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INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
August 14, 2023
9:05 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Leeser present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Alexandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, and Henry Rivera. Late Arrival: Chris Canales at 9:04 a.m.

The agenda items for the August 15, 2023, Regular City Council were reviewed.
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6. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a First Amendment to an Agreement for Professional Services Agreement by and between the CITY OF EL PASO and AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., for a Project known as “Architect and Engineering Services for Traffic Management Center Upgrades,” to provide additional basic services at an additional total cost of \$300,388.76, thereby extending the contract amount from \$3,518,769.71 to \$3,819,158.47; 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 the execution of the First Amendment.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer

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19. REGULAR AGENDA – OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES

Presentation and discussion on the 88th Regular and Special Sessions of the Texas State Legislature.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Lindsey Adams, Legislative Affairs Manager

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22. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action 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 N.M. Edificios, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company (“Applicant”) in support of a project located at 19+/- acre site located off Burgundy Dr, near the intersection of I-10 & Loop 375, El Paso, TX 79907. The project includes construction or renovation of a development located on the Applicant’s real property to promote economic development in the City. The Agreement requires the Applicant to make a minimum investment of \$31,050,000.00, retain its existing 174

full-time employees at or above the median wage for El Paso County, Texas for each year, and add an additional 30 full time employees at or above the median wage for El Paso County, Texas within the first five years of the Agreement. Over the term of the Agreement, the City shall provide economic incentives not to exceed \$1,078,910.00 in the form of a Property Tax Rebate; a Development Fee Rebate; and a Construction Materials Sales Tax Rebate.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff members:

- Mr. Bill Allen, Economic and International Development Assistant Director
- Ms. Tracey Jerome, Senior Deputy City Manager

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ITEMS 24 THROUGH 27 WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER

24. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND FY2024 TAX LEVY

Presentation, discussion, and action on the Proposed FY 2023 - 2024 Budget.

25. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND FY2024 TAX LEVY

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the Proposed Budget, as amended, for the City of El Paso, filed by the City Manager with the City Clerk on July 14, 2023, is hereby approved and adopted by the City Council as the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024, which begins on September 1, 2023 and ends on August 31, 2024.

26. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND FY2024 TAX LEVY

Discussion and action to ratify the property tax rate reflected in the Annual Budget for FY 2023 - 2024 for the City of El Paso.

27. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND FY2024 TAX LEVY

Discussion and action on an Ordinance Levying FY 2023 - 2024 taxes.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Nicole Cote, Office of Management and Budget and Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Managing Director

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34. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to sign a two-year On Call Agreement for Professional Services to perform civil engineering services on a task-by-task basis by and between the City of El Paso and each of the following three (3) consultants:

1. AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
2. CEA Engineering Group, Inc.

3. GRV Integrated Engineering Solutions, LLC

Each On-Call Agreement will be for an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$750,000.00), and each agreement will include authorization for the City Engineer to approve additional Basic Services and Reimbursables for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) and authorization for the City Engineer to approve Additional Services for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) if the identified services are necessary for proper execution of identified project and if the increased amounts are within the appropriate budget identified for a project. In addition, 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 each On Call Agreement.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer

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36. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.85 (Parking Violations Bureau), to amend Section 12.85.010 (Parking Violations Bureau Established), Section 12.85.020 (Hearing Officers), Section 12.85.030 (Parking Citations); to update language to current usage; to allow substitute Associate Municipal Judges to serve as Hearing Officers; and to allow Commissioned Officers hired by Independent School Districts within the City limit to issue Parking Citations; The penalty being provided in Chapter 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code.

Mayor Leeser and Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff member:

- Assistant Police Chief Victor Zarur

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37. REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance amending Title 10 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), Chapter 10.20 (Offenses by or against minors) of the El Paso City Code to remove curfew ordinance provisions located in sections 10.20.010 through 10.20.054.

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, and Rivera questioned the following City staff members:

- Interim Assistant Police Chief Julia Inciriaga
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Interim Police Chief Peter Pacillas
- Ms. Lilia Worrell, Municipal Court Director

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39. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to sign a First Amendment to that certain Subrecipient Agreement (“Agreement”) for the establishment and administration of the

City of El Paso Small Business Grant and Interest Buy-Down Program by and between City of El Paso, a Municipal Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas (the “City”), and LiftFund Inc., a Texas non-profit organization (“LiftFund”; “Sub-Recipient”; or “Contractor”) increasing the Funding Amount by \$605,000 to a total of \$3,105,000.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Elizabeth Triggs, Economic and International Development Director

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40. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to execute a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the PEOPLEFUND, a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Development Financial Institution, to provide expanded access to capital and business education programming in El Paso, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Elizabeth Triggs, Economic and International Development Director

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41. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the design and construction of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program grant improvements McRae (FM 2316) Shared Use Path Montwood to Album Phase 1, which has an estimated total project cost of \$3,080,099.00 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$1,125,001.80 plus any cost overruns.

Mayor Leeser questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer

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42. REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and action on Trails and Trailheads, to include deprogramming two proposed trails “Ellis Lateral Connection Trail” and “Carolina to Emerson Trail”; transferring funds in the amount of \$537,141.68 from deprogrammed trails to “Rio Grande Trail North”; and moving forward with a feasibility study of Avispa Canyon as the proposed route for the “Mountain to River Trail”.

Representatives Anello and Molinar questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer

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Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk