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CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY  
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
February 24, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrivals: Chris Canales at 9:04 a.m. and Josh Acevedo at 9:05 a.m.

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The agenda items for the February 25, 2025 Regular City Council and Special Mass Transit Department Board Meetings were reviewed.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant application 3007110 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as “El Paso 2024 Operation Stone Garden (OPSG)” through the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Homeland Security Grant Division, including all related paperwork, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, and to accept, reject, amend, and/or terminate the grant which will provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. In the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the City of El Paso assures that it will return the funds to the Office of the Governor in full. Requesting \$1,558,815.00, no cash match required. Grant period will be from March 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Limón and Canales questioned the following City staff members:

- Assistant Police Chief Humberto Talamantes
- Police Chief Peter Pacillas

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

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**4. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5381301, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as “Criminal Justice Grant - JAG FY2026” to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$460,000, no cash match required. Grant period will be from October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026.

Representative Canales commented.

Assistant Police Chief Humberto Talamantes commented.

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**9. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 3952706, FY2026 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$33,000.00, no cash match is required. The grant period will be from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

Representative Limón commented.

Assistant Police Chief Humberto Talamantes commented.

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**12. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign the funding match commitment letter and all related paperwork to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for grant application number 5487, FY 2024 for the City of El Paso Office of Emergency Management project identified as "El Paso County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Updates" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$90,000 with a cash match of \$30,000 (25%) for a total project amount of \$120,000. The grant period will be from December 1, 2025 to December 1, 2026.

Representative Limón commented.

Fire Chief Jonathan Killings commented.

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**33. REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tracts 2-B, 2-B-1, 2-B-5, Block 18, Ysleta Grant Surveys, 523 Giles, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from R-3 (Residential) to C-1/c (Commercial/conditions), and imposing conditions. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 523 Giles Road  
Applicant: Daniel Resendez, PZRZ24-00011

Representative Rocha commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Luis Zamora, Chief Planner
- Mr. Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director

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**42. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS**

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the CITY OF EL PASO and Countryman & Co. PLLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company (LLC), for a project known as "Architectural and Engineering Services for the Modesto Gomez Central Flat Fields Project" for an amount not to exceed \$890,015.00; that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional Basic Services and

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Reimbursables for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 and to approve Additional Services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 if such services are necessary for the proper execution of the project and that the increased amounts are within the appropriate budgets of the project for a total amount of \$990,015.00; and 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 the execution of the Agreement.

Representative Limón commented.

Mr. Daniel Garcia, Capital Improvement Assistant Director, commented.

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**48. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion and action that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate the listed budget transfer to: increase Playa Drain Padilla – Zaragoza project, to set up budget for Revolving Loan Fund for Borderplex Community Capital agreement project, and to increase Memorial Park project for the purchase solar lights, as respectively listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase /(Decrease)
2025-0331	4743	PCP23TRAN03	\$195,210.63
2025-0299	2302	PEDFY25005	\$500,000.00
2025-0445	4800	PCP13PRKG01	\$77,008.40

Representative Acevedo questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Bonnie Cordova, Senior Executive Budget Advisor
- Mr. Daniel Garcia, Capital Improvement Assistant Director

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:44 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Rocha, Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales  
NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk