

DEE MARGO  
MAYOR

TOMMY GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL  
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1  
ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO, DISTRICT 2  
CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3  
SAM MORGAN, DISTRICT 4  
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5  
CLAUDIA ORDAZ PEREZ, DISTRICT 6  
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7  
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
September 30, 2019  
9:00 AM**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alexsandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Ordaz Perez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga. Peter Svarzbein requested to be excused.  
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**AGENDA**

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**1. Traffic Fatality Prevention and Safety Strategies.**

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, introduced the item and responded to questions from Council members.

The following City Staff members presented a Power Point presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office) and responded to questions from Council members.

1. Mr. Justin Bass, Streets and Maintenance Lead Planner
2. Police Lieutenant Steven Schmidt
3. Ms. Cynthia Aguinaga, Police Department Safe Communities Coordinator
4. Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer
5. Police Chief Greg Allen

Mr. Emmanuel Garcia, Jefferson High School student, was commended for his participation in the production of the Shattered Dreams video contained in the presentation.

Discussion included the need for further traffic analysis, the impact from the removal of red light cameras, implementation of additional traffic safety measures and the opportunity to collaborate with the Texas Department of Transportation, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, school districts, and universities on upcoming projects.

Mayor Margo and Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Ordaz Perez, and Rivera commented.

Mr. Alejandro Ganem, citizen, commented.

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**2. Presentation – Capital project year in review report for FY2019 and preview for FY2020.**

Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer, presented a Power Point presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk’s Office) and responded to inquiries from Council members.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager thanked staff for timely completing projects and City Council for supporting the projects.

Representative Hernandez also thanked staff.

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Lizarraga, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 10:24 a.m. p.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 following:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Svarzbein

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time a motion was made.

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Svarzbein

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**EX1.** Economic Development Incentives for a Convention Center Hotel located in the City of El Paso. (16-1007-1783) (551.071) (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX2.** Economic Development Incentives for a Convention Center Hotel located in the City of El Paso. (16-1007-1729) (551.071) (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX3.** Economic Development Incentives for a Convention Center Hotel located in the City of El Paso. (17-1007-1895) (551.071) (551.087)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.  
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**EX4.** Legal consultation regarding outstanding invoice sent to Donald J. Trump for President Inc. on March 27, 2019. (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX5.** City of McAllen, et al v. The State of Texas; 353rd District Court of Travis County; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-004766. (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Temp Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Rivera and unanimously carried **AUTHORIZING** the participation of the City of El Paso with other Texas Cities in the litigation challenging Senate Bill 1004 and Senate Bill 1152, styled *City of McAllen, et al v. The State of Texas* pending in the 353rd District Court of Travis County under Cause No. D-1-GN-17-004766. The City Attorney's Office is authorized to take any and all action necessary, affirmative and defensive, in connection with the lawsuit. This Motion is intended to grant broad authority to the City Attorney's Office to take all action necessary to address these matters, including but not limited to, the initiation and response to any litigation, complaint, administrative proceeding, judicial proceeding or process regarding this lawsuit.

AYES: Representatives Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Svarzbein

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**EX6.** In Re: Max Grossman, Relator; Supreme Court of Texas; Case #19-0522; Matter No. 19-1001-233 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX7.** Max Grossman v. Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission; Supreme Court of Texas; Case #19-0521; Matter No. 19-1001-237 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX8.** Ex Parte City of El Paso; Supreme Court of Texas; Case No. 19-0022; Matter No. 17-1001-171.002 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX9.** Max Grossman v. City of El Paso; 384<sup>th</sup> District Court; #2017DCV2528; Matter No. 17-1001-171.001 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Hernandez and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Anello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Svarzbein

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk