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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
February 16, 2026
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 9:02 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, and Lily Limón. Late arrival: Chris Canales at 9:05 a.m.
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AGENDA

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1. Presentation and discussion on Recker's Outreach, which includes programs consisting of Keep El Paso Beautiful (affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful) and Reconnecting with the Disconnected. Currently working with Environmental Services, Recker's Outreach seeks other partner opportunities with the City of El Paso to increase outreach to the City's at-risk youth, seniors, and Veterans.

Ms. Samantha Reckers Outreach LLC. Founder presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Nicholas N. Ibarra, Environmental Services Director, commented.

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

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion on the FY 2027-2031 Multi-Year Financial Outlook – MYFO (5-Year Financial Forecast), Key Revenue Assumptions, Major Cost Drivers, and FY 2027 Budget Timeline. Presented by the City Manager's Office.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Financial Chief Officer/Deputy City Manager, and Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Director of Office Management and Budget, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

Ms. Dionne L. Mack, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:29 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 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
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 Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 1:36 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 Alex Hernando; CLAIM-883 (551.071)

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried to **DELETE** the item (deleted prior to retiring into executive session).

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón and Canales.
NAYS: None

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EX2. Claim of Marisol Rodriguez; CLAIM-888 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the claim of Marisol Rodriguez, in HQ Matter Number CLAIM-888, 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 Alberto Duran; CLAIM-610 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the Claim of Alberto Duran, in HQ Claim Number 610, 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.** United States of America v. United Road Towing, Inc., DBA UR Vehicle Management Solutions; and Rod Robertson Enterprises, Inc; City of El Paso; Cause No.3:23-CV-00044 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office be authorized certain authority to **SETTLE** the matter of United States of America vs. City of El Paso et al, in Matter Number 3:23-CV-00044, 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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- EX5.** El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for a 100 MW Solar / 100 MW Battery Storage Facility; PUC#57501; HQ#UTILITY-61 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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- EX6.** Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. to Increase Rates within the Company's Incorporated Areas of Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Service Areas - OS-25-00028202; HQ#UTILITY-67 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** file a motion for rehearing with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "RRC") in the Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. to Increase Rates within the Company's Incorporated Areas of Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Services Areas (the "Application"), filed with the RRC, under Docket No. OS-25-00028202, matter number UTILITY-67, 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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- EX7.** Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of an Amended Distribution Cost Recovery Factor - PUC#58910; HQ#UTILITY-73 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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- EX8.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, HQ#25-6478 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX9. Discussion on Memorandum of Understanding for Interstate Highway 10 Deck Plaza Coordination between the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso, and the Downtown Deck Plaza Foundation. HQ25-4962 (551.071) (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX10. Legal update regarding Sun Metro Facility fire of February 11, 2025. (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Work Session at 1:42 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