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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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 2, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 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 9:05 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

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AGENDA

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1. Presentation and discussion on the overview of the Department of Environmental Services Median Maintenance Program.

Mr. Nicholas Ybarra, Environmental Services Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

The following City Staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Mr. Richard J. Bristol, Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Steve Alvarado, Code Enforcement Director
- Ms. Laura Cruz Acosta, Strategic Communications Director

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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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 10:42 a.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 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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

NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 2:27 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. Claim of Jessica Gallardo Larock - Claim 599 (551.071)

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 **DENY** the claim of Jessica Gallardo Larock, in HQ Claim Number -599, 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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EX2. Claim of Marina Flores - Claim 745 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the claim of Marina Flores, in HQ Matter Number CLAIM-745, 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. Claim of Cheryl Gropp - Claim 754 (551.071)

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 **DENY** the claim of Cheryl Gropp, in HQ Matter Number CLAIM-754, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: Representative Acevedo

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EX4. Barbara Thompson et. al. v. City of El Paso et. al; Cause No. 3:24-00276 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX5. TJW Aviation, LLC and Far West Texas & Southern New Mexico Trauma Regional Advisory Council d/b/a BORDERRAC v. City of El Paso, Cause No. 2025DCV3589 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX6. Joseph Pickett v. City of El Paso; Cause No.:2024DCV5250 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX7. Daniel Villegas v. City of El Paso, et al; USDC; Case No. 3:15-CV-386 (551.071).

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX8. Application of El Paso Electric Company's Macho Springs Reassignment - PUC#57760; HQ#UTITLITY-63 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a \$1,000 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Limon verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

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 **ACCEPT** the settlement proposal in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company's Macho Springs Reassignment*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 57760, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-63, 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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EX9. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates - PUC#57568; HQ#UTILITY-60 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

Representative Limon verbally disclose a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX10. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Implement an Interim Fuel Refund - PUC#58546; HQ#UTILITY-72 (551.071)

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

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a \$1000 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Limon verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

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 to Implement an Interim Fuel Refund*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 58546, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-72, 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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EX11. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for a 100 MW Solar and 100 MW Battery Storage Facility; PUC# 57501 - HQ#UTILITY-61 (551.071)

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

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Limon verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX12. Discussion on economic development opportunities in Northwest El Paso, Texas HQ#25-4305 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX13. Discussion on economic development opportunities in Northwest El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5335 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX14. City Manager evaluation and legal consultation regarding employment agreement, evaluation process and duties of City Manager. (551.071) (551.074)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 2:33 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