIMALS), CHAPTER 7.12 (DOGS AND CATS), TO ADD SECTION 7.12.080 (AGGRESSIVE DOGS)**.

29.

ORDINANCE 019836

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (ANIMALS), CHAPTER 7.04 (DEFINITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION), SECTION 7.04.010 (DEFINITIONS), TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “ANIMAL,” AMEND THE ORDER OF DEFINITIONS, AND ADD NEW DEFINITIONS**.

Mr. Michel Wachsmann, Animal Services Deputy Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Canales commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried that the Ordinances be **ADOPTED**.

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

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, and Canales
NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Limón

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

REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES:

30. **ITEM:** Discussion and presentation on the City of El Paso's role in the regulation and enforcement of animal related issues.

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the item **BEFORE** item 28.

Mr. Carlos Armendariz, Assistant City Attorney, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

NO FURTHER ACTION was taken on this item.

31. **ITEM:** Discussion and presentation on legislative bills from the Texas 89th legislative Session that affect animal cruelty investigations.

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the item **BEFORE** item 28.

Mr. Lawrence Lujan, Police Commander, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Chávez commented.

NO FURTHER ACTION was taken on this item.

32. **ITEM:** Discussion and presentation in preparation of upcoming Strategic Planning Session regarding revenue limitations and opportunities.

Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Management and Budget Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

33. **ITEM:** Presentation and update on the 2019 Public Safety Bond.

Ms. Yvette Hernandez, Deputy City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

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

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 7.3D of the City of El Paso municipal code, the City Council approved the FY2026 City budget by resolution ("Budget Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee to make budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise funds or reprogram funds within an enterprise department, not to exceed \$100,000, to the extent permitted by law and budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise department funds exceeding \$100,000 requiring City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Police Departments, require a budget transfer in excess of \$100,000, which in accordance with Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution, requires City Council approval.

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

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate a budget transfer from PCP20FDRENOMSTR Fire Master Project to various Fire Station projects for renovations, and to allocate funding for Fire Department and Police Department Training Academies from PCPBALANCE, Investment Interest, and Fire Station 40, as respectively listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase / (Decrease)
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP20FDRENOMSTR	(3,300,000.00)
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP22FS03RENOV8	500,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP22FS18RENOV7	500,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP24FS27RENOV1	500,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP25FS02RENOV1	500,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP25FS06RENOV6	500,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP25FS07RENOV2	400,000.00
BT2026-0292	4820	PCP25FS28RENOV4	400,000.00
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20FDTRAINNGI	4,462,886.00
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20PDTRAINNGI	4,462,886.00
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20PDRENOMSTR	(5,000,000.00)
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20PDTRAINING	5,000,000.00
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20FDRENOMSTR	(8,000,000.00)
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20FDSTATIO40	(14,307,925.00)
BT2026-0296	4820	PCP20FDTRAINING	22,307,925.00

Mr. Gilbert Guerrero, Capital Improvement Assistant Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, and Maldonado-Rocha commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

35. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on the award of Solicitation 2025-0219 Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I to El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc., for a total estimated amount of \$2,590,065.09. This project will consist of the construction of bicycle facilities at various downtown locations, including bike lanes, shared-use paths, and associated signage, striping, lighting, and intersection improvements.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Derek Russell, Lead Procurement and Contract Analyst
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Ms. Claudia Garcia, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Director

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2025-0219 Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I to El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc., for a total estimated amount of \$2,590,065.09. This project will consist of the construction of bicycle facilities at various downtown locations, including bike lanes, shared-use paths, and associated signage, striping, lighting, and intersection improvements.

Department:	Capital Improvement
Award to:	El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc.
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	Base Bid I
Contract Term:	153 Workweek Days
Base Bid I:	\$2,590,065.09
Total Estimated Award:	\$2,590,065.09
Account(s):	190 - 4450 - 38280 - PCP21TRAN05 190 - 4950 - 38170 - PCP21TRAN05
Funding Source(s):	Capital Projects, Texas Department of Transportation State Infrastructure Bank Loan
District(s):	8

This was a Low Bid Procurement - unit price contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Capital Improvement Departments recommend award as indicated to El Paso A.R.C. Electric, Inc., 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 Acevedo, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

2ND MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the item to allow for public comment.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Niño and carried to **POSTPONE** the item for **TWO WEEKS**.

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

NAYS: Representatives Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

36. Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing to issue Purchase Order(s) for Solicitation 2026-0105 Posi-Shell to LSC Environmental Products, LLC, the sole source provider for Posi-Shell base mix, for a term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$189,354.00. Supplier will be required to provide an updated sole source letter and affidavit each year.

Contract Variance:

The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: An increase of \$109,269.00 for the initial term, which represents a 136.44% increase due to:

1. 420 additional bags from 900 to 1,320.
2. Price increase from \$42.60 to an average of \$47.82.
3. One (1) additional year to the contract from 2 to 3 years.

Department:

Environmental Services

Award to:

LSC Environmental Products, LLC

City & State:

Apalachin, NY

Item(s):

All

Initial Term:	3 Year
Option Term:	N/A
Total Contract Time:	3 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$60,957.60 (Year 1)
Annual Estimated Award:	\$63,082.80 (Year 2)
Annual Estimated Award:	\$65,313.60 (Year 3)
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$189,354.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	N/A
Total Estimated Award:	\$189,354.00
Account(s):	334-3100-34130-531130-P3470
Funding Source(s):	Operating Funds
District(s):	All

This is a Non-Competitive Award - Sole Source Contract.

Non-Competitive Procurement under Local Government General Exemption: Section 252.022: (7) a procurement of items that are available from only one source, (A) items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Environmental Services Department recommend award as indicated to LSC Environmental Products, LLC, under the exemption listed above.

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.

Representative Canales commented.

Mr. Nicholas Ybarra, Environmental Services Director, commented.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

37.

ITEMS 3, 37, AND 38 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2017, as part of the 2018 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the Tom Lea Park Slope Rehabilitation Project for an estimated budget of \$8,411,993.00, with \$7,708,466.61 remaining after deducting expenses;

WHEREAS, further, on April 30, 2018, as part of the 2019 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the Hunter Drive, McCombs Street, Trawood Drive, and Rojas Drive Median Improvement Projects for an estimated budget of \$9,261,639.00, with \$8,423,746.28 remaining after deducting expenses for design work; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2018, as part of the 2019 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the Edgemere Boulevard and Resler Drive Median Improvement Projects

for an estimated budget of \$15,883,700.00, with \$14,652,429.49 remaining after deducting expenses for design work; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2017, as part of the 2018 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the 2% bond issue cost and the 2% of the Arts for an estimated budget of \$2,951,352, with \$1,031,307 remaining after deducting; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2018, as part of the 2019 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the 2% Bond Issue cost and the 2% of the Arts for an estimated budget of \$4,310,352, with \$1,909,614 remaining after deducting expenses; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the Tom Lea Park Slope Rehabilitation project, the 2% Bond Issue cost, and the 2% of the Arts be deprogrammed from the 2018 Capital Plan and the Median Improvement Projects, 2% Bond Issue cost and 2% of the Arts be deprogrammed from the 2019 Capital Plan, due to the City Council decision of not issuing remaining authorized certificates of obligation; and

WHEREAS, City staff further recommends a cash budget transfer, in the amount of \$1,820,200.16 from the deprogrammed Tom Lea Park Slope Rehabilitation project to the Unprogrammed Project Balances fund.

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

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to deprogram the Hunter Drive, McCombs Street, Trawood Drive, Rojas Drive, Edgemere Boulevard, and Resler Drive Median Improvement Projects; and

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to deprogram the Tom Lea Park Slope Rehabilitation project; and

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to make necessary cash budget transfers and execute any and all necessary documents for the transfer of a portion of the funding for the Tom Lea Park Slope Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$1,820,200.16 to the Unprogrammed Project Balances fund.

38.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2019, as part of the 2020 Capital Plan, the El Paso City Council approved the following sports field lighting projects ("Sports Field Lighting Projects"):

- Reese McCord Ball Field
- Ralph T. Cloud (Yucca Park) Ball Field
- Grandview Ball Field
- Skyline Ball Field
- Franklin Ball Field
- Lionel Forti Ball Field
- Nations Tobin Pool
- Modesto Ball Field #3

WHEREAS, the total estimated budget for the eight Sports Field Lighting Projects listed above is \$737,000.00.

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the eight Sports Lighting Projects listed above be deprogrammed from the 2020 Capital Plan because they are not financially feasible within the current available budget.

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

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to deprogram the following Sports Field Lighting Projects:

- McCord Ball Field
- Ralph T. Cloud (Yucca Park) Ball Field
- Grandview Ball Field
- Skyline Ball Field
- Franklin Ball Field
- Lionel Forti Ball Field
- Nations Tobin Pool
- Modesto Ball Field #3

Ms. Yvette Hernandez, Deputy City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation for Items 37 and 38 (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, and Canales commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Patricia Osmond
2. Ms. Sylvia Carreon

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **APPROVE** the Resolutions.

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

NAYS: Representative Acevedo

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 12:58 p.m. for lunch.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 2:02 p.m.

