

RENARD U. JOHNSON
MAYOR

DIONNE MACK
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

July 8, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Americas High School at the Invitation of City Representative Lily Limón

Rodolfo Garcia IV

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

El Paso Matters Day

International Chihuahuan Desert Celebration Day

Knight Time Cheer Magic

Texas House of Representatives Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence Day

10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrival: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 10:35 a.m. Cynthia Boyar Trejo and Chris Canales requested to be excused.

INVOCATION BY EL PASO POLICE SENIOR CHAPLAIN DAVID MAYFIELD

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

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Anna Maria Rosales
2. Mr. Eddie Chavez, Jr.
3. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
4. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
5. Mr. Frank Tizeno
6. Mr. Max Grossman

7. Mr. Luis Ruiz

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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There was no public comment for agenda items.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
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*Motion made, by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, 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, Niño, Fierro, and Limón

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 24, 2025 and the Work Session of June 23, 2025.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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2. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **EXCUSE** Representatives Cynthia Boyar Trejo and Chris Canales from the July 8, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:
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3. ***R E S O L U T I O N**
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Ground Lease between the City of El Paso and Dick Poe Motors, L.P., for the following described property:

A portion of Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 5, El Paso International Airport Tracts, Replat of Unit 4, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

4. ***R E S O L U T I O N**
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Boeing Business District Ground Lease between the City of El Paso and Hospice of El Paso, Inc., for the following described property:

A 70,939.069 square foot parcel of land, more or less, being the south half of the easterly 54.00 feet of Lot 4 and also the south half of Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, El Paso International Airport Tracts, Unit 7, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, municipally known and numbered as 8515 Lockheed Dr., El Paso, Texas.

5. **R E S O L U T I O N**
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Tax Code ("Tax Code"), the governing body of a taxing unit shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.011(d) a request for waiver of penalties and interest pursuant to Section 33.011(a)(1) must be made before the 181st day after the delinquency date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.011(d) of the Tax Code, taxpayer, Ernest G. Escamilla ("Taxpayer") requested a waiver of penalties and interest on May 21, 2025, before the 181st day after the delinquency date, in the amount of \$824.77 for the 2024 delinquent taxes for the property with the following legal description:

7 THREE HILLS LOT 14 (8118 SQ FT)

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency.

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

THAT the Taxpayer, Ernest G. Escamilla, has met the requirements of Section 33.011 of the Tax Code for the request of waiver of penalties and interest, and the City waives the penalty and interest amount on the 2024 delinquent taxes, pursuant to Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Tax Code, in the amount of \$824.77 for the property with the following legal description:

7 THREE HILLS LOT 14 (8118 SQ FT)

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2023, the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") and the City of El Paso ("City") entered into an Interlocal Agreement ("Interlocal") pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal, City provides DSHS with laboratory analyses of milk samples in exchange for a fee paid by DPHS; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to exercise their option to renew the Interlocal and to extend its expiration date to August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Interlocal to add \$34,750.00 for State Fiscal Year 2026, and accordingly increase total not-to-exceed amount to be paid to the City to \$104,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to revise the DSHS "Contract Affirmations" to replace Attachment B-1 with Attachment B-2** and Attachment C with Attachment C-1**.

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

THAT the Mayor is authorized to sign the Amended Interlocal Agreement between the City of El Paso and DSHS.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:
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7. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Joe Garibay to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Cynthia Boyar Trejo, District 4.
8. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Tess Passero to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.
9. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Chris Canales to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.

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CONSENT AGENDA – APPLICATIONS FOR TAX REFUNDS:
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10. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the tax refunds listed below:
 1. Douglas Alorgbey, in the amount of \$11,245.01, made an overpayment on January 31, 2025 of 2024 taxes. (Geo. # C545-999-0050-0600)
 2. Corelogic Tax Services LLC, in the amount of \$3,714.30 made an overpayment on December 18, 2024 of 2024 taxes. (Geo. #E014-999-1200-1600)
 3. Jouse Toledano Jr, in the amount of \$4,977.54, made an overpayment on January 28, 2025 of 2024 taxes. (Geo. #S505-000-0010-0400)
 4. Citiso Investments LLC, in the amount of \$14,376.02, made an overpayment on August 31, 2024 of 2024 taxes. (Geo. #X007-999-0000-0002)

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11. *RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c) of the Texas Code an application for a refund must be made within three (3) years after the date of the payment or the taxpayer waives the right to the refund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.11 (c-1) the governing body of the taxing unit may extend the deadline for a single period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer, Samuel Castillo ("Taxpayer") has applied for a refund with the tax assessor for their 2021 property taxes that were overpaid on January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$233.30 for all taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, City Council may extend the deadline for the Taxpayer's application for the overpayment of the 2021 taxes for a period not to exceed two years on a showing of good cause by the taxpayer; and

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

THAT THE City finds that Samuel Castillo showed a good cause to extend the deadline to apply for a refund of the overpayment of the 2021 taxes and the tax refund in the amount of \$233.30 is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA - NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Alejandra Chavez in the amount of \$5,000 from Stanley Jobe.
13. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Art Fierro in the amounts of \$250 from Brent Harris, \$1,000 from Lane Gaddy, \$1,000 from Raymond Palacios, \$1,000 from Miguel Fernandez, \$500 from Kelly Tomblin, \$2,500 from Richard Aguilar, \$200 from Richard Porras, \$3,000 from Fred Loya, \$1,000 from Ted Houghton, \$1,000 from Ed Escudero, \$2,500 from Robert L. Bowling IV, \$2,500 from Randall J Bowling, \$750 from Howard Enlow, \$750 from Rachel B Harracksingh, \$1,000 from Stanley P. Jobe, \$300 from Joseph Moody Campaign, \$500 from Renard Johnson, and \$2,500 from Douglas A. Schwartz.

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, Niño, Fierro, and Limón

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

14. An Ordinance Amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.200 (Schedule XVII-Restrictions on Parking in Residential Districts), of the El Paso City Code; to add Item: Subsection Zone X: No Parking, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday; and an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.200 (Schedule XVII Restrictions on Parking in Residential Districts), Subsection Zone X (No Parking, 8:00 am To 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday), of the El Paso City Code; to add Items: 1. 1600 Block of N. Kansas Street, between E. Schuster Avenue and E Crosby Avenue, West Side only, 2. 1600 Block of N Kansas Street, from E. Schuster Avenue to a Point 180 feet South of E. Schuster Avenue, East Side only., 3. 400 Block of E. Crosby Avenue, Between the alley East of N. Kansas Street and N. Campbell Street, North Side only., 4. 400 Block of E. Crosby Avenue, between N. Kansas Street and N. Campbell Street, South Side only, 5. 500 Block of East Crosby Avenue, between N. Campbell Street and N. Florence Street, North Side only, 6. 500 Block of E. Crosby Avenue, between the alley east of N. Campbell Street and N. Florence Street, South Side only, 7. 1600 Block of N. Florence Street, From 115 feet South of E. Schuster Avenue to E. Crosby Avenue, West Side only, 8. 1600 Block of N. Florence Street, between E. Schuster Avenue and E. Crosby Avenue, East Side only, 9. 1600 Block of N. Campbell Street, between E. Schuster Avenue and E. Crosby Avenue, West Side only, and 10. 1600 Block of N. Campbell Street, from a point 170 feet South of E. Schuster Avenue to E. Crosby Avenue, East Side only. The penalty being provided in Chapter 12.88 of

the El Paso City Code.

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15. An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.200 (Schedule XVII-Restrictions on Parking in Residential Districts), to add Subsection Zone Y: No Parking Any Time, Decal Required, of the El Paso City Code, to add Item 1: 6629 McFarland Avenue to 6765 McFarland Avenue, both sides; to add Item 2: 300 Del Palmar Court to 309 Del Palmar Court, both sides; to add Item 3: 200 Playa Tronones Avenue to 309 Playa Tronones Avenue, both sides; to add Item 4: 6601 La Puesta Drive to 6765 La Puesta Drive, both sides; to add Item 5: 6700 Ixtapa Place to 6765 Ixtapa Place, both sides; to add Item 6: 300 McFarland Circle to 312 McFarland Circle, both sides; the penalty being provided in Chapter 12.88 of the El Paso City Code.
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16. An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedules XIV -Speed Limits), of the El Paso city Cod; to ADD ITEM: Subsection T. Speed limits on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (FM3255); and an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedules XIV -Speed Limits), Subsection T (Speed limits on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (FM3255)), of the El Paso City Code; to ADD ITEMS: 1. 45 M.P.H. on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (FM 3255), from Loma Real Avenue to Gateway South Boulevard, 2. 55 M.P.H. on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (FM 3255), from a Point 3.05 Miles South of State Line to Loma Real Avenue, 3. 65 M.P.H. on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (FM 3255), from State Line to a Point 3.05 Miles South.
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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 22, 2025 FOR ITEMS 14 THROUGH 16

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REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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ITEMS 17 AND 18 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

17. ORDINANCE 019747

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, DISSOLVING TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, AND TERMINATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18. ORDINANCE 019748

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, DISSOLVING TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, AND TERMINATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Representatives Niño and Chávez commented.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Chávez, 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, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha
ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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

19.

ORDINANCE 019749

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM, AS INCORPORATED INTO PLAN EL PASO, TO DELETE THE EXTENSION OF NINTH STREET FROM FRANK AVENUE TO LA MESA, DELETE THE PROPOSED COLLECTOR CONNECTION FROM HORIZON BOULEVARD TO I-10, AND DOWNGRADE GOMEZ ROAD FROM WEST TERMINUS TO UPPER VALLEY ROAD TO COLLECTOR.**

Representative Chávez commented.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, commented.

Motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, 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, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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

REGULAR AGENDA - MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

20.

R E S O L U T I O N

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

That the City Council declares that the expenditure of District 7 discretionary funds, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, to supplement the cost of a mural commissioned by the Mission Trail Association in collaboration with artist Robert Dozal to be located on the Nestor Valencia Transfer Center building subject to the mural design being approved by the City, serves the municipal purpose of fostering community pride, and enhancing the quality of life of the citizens of El Paso through the development of fine arts and cultural properties and by encouraging the implementation of art in the architecture of municipal structures; and

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers and execute any contracts and/or related documents, after review and approval by the City Attorney's office, necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended for the municipal purpose. Specifically, the disbursement of the amounts requested by the Mission Trail

Association will be on a reimbursement basis, provided the amount requested does not exceed a total of \$1,000, and the mural is subject to the terms and conditions of the contract between the City and the Mission Trail Association for the use of the Nestor Valencia Transfer Center.

Representative Limón commented.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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- 21. ITEM:** Discussion and action directing the City Manager and City Attorney to coordinate with the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico, to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and present it to Council within 60 days, establishing procedures for the mutual exchange of development and public safety-related information for coordinated communication along the shared Texas-New Mexico boundary (border) to proactively manage growth and maintain transparency for both communities.

Representatives Chávez and Acevedo commented.

The following City staff members commented:

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to coordinate with the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico, to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and present it to Council within 60 days, establishing procedures for the mutual exchange of development and public safety-related information for coordinated communication along the shared Texas-New Mexico boundary (border) to proactively manage growth and maintain transparency for both communities.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

22.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Representative of District 8 desires to use discretionary funds for celebrating the heritage and culture of one of the oldest neighborhoods in El Paso's history.

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

THAT City Council declares the expenditure of District 8 discretionary funds, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for costs related to stage rental, audio/visual equipment, entertainment, hiring of off-duty law enforcement officers or private security officers, barrier rental for vehicle pedestrian control, permitting fees, and/or portable restroom rental related to the holding of the Segundo Barrio Community Block Party by the Southside Neighborhood Association, which serves the municipal purpose of fostering community pride, encouraging civic engagement, and celebrating the heritage and culture of one of the oldest neighborhoods in El Paso's history.

THAT the City Attorney be authorized to negotiate and the City Manager be authorized to sign an appropriate contract and contract amendment to ensure that the funds are properly expended for the municipal purpose.

Mayor Johnson and Representative Fierro commented.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

23. Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing to issue Purchase Orders for Solicitation 2025-0485 Sports Officials to George Heredia dba Paso USSSA for a term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$3,207,222.00. This contract will provide services for sports officials and assigners for city sponsored softball leagues.

Contract Variance: The difference based in comparison to the previous contract is as follows: An increase of \$435,372.00 for the three (3) years term, which represents a 15.71% increase due to hourly rate increases and the addition of a new sports category for Adult Slow Pitch Softball - Tournament Pool & Bracket Play.

Department:	Parks & Recreation
Award to:	George Heredia dba Paso USSSA
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	ALL
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Term:	NA
Total Contract Time:	3 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$1,069,074.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$3,207,222.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	NA
Total Estimated Award:	\$3,207,222.00
Account(s):	451-1000-51270-522110-P5113
Funding Source(s):	General Fund
District(s):	All

Non-competitive unit price contract under Procurement Sourcing Policy Section 9.1.8.1 (2): If a contract cannot be awarded after two competitive procurements/selection process. The requirement can be fulfilled by a non-competitive award.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Parks & Recreation Departments recommend award as indicated to George Heredia dba Paso USSSA 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.

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

NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Fierro
ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and
unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 10:49 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Representatives Boyar Trejo and Canales
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk