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INTERIM CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
BRIAN KENNEDY, DISTRICT 1
ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO, DISTRICT 2
CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 23, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 A.M.

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Alexsandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, and Henry Rivera. Cassandra Hernandez and Chris Canales requested to be excused.

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AGENDA
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1. Quarterly presentation to the City Council on operations of water and wastewater utilities.

Mr. Gilbert Trejo, El Paso Water Vice President of Engineering, Operations and Technical Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Annello commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion on an update on the FY 2023 Year-in-Review Report, Quality of Life, Public Safety Bond, and proposed funding rollout of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello and Rivera commented.

Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Chief Operations Officer, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3. **RESOLUTION**
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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 **BAFAR HOLDINGS, INC.**, ("Applicant") in support of a project located at **1600 Fourth Avenue, El Paso Texas, 79901 and 1400 Sixth Street, El Paso, Texas 79901**. The project includes the Applicant to make a minimum investment of **\$21,332,150.00**. Over the term of the Agreement,

the City shall provide economic incentives not to exceed **\$715,771.00** in the form of a Property Tax Rebate; a Development Fee Rebate; and a Construction Materials Sales Tax Rebate.

Mr. Bill Allen, Economic and International Development Assistant Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk’s Office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annelo, Molinar, and Fierro commented.

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

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Hernandez and Canales

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 10:23 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 executive session items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Hernandez and Canales

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Hernandez and Canales

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EX1. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates to Open Access Transmission Tariff, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Docket No. ER22-282-000. Matter No. 21-1008-183 | HQ#UTILITY-25 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX2. Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located on Airport Property. HQ 23-1084; HQ 23-482 (551.071) (551.072) (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annelo, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Anello, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representatives Hernandez and Canales

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk