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

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**September 12, 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: 112-602-302#**

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on September 12, 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>

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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 link:

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

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

**Representative Peter Svarzbein**

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

**AGENDA**

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [22-1172](#)

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
  - a) State Disaster Declaration
  - b) Emergency Ordinances
  - c) Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
  - d) Additional Updates
3. Team Lead Report:
  - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
    - i- COVID-19 update
    - ii- Monkeypox Update
4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

2. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. [22-1179](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 instituting emergency measures, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 and 019284; penalty as provided in Section 8. [22-1180](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019241; allowing temporary uses on the public right of way and private property by suspending various city ordinances; Penalty as provided for in Section 6. [22-1185](#)

**All Districts**

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

5. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enactment authorizing the City Manager to assign personnel and resources to assist in addressing the humanitarian and public safety crisis resulting from mass migration through El Paso. [22-1181](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

6. Discussion and action that the City Council ratify the award of 2022-0971 Charter Bus Transportation Services to Gogo Charters LLC, for charter bus transportation services to migrants and that the City Council accept pricing for these services for a term of sixteen (16) months for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. The terms and conditions of the ratified award are included in the Service Agreement. The award of this contract will allow to transport migrants to other cities as needed. [22-1202](#)

**All Districts**

Fire, Assistant Chief Jorge A. Rodriguez, (915) 838-3264

7. For Notation Only: Formal Report of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on August 8, 2022. [22-1141](#)

1. Discussion and action on the update of the City of El Paso Investment Policy
  - Motion made by Representative Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and approved by Representative Rivera, Representative Lizarraga, and Representative Salcido to bring the presentation to the full City Council.
2. Discussion and action on changes to the FY 2021-2022 Audit Plan
  - Motion made by Representative Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and approved by Representative Hernandez, Representative Lizarraga, and Representative Salcido to approve the changes to the FY 2021-2022 Audit Plan.
3. Discussion and action on FY 2021-2022 Audit Plan 3rd Quarter Updates
  - Motion made by Representative Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and approved by Representative Hernandez, Representative Lizarraga, and Representative Salcido to accept the 3rd Quarter Update.

4. Discussion on Client Surveys.

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

8. Update on the Council approved Multi-Purpose Performing Arts and Entertainment Center (MPC) Feasibility Study to go over work completed, preliminary study findings, pending deliverables and next milestones. [22-1183](#)

**District 8**

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301  
Capital Improvement Department, Daniela Quesada, (915) 212-1826

9. Provide an update to City Council on the state of the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utility. [22-1182](#)

**All Districts**

El Paso Water, John E. Balliew, (915) 594-5501

10. Presentation and update from the El Paso Electric Company on its application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to approve its Advanced Metering System (“AMS”) deployment plan, AMS surcharge, and Non-Standard (non-AMS) metering service fees, to include the history of the AMS program, the proposed education plan, and an overview of the monthly report benchmarks and deliverables. [22-1184](#)

**All Districts**

Economic and International Development, Karina Bragalla, (915) 212-1570  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0094

11. Update, discussion and action on City of El Paso cooperation with the State of Texas during Operation Lone Star. [22-1195](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Aleksandra Anello, (915) 212-0002

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Representative Peter Svarzbein**

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.** Claim of Zonar Systems, Inc. Matter No. 22-1007-2900 (551.071) [22-1173](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Evan Reed, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** Bowar, Emma vs. City of El Paso, Chief Allen, et al. Matter No. 21-1026-11849 (551.071) [22-1174](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Mathew Engelbaum, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Joanna Cangialosi, et al v. City of El Paso. Matter No. 18-1026-9235 (551.071) [22-1175](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Matthew Marquez, (915) 212-0033
- EX4.** Discussion on potential economic development opportunities in East El Paso. Matter No. 22-1007-2961 (551.072) (551.087) [22-1176](#)  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095
- EX5.** Discussion on potential economic development opportunities in Northwest El Paso. Matter No. 20-1004-1140 (551.072) (551.087) [22-1178](#)  
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095

## **ADJOURN**

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