

City Council Agenda, Item 6

## Application of El Paso Electric to Change Rates

Resolution Suspending Proposed Rate Increase

Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management





## **Resolution Summary**

### A resolution that:

- The rate increase identified in the Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates is suspended for 90 days after the effective date (i.e. October 4, 2021); and
- The City Manager notifies El Paso Electric Company of the suspension.

Without the suspension, the proposed rates go into effect on July 6, 2021.





## The City's Role in a Rate Case

- The City has the authority to set rates within its jurisdictional limits.
  - City Council will hold a public hearing prior to October to set rates within City limits.
- The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has appellate authority.
  - The City may intervene\* in the case filed with the PUC.
  - As an intervenor, the City represents the interests of itself and its citizens to:
    - Ensure fair, just and reasonable rates; and
    - Adequate and efficient services for the City and its residents.
  - The City has historically been effective in ensuring a reasonable rate for its residents.



## Projected Timeline

### June 1

• EPE files the rate case

### June 11

 City intervenes in the case filed with the PUC

### July 6

- Rates go into effect, unless suspended
- Today's action will suspend the rates for 90 days

### October 4

 Deadline for City Council to set rates within the City limits

#### November 3

 Rates go into effect unless suspended by the PUC

#### December 3

 Deadline for PUC to approve an order setting the rates, unless further extended

\*The above dates are set by statute, however, dates may be adjusted subject to a schedule agreed upon by all parties.





# **Mission**

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government

