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## **NOTICE OF WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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**May 09, 2022**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY  
9:05 AM**

**THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE USE OF  
MASKS IN ALL CITY FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACES**

**Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096**

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**Conference ID: 452 777 225#**

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on May 9, 2022 at 9:05 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>

Via television on City15,

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with Council during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

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The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting on the following links:

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-clerk/meetings/city-council-meetings>

AND

<https://elpasotx.seamlessdocs.com/f/SpeakerSignUpFormItem>

**The following members of City Council will be present via video conference:**

**Representative Cassandra Hernandez (upon approval)**

**A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.**

**AGENDA**

1. Discussion and action to authorize District 3 City Representative Cassandra Hernandez to attend Council meetings by video conference more than one regular meeting week in a row, for the meeting week of May 9, 2022 and the meeting week of May 23, 2022. [22-556](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003

2. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [22-548](#)

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
  - a) Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
  - b) Additional Updates
3. Team Lead Report:
  - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)

4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

3. Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to establish appropriations in the amount of \$115,979,244 which constitutes the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") grant funds received by the City and that the City Council approves the appropriation of the grant funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act and federal guidelines in the Final Rule to cover expenses incurred to respond and recover from the COVID-19 public health crisis. [22-549](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, K. Nicole Cote, (915) 212-1092

4. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams: [22-547](#)
1. Vision Block: High Performing Government

- a) Goal 5 (Communication)  
Carolyn Patrick, Information Technology Assistant Director
- Goal 6 (Sound Governance)  
Araceli Guerra, Managing Director of Internal Services

**All Districts**

Performance Office, Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, (915) 212-1204

- 5. Presentation and discussion about the progress made in the implementation of the Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council (RREAC) and its alignment with the City’s Strategic and Urban Energy Plans. [22-511](#)

**All Districts**

Community and Human Development, Nicole Ferrini, (915) 212-1659

- 6. Discussion and action on the City of El Paso's legislative agenda for the 88th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature. [22-518](#)

**All Districts**

Economic and International Development, Lindsey Adams, (915) 212-1622  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following members of City Council will be present via video conference:

Representative Cassandra Hernandez (upon approval)

The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act and the Rules of City Council.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

- Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
- Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
- Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
- Section 551.089 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED MEETING

**Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management**

**Discussion and action on the following:**

- EX1.** Max Grossman Lawsuit v. City of El Paso; Texas Supreme Court, Case No. 21-1105. Matter No. 17-1001-171.001 (551.071) [22-534](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** Application for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52040. Matter No. 21-1008-168 (551.071) [22-538](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Donald Davie, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Contractual matter with federal entity. Matter No. 21-1003-1236 (551.071) [22-542](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Josette Flores (915) 212- 0033
- EX4.** Purchase, lease, exchange of real property held by El Paso Water Utilities-PSB. Matter No. 22-1004-1348 (551.072) [22-543](#)  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619
- EX5.** Potential economic development opportunities in Northeast El Paso. Matter No. 22-1007-2864 (551.072) (551.087) [22-544](#)  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095
- EX6.** Legal consultation regarding the City Attorney and City Manager annual performance evaluations. Matter No. 21-1043-688 (551.071) (551.074) [22-545](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Kristen Hamilton-Karam, (915) 212-0033

## **ADJOURN**

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