39.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on June 6th, 2023, City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges that traffic accidents resulting in death or serious injury are largely preventable and that many factors contribute to safe mobility, including roadway design, speeds, behaviors, technology, and policies; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero establishes clear strategies to achieve zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries, including adoption of a Vision Zero Quick Build Program Policy to streamline and expedite project delivery; and

WHEREAS, Quick-Build projects allow local governments to respond rapidly to dangerous roadway conditions, test design concepts before full capital investment, and deliver safety benefits in weeks or months rather than years; and

WHEREAS, Quick Build Programs are a core component of Vision Zero Programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, establishing a formal Vision Zero Quick Build Program Policy will support the City's objectives related to Vision Zero, Complete Streets, and multimodal mobility, and will provide a transparent process for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing rapid safety improvements.

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

THAT the City Council hereby approves the Vision Zero Quick Build Program Policy attached as Exhibit "A"** and authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to implement the program and execute any agreements, amendments to agreements, and/or documents necessary to implement the Quick Build Program as attached.

THAT adoption of the Vision Zero Quick Build Program Policy shall not commit the City of El Paso to specific funding levels or projects but shall provide guidance for the City's vision for ending traffic fatalities and serious injuries on El Paso streets.

**Exhibit available at the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Anna Zendt, Transportation Planning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Niño commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

40.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2022, the City of El Paso, El Paso Police Department and Goldbelt Security, LLC (also known as Hick Police Training, HPTS), entered into a contract in which Goldbelt Security, LLC is compensated in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 over two years beginning November 1, 2022 and terminating on October 31, 2024 for general consulting services and general expert services in association with the El Paso Police Department on civil rights lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2024, an amendment was implemented extending the duration of the contract for one year beginning November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there are outstanding invoices that are owed to Goldbelt in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the service period of September 2024 to August 2025 for instructor recertification, original officer certifications, recruit certifications and Train the Trainer courses.

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

1. **THAT** the City Council ratify the outstanding amount of \$50,000.00 associated with the costs relating to the services provided by Goldbelt Security, LLC,
2. **THAT** the City Manager or designee be authorized to sign any related paperwork to pay the outstanding invoices and authorize budget transfers necessary to effectuate the payment of the outstanding invoices.

Mayor Johnson and Representative Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Assistant Police Chief Juan Briones
- Police Chief Peter Pacillas
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, and Canales
NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Boyar Trejo, and Limón

41. **ITEM:** Discussion and action to approve budget transfer to increase FY2026 Confiscated Funds and appropriations a total of \$699,558 in State and Federal Confiscated funds.

Representative Canales commented.

Police Chief Peter Pacillas commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried to **APPROVE** the budget transfer.

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

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

42. **ITEM:** Discussion and action directing staff to retain an external recruiting company for recruitment of the Chief Internal Auditor.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **TABLE** the item until after EX8.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

43. **ITEM:** Presentation to Council on the status of the Northeast water main break and El Paso Water's repair and recovery efforts.

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **FOREFRONT** of the Regular Agenda.

Mr. John Balliew, El Paso Water President and Chief Executive Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, and Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

NO FURTHER ACTION was taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 5:16 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 items:

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council, at which time, motions were made.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

EX1. Anahi Chavez Villegas v. City of El Paso, John Kiseda, Joseph Montisano, and Tracy Chavarria; 2024DCV5383 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in connection with the City Manager, be authorized to **ACCEPT** the mediator's proposal in the matter of *Anahi Chavez Villegas v. City of El Paso et al.*; Cause No.:2024DCV5383, and to take all steps necessary including the execution of any required documents in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: Representative Limón

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

EX2. Ruben A. Soto v. Officer Daniel Monge, Officer Sabrina Gonzalez, Chief Allen, and the City of El Paso; 3:23-CV-00256 (551.071)

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to **REJECT** the settlement offer in the matter of *Ruben A. Soto v. Officer Daniel Monge, Officer Sabrina Gonzalez, Chief Greg Allen, and the City of El Paso, Texas*, Case No. 3:23-CV-00256 and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: Representative Fierro

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

2ND MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the item.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to **REJECT** the settlement offer in the matter of *Ruben A. Soto v. Officer Daniel Monge, Officer Sabrina Gonzalez, Chief Greg Allen, and the City of El Paso, Texas*, Case No. 3:23-CV-00256 and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

EX3. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates - PUC#57568; HQ#UTILITY-60 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX4. Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan - PUC#59137; HQ#UTILITY-77 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59137, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-77, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

EX5. Discussion on upcoming Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement process and negotiations, HQ#25-5807 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX6. Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in El Paso; HQ 25-2555 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX7. Legal update regarding Sun Metro Facility fire of February 11, 2025. (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX8. Update and briefing on internal recruiting efforts for Chief Internal Auditor. (551.071) (551.074)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Boyar Trejo

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk