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CITY MANAGER



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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

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2026**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY**  
**11:35 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Ivan Niño, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrivals: Cynthia Boyar Trejo at 7:32 p.m., Josh Acevedo and Art Fierro at 7:34 p.m., and Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 7:37 p.m.

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**AGENDA**  
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1. Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Third Quarter Financial Report.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Cortina's presentation included an overall summary of revenue and expense comparisons.

Representative Chávez commented.

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

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2. Presentation, discussion, and action on the Second Round of FY 2026- 2027 Budget Workshops.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, provided her input throughout the discussion of the different topics.

The presentation included a recap of the May 27 and 28 presentations, cost recovery strategies and proposed adjustments, an operational savings review, and proposed Council budget adjustments.

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

Representative Canales mentioned that he, along with Representative Acevedo, had requested funds for the sustainment of the Welcome Center and made a motion to provide funding for it.

Representative Niño questioned Ms. Nickole Rodriguez, Community and Human Development Director, about the transition plan for the Welcome Center. Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that if no funding is available, the last day of operation for the Welcome Center, which is run by the Opportunity Center for the Homeless, will be August 1, 2026.

Representative Canales read into the record a letter from the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee requesting to add funding for a free public spay/neuter program to be included in the City budget.

The topics discussed during the meeting included conducting a comprehensive internal review of operational efficiency across City departments; the vacancy reduction list; salary increases for the Mayor's and City Council's staff; reductions in professional services and outside contracts; salary increases for the City Council; collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax from short-term rentals; the best use of the ARPA investment revenue; and issues related to unhoused individuals.

**1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **ALLOCATE** one-time funding of \$430,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment interest revenue for the Opportunity Center Welcome Center.

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

NAYS: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Fierro

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, to **REALLOCATE** the \$6,000 travel budget per District for a total of \$48,000 to support the Opportunity Center Welcome Center.

AYES: Representatives Niño, Limón, and Canales

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

**THE MOTION FAILED.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and carried to **RECONSIDER** the one-time allocation of \$430,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment interest revenue for the Opportunity Center Welcome Center.

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

NAYS: Representatives Acevedo, Limón, and Canales

**4<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Acevedo, to **ALLOCATE** one-time funding of \$430,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment interest revenue for the Opportunity Center Welcome Center.

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

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Fierro  
**Mayor Johson broke the tie by voting "NAY". THE MOTION FAILED.**

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Motion made by Representative Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:59 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:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk