

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

April 1, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

9:00 A.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Boy Scouts of America Troop 85 and Fire Station Lieutenant. Richard Gonzalez at the
Invitation of City Representative Alejandra Chávez**

Eagle Scout Adrian Vargas
Esai Gonzales
Luca Floyd
Kris Tarango
Gabriel Tarango
Isaac Tibuni
Angel Vargas
Lt. Richard Gonzalez (El Paso Fire Department 27)

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

El Paso Science Festival 2026
National Community Development Week 2026
Autism Acceptance Month 2026
Child Abuse Prevention Month/Go Blue Day
National Public Health Week 2026

10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrivals: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha and 10:27 a.m., and Josh Acevedo joined virtually at 10:49 a.m. Early departures: Cynthia Boyar Trejo at 4:26 p.m., Josh Acevedo at 5:05 p.m., and Art Fierro at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION BY REV. FR. MIGUEL BRISEÑO, OFM CONV.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Jennifer Horsley commented on Item 28
2. Mr. Gustavo Mendoza commented on Items 28 and 29
3. Ms. Tamina Brighton commented on Items 28 and 29
4. Mr. Jose M. Landeros commented on Item 30
5. Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga commented on Item 30
6. Ms. Veronica Carbajal commented on Item 33
7. Mr. Saul Gonzalez commented on Item 33
8. Mr. John Lanahan commented on Item 36

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CITY-RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS):
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The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Mr. Jonathan Zayan
3. Mr. Ron Comeau
4. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
5. Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga
6. Ms. Patricia Osmond

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
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*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, 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, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 17, 2026, and the Special Meeting of February 24, 2026.
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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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2. ***NO ACTION** was taken on this item.
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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:
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3. **ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER**

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5897201 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP LETPA FY26 ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 589720 I, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP LETPA FY26 to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant, if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions

to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Ms. Vivian Maguire submitted a statement to be entered into the record.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso {the "City"} is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council {"City Council"} seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5897301 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP Regular FY26-Modular Vehicle Barrier Soft Target Protection {"Grant"}; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5897301, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP Regular FY26-Modular Vehicle Barrier Soft Target Protection to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant, if applicable.

4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

5.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5913701 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP-MATRIX Fusion Center FY26 ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the

authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.

2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5913701, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP-MATRIX Fusion Center FY26 to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant, if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

6.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5893901 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2026 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline Regional Reaction Project ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no matching funds by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5893901, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2026 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline Regional Reaction Project to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

7. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council ("City Council") seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5894601 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY26 SHSP City of El Paso Office of Emergency Management Enhancement of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City's Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5894601, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY26 SHSP City of El Paso Office of Emergency Management Enhancement of EOC to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Police Chief Peter Pacillas
- Fire Chief Jonathan Killings
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Mr. Eric Gutierrez, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the items to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolutions.

3RD MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, to **AMEND** the motion by inserting the words ***“with any alterations limited to de minimis adjustments not to exceed 10% of the requested funding without the consent of the City Council...”*** after the word ***“alter”*** on each of the Resolutions.

AYES: Representatives Limón and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Fierro
THE MOTION FAILED.

4TH AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolutions.

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

NAYS: None

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***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 Manager be authorized to sign an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the CITY OF EL PASO and GFT Infrastructure, Inc., a Delaware, USA, Foreign for Profit Corporation, for a project known as "2025-0608R Architect and Engineering Services for the Playa Drain Shared Use Path Project" for an amount not to exceed \$599,767.96; that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional Basic Services and 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 \$699,767.96; 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.

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

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City Of El Paso, and **WSP USA Inc. New York, USA, Foreign For Profit Corporation Authorized to Transact Business in Texas**, for a project known as □2026-0188R Geotechnical and Material Testing Services for the El Paso International Airport Advanced Manufacturing District Phase 1□ for an amount not to exceed \$207,170.00; that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional Basic Services and Reimbursables in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and to approve Additional Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, if such services are necessary for proper execution of the Project and the increased amounts are within the Project budget, for a total of \$307,170.00; and that the City Manager is authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of the Agreement.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

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10. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Taylor Moreno to the Bond Overview Advisory Committee, by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.
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11. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RE-APPOINT** Alfredo Borrego to the City Plan Commission by Representative Josh Acevedo, District 2.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

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12. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Alfonso Jurado Jr. to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as an alternate member, by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.
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13. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Kylie Rezendes to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Art Fierro, District 6.
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14. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Alejandra Ruiz-Velasco to the Historic Landmark Commission by Representative Ivan Niño, District 5.
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15. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Matthew Ibarra to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as an alternate member, by Representative Josh Acevedo, District 2.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

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16. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Eduardo R. Castillo to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Art Fierro, District 6.
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CONSENT AGENDA - REQUESTS TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS:

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17. **ITEM:** The award of Task Order 5k-1 for Solicitation 2025-0087 On-Call Horizontal Construction 2025 to Keystone Contractors & Engineers for Sun City Lights Pueblo Viejo Park

for a total of \$666,689.98. Approval will allow the City to start construction services for District 7 Sun City Lights Program.

Mr. Javier Acosta, Capital Improvement Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representative Limón commented.

The following members of the public commented;

1. Ms. Sylvia Carreon commented and submitted a statement to be entered into the record.
2. Ms. Deborah Torres submitted a statement to be entered into the record

1ST MOTION

*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **MOVE** the item to the **REGULAR AGENDA**.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Task Order 5k-1 for Solicitation 2025-0087 On-Call Horizontal Construction 2025 to Keystone Contractors & Engineers for Sun City Lights Pueblo Viejo Park for a total of \$666,689.98. Approval will allow the City to start construction services for District 7 Sun City Lights Program.

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

NAYS: None

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, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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18. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Victor Hugo Duran Salcedo and Maricruz Moreno Sanchez, for the purchase price of \$39,228.00; such real property legally described as Lots 14 and 15, Block 3, Map of Hughes Subdivision out of Block 2, Alameda Acres, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026

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19. An Ordinance granting Special Permit No. PZST25-00012, to allow for infill development with reduction to the lot depth and front, rear, and side setbacks on the property described as Lot 10, Block 93, First Supplemental Map of Franklin Heights Addition, 2000 Grandview Avenue,

City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.10.280 infill development of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

Subject Property: 2000 Grandview Avenue
Applicant: Emilio Montes Corral
Case Number: PZST25-00012 - 2000 Grandview

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28, 2026

- 20.** An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedules XIV - Speed Limits), Subsection H (Forty-Five Miles Per Hour), to Delete Item: 14. McCombs Street from Dyer Street to Dalhart Drive, and to add Item: 40. McCombs Street from Dyer Street to a point 3.70 miles North of Dyer Street; and an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedules XIV - Speed Limits), Subsection J (Fifty-Five Miles Per Hour), to delete Item: 5. McCombs Street from Dalhart Drive to its terminus at FM 3255, and to add Item: 10. McCombs Street from a point 3.70 miles North of Dyer Street to Stan Roberts Sr. Road. The penalty as provided in 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code.
- 21.** An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) to add Chapter 12.57 (Electronically Operated Parking Control Systems), of the El Paso City Code to perform the following: add Section 12.57.010 Definitions, Section 12.57.020 Imposition and Amount of Civil Penalty, Section 12.57.030 Enforcement and Procedures, Section 12.57.040 Administrative Adjudication Hearing, Section 12.57.050 Affirmative Defenses, Section 12.57.060 Appeal, and Section 12.57.070 Enforcement of Judgement; the penalty as provided in Section 12.57.030.

PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026, FOR ITEMS 20 AND 21

REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

22. ITEMS 22 AND 23 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

ITEM: An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the city of El Paso to MEP Electric Contracting Inc, for the purchase price of \$22,000.00; such real property legally described as Lot 11, Block E, Santa Fe Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

Ms. Mary Lou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

- 23. ITEM:** An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the city of El Paso to MEP Electric Contracting Inc., for the purchase price of \$22,000.00; such real property legally described as Lot 10, Block E, Santa Fe Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

Ms. Mary Lou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representative Canales commented.

Ms. Nicole Cote, Deputy City Manager, commented.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **LAY** the items on the table.

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the items from the table.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE THE ITEMS FOR TWO WEEKS**.

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

NAYS: None

24.

ORDINANCE 019851

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO RONNY ROGERS PROPERTIES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$56,716.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT 40 N/K/A TRACT 40-A, O.A. DANIELSON SURVEY 310, IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO A RESURVEY MADE FOR TAX PURPOSES AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A" OF THE ORDINANCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR ALL PURPOSES INTENDED.**

Ms. Mary Lou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion duly made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Niño, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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

25.

ORDINANCE 019852

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 2.40 (DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS), AMENDING SECTION 2.40.100 (ARTIST MARKET), TO ALLOW FOR EXPANDED ARTIST MARKETS OUTSIDE OF THE UNION PLAZA FOOTPRINT.**

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Quality of Life Managing Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Limón commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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

26.

ORDINANCE 019853

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 4, BLOCK 6, MAP OF THE CHRISTY TRACT, 529 SCHWABE STREET, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-F (RANCH AND FARM) TO R-3A (RESIDENTIAL). THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

Mr. Luis Zamora, Chief Planner and Zoning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Maldonado-Rocha commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Limón, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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

27.

ORDINANCE 019854

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 1, NEPTUNE SUBDIVISION, 8612 NEPTUNE STREET, 8614 NEPTUNE STREET, 8616 NEPTUNE STREET, AND 8618 NEPTUNE STREET, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-4 (RESIDENTIAL) TO A-2 (APARTMENT), AND IMPOSING A CONDITION. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

Mr. Luis Zamora, Chief Planner and Zoning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Canales commented.

Motion duly made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, 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, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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

28. ITEMS 28 AND 29 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

ORDINANCE 019855

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 62-E-2, W H GLENN SURV 241 ABST 8425 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 4-G-2-B-1, NELLIE D MUNDY SURV #240, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM C-3/C (COMMERCIAL/CONDITIONS) TO R-3A (RESIDENTIAL). THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

29. ORDINANCE 019856

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE RELEASING ALL CONDITIONS PLACED ON PROPERTY BY ORDINANCE NO. 15672, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19555, AND BY ORDINANCE NO. 19554, WHICH CHANGED THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 62-E-2, W H GLENN SURV 241 ABST 8425 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 4-G-2-B-1, NELLIE D MUNDY SURV #240, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

Mr. Luis Zamora, Chief Planner and Zoning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Canales commented.

Mr. Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director, commented.

Motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, 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, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

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

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The Regular City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 11:50 a.m. in order to convene the Mass Transit Department Board Meeting.

The Regular City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 11:55 a.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:
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- 30. ITEM:** Discussion and action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to host three Community Listening Sessions within 45 days at the Mexican American Cultural Center, the Hilos de Plata Senior Center, and the Chamizal Community Center with the goal of gaining community input to inform the next steps for recommending to our local Texas State Delegation on the renaming of the Cesar E. Chavez Border Highway and further renaming for future City of El Paso holiday events, proclamations, and other City of El Paso policies, documents, locations, and events that specifically use the name or variation of the name Cesar E. Chavez. Further, to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to conduct these Listening Sessions in coordination with the office of Texas State Senator Cesar Blanco and the other members of the local Texas State Delegation.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Limón commented.

Ms. Cassandra Urrutia, Chief of Staff for Texas State Senator Cesar Blanco, read a statement into the record.

State Representative Joe Moody submitted a statement to be entered into the record.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Laura Cruz-Acosta, Strategic Communications Director

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Fierro, and Limón

NAYS: Representatives Acevedo, Niño, and Canales

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31. ITEM: Discussion and action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a resolution establishing the City's Institutional Spokesperson Roles for citywide policy and administrative matters.

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

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a Resolution establishing the City's Institutional Spokesperson Roles for citywide policy and administrative matters.

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

NAYS: Representatives Acevedo and Canales

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32.

R E S O L U T I O N

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 Chamizal Community Center and Library event celebrating the fifth anniversary of the opening of the facility, 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 Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers up until August 31, 2026, and execute any contracts and/or related documents necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended for the municipal purpose, and at that time, return any remaining unused funds for this event to District 8 discretionary funds without further Council action.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

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

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

NAYS: None

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The Regular City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 12:32 p.m. for lunch.

The Regular City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 1:35 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES:

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33. Public Presentation on Enchanted Rock Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Filing by El Paso Electric.

Mr. Daniel Perez, El Paso Electric's Regional Director for Government Affairs, introduced the item.

Ms. Kelly Tomblin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. James A. Schichtl, Vice President of Customer and Regulatory Solutions for El Paso Electric, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga
2. Ms. Patricia Osmond
3. Ms. Eugenie Montague

The following members of the public submitted statements to be entered into the record:

1. Mr. William Hall
2. Ms. Eugenie Montague
3. Mr. Cori Sanchez
4. Ms. Natalia Gomez
5. Ms. Krista Brooker

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

- 34.** Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2026-0121 Ford Proprietary Parts and Service to Expressway Autos LLC dba Viva Ford for an initial term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of \$2,250,000.00. The award also includes a two (2) year option for an estimated amount of \$1,500,000.00. The total contract time is for five (5) years for a total estimated amount of \$3,750,000.00.

Department:	Streets and Maintenance
Award to:	Expressway Autos LLC dba Viva Ford
City & State:	El Paso, TX
Item(s):	All
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Term:	2 Years
Total Contract Time:	5 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	\$750,000.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	\$2,250,000.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	\$1,500,000.00
Total Estimated Award:	\$3,750,000.00
Account(s):	532-3600-531210-37020-P3701 532-3600-531250-37020-P3701
Funding Source(s):	Supply Support Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Low Bid Procurement for a replacement contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Streets and Maintenance Departments recommend award as indicated to Expressway Autos LLC dba Viva Ford the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

35. ITEMS 35 AND 36 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the “City”) is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council (“City Council”) seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 3007111 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as *Operation Stonegarden FY2025*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City’s Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 3007111, for the City of

El Paso Police Department project identified as *Operation Stonegarden FY2025* to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.

3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, as the City's Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the City's Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

36.

RESOLUTION

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

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement by and between the County of El Paso, Texas, the City of El Paso, Texas, the City of Anthony, Texas, the Town of Horizon City, Texas, the City of Socorro, Texas, the Town of Clint, Texas, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six, San Elizario Marshals, and Texas Department of Public Safety- Aviation Team for the combined reimbursement for all parties of \$3,725,851.00 for overtime, equipment, fuel costs, and/or mileage related to operational purposes to state, local, and tribal agencies to secure U.S. borders for the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027.

Assistant Police Chief Humberto Talamantes presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and carried to **APPROVE** the Resolutions.

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

NAYS: Representative Canales

37. **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REAFFIRMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF
FEDERAL GRAND JURIES AND REQUESTING IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF
ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

WHEREAS, the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution establishes the federal grand jury as an independent constitutional body with authority to investigate federal crimes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that federal grand juries operate independently of prosecutors and judges, including in *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212 (1960); *United States v. Sells Engineering, Inc.*, 463 U.S. 418 (1983); and *United States v.*

Williams, 504 U.S. 36 (1992); and

WHEREAS, “A grand jury has broad investigative powers to determine whether a crime has been committed and who has committed it. The jurors may act on tips, rumors, evidence offered by the prosecutor, or their own personal knowledge.: *United States v. Dionisio*, 410 U.S. 1 (1973) citing *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S.655, at 701 (1972); and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the El Paso City Council unanimously approved an agenda item to explore legal avenues to ensure accountability for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities, prevent immigration detention centers within city limits, clarify protocols for ICE access to City facilities, and obtain reporting on City-ICE cooperation; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2026, the El Paso City Council approved an agenda item calling for a reaffirmation of the independence of federal grand juries and requesting impartial investigations of allegations involving federal immigration enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, here in El Paso, Texas at “Camp East Montana”, the migrant detention facility located on Fort Bliss, there have been reports of several deaths, one of which was ruled a homicide; and

WHEREAS, applicable federal criminal statutes prohibit deprivation of rights under color of law (18 U.S.C. § 242), conspiracy against rights (18 U.S.C. § 241), obstruction of justice (18 U.S.C. § 1512), fraud and false statements (18 U.S.C. § 1001), misprision of felony (18 U.S.C. § 4), and related offenses; and

WHEREAS, public trust in the rule of law requires that allegations against federal officials be reviewed by bodies independent of the agencies concerned.

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

1. That the City of El Paso respectfully requests that the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas reaffirm to sitting and future federal grand juries their independence from federal prosecutors and judges, their authority to investigate potential federal crimes, and their ability to consider allegations involving federal agents.
2. That the City of El Paso calls upon sitting and future federal grand juries to exercise their independent constitutional authority to investigate alleged misconduct by officers or agents of ICE, CBP, and the Department of Justice.

3. That such investigations should include potential violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 4, 241, 242, 1512, 1001, and other applicable federal statutes.
4. That grand jury investigations proceed independently of internal agency reviews and without deference to agencies whose conduct is the subject of inquiry.
5. That where evidence establishes probable cause, grand juries should issue indictments against any individual, regardless of position or rank, who is found to have committed federal crimes.
6. That the City of El Paso reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding constitutional rights, supporting peaceful protest, and upholding the principle that no person is above the law.
7. That the City Clerk is directed to transmit official copies of this Resolution to the Chief Judge and judges of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (El Paso Division), the United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, the United States District Clerk for the Western District of Texas, and members of the local congressional delegation.
8. That the City encourages members of the public, civil-rights organizations, journalists, medical professionals, and witnesses to submit evidence of alleged federal crimes at East Camp Montana located on Fort Bliss through appropriate channels, including local law-enforcement agencies, consistent with established procedures for handling such evidence.

Representatives Chávez, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón to amend the Resolution to strike the words ***“to amend the February 3, 2026 motion to add a directive”*** from the 5th recital of the Resolution.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

3RD AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION)

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

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

38.

ITEMS 38 AND 39 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

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 Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Innovation Factory Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and ASTROSCALE U.S. INC. regarding the following described property:

That certain office and warehouse space containing approximately 210 square feet, more or less, in total, and also known as Innovation Factory, 501 George Perry Blvd., Suite F, for Tenant's exclusive use.

39.

RESOLUTION

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

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement ("Agreement") by and between **CITY OF EL PASO** ("City") and **ASTROSCALE U.S. INC.**, a Nevada corporation ("Applicant"), an advanced on-orbit servicing and logistics company proposing to establish operations in El Paso and create 16 full-time jobs, in consideration the City shall provide grant payments for Lease Rental Cost and a Skills Training Grant in an amount not to exceed \$22,300.00 over the term of the Agreement, subject to a five (5)-year period and annual compliance and performance verification in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Representative Canales commented.

Ms. Karina Brasgalla, Economic and International Development Director, commented.

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

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

40. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on the results of the On-Call Services Agreement Follow-Up Audit A2026-04.

Ms. Elizabeth De La O, Deputy Chief Internal Auditor, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Niño, and Limón commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Chávez, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the results of the On-Call Services Agreement Follow-Up Audit A2026-04.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

41.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Congress may request funding to support specific community projects within their districts as part of the annual federal appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, such funding is referred to as “Community Project Funding” within the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Congressman Tony Gonzales is currently accepting Community Project Funding requests; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has identified the El Paso Police Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative (the “Project”) as worthy of funding through the Community Project Funding process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations.

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

THAT City staff is authorized to submit an application to the Office of Congressman Tony Gonzales requesting funds from the Community Project Funding program requesting an appropriation from the Community Project Funding program in the amount of \$4,580,215.77, with no match from the City, for El Paso Police Department Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative.

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City’s Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT** the Grants Administrator is authorized to prepare and submit, on behalf of the City of El Paso, an application to the Community Project Funding Program seeking financial assistance for the El Paso Police Department Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative.
3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant, if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Community Project Funding program in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller as the City’s Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Community Project Funding program and other applicable granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller Grants Administrator, as

the City's Financial Officer who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

Mr. Omar Martinez, Legislative Affairs Assistant Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

42.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 7.3D of the City of El Paso municipal code, the City Council approved the FY2026 City budget by resolution ("Budget Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee to make budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise funds or reprogram funds within an enterprise department, not to exceed \$100,000, to the extent permitted by law and budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise department funds exceeding \$100,000 requiring City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Streets and Maintenance Department requires a budget transfer in excess of \$100,000, which in accordance with Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution requires City Council approval.

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

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate budget transfers from the Residential Streets Master Plan and the Top 50 Arterials Master Plan to establish projects previously approved as part of the Community Progress Bond as listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase /(Decrease)
2026-0522	4825	PCP23STMSTRRES	(\$7,000,000.00)
2026-0522	4825	PCP26RESBOND03	360,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP26RESBOND04	350,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP26RESBOND06	1,240,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP26RESBOND07	760,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP26RESBOND08	790,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP27RESBOND02	350,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP27RESBOND03	140,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP27RESBOND04	440,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP27RESBOND06	970,000.00
2026-0522	4825	PCP27RESBOND07	1,600,000.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP23STMSTRART	(22,391,972.00)

2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD1R	1,111,079.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD8B	691,580.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD8E	1,244,495.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD1	1,857,198.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD3	1,979,044.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD4	2,368,300.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP26ARTRESUD8	875,933.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD2F	2,872,297.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD2G	917,511.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD5R	1,732,758.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD5T	895,834.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD7L	1,076,342.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD7M	1,148,966.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD7S	834,825.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD3	2,009,203.00
2026-0523	4825	PCP27ARTRESUD6	776,607.00

Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Management and Budget Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Niño, and Limón commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance Director
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

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

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

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Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, and Fierro

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk