

RENARD U. JOHNSON
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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

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2026
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 A.M.

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrival: Chris Canales, at 9:32 a.m., and Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, at 9:35 a.m.

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AGENDA
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1. A Public Safety Coalition presentation on Opioid Use Disorder In The Borderland.

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

- Mr. Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D., Local Health Authority
- Mr. Gustavo G. Tavarez, Assistant Chief, Fire Department
- Mr. Juan Briones, Assistant Chief, Police Department

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following staff members commented.

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

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation on water supply and infrastructure serving Northeast El Paso and Meta site.

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

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Limón commented.

- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

- Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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3. Fiscal Year 2027 Schedule C (Fee) Changes Presentation.

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

- Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Director of Office Management & Budget
- Ms. Debbie Olivas, Aviation Business and Finance Assistant Director
- Mr. Steve Alvarado, Code Enforcement Director
- Ms. Carolyn Patrick, Chief Information Officer
- Ms. Margarita Marin, Comptroller
- Mr. Roberto Tinajero, International Bridges Director
- Mr. Ben Fyffe, Quality of Life Managing Director
- Mr. Pablo E. Caballero, Parks and Recreation Director
- Mr. Veerinder Taneja, Public Health Director
- Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Real Estate Capital Assets Manager
- Mr. Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections, Interim Director
- Mr. Guillermo Diaz, Zoo Administrative Services Manager
- Mr. Jerry DeMuro, Sun Metro, Deputy Transit Officer
- Mr. Nicholas Ybarra, Environmental Services Director

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

The following staff members commented:

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

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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The Work Session was **RECESSED** at 12:21 p.m. for lunch.

The Work Session was **RECONVENED** at 1:31 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 1:33 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 item:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Limón

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, and Canales

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

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

NAYS: None

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- EX1.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 366 MW Natural Gas Generation Facility - PUC#59076; HQ#UTILITY-74 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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- EX2.** City of El Paso, Texas v. The Honorable Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas; Cause No. D-1-GN-26-004983 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried:

- Ratifying the suit filed on June 22, 2026, and assigned the Cause No. D-1-GN-26-004983; and

- That the City Attorney's Office be authorized to **FILE** suits to protect the City of El Paso's interests pertaining to rulings issued by the Office of the Attorney General of Texas which do not allow the City to except from disclosure documents as otherwise provided by relevant provisions of Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, that the City Attorney be authorized to **RETAIN** the services of outside counsel, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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- EX3.** Joseph Pickett v. City of El Paso; Cause No. 08-24-00405-CV (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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- EX4.** Daniel Villegas v. CoEP et. al; Cause No. 3:15-cv-386 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to evaluate and accept the settlement offer and terms in the matter of *Daniel Villegas v. City of El Paso, et al.*, cause no. EP-15-CV-00386-DCG, pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas – El Paso Division, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro,
Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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EX5. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, HQ#26-1200 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX6. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, HQ#26-1214 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and
unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk