

RENARD U. JOHNSON  
MAYOR

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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

August 12, 2025  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY  
9:00 AM

### 9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Alejandra Chávez was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Nino, and Lily Limon. Chris Canales participated virtually. Late arrivals: Art Fierro at 10:02 a.m. Mayor Renard U. Johnson requested to be excused.

### INVOCATION BY EL PASO POLICE SENIOR CHAPLAIN DAVID MAYFIELD

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR ITEMS

No Public comment at this time.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CITY RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Ms. Cinda Cothman

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

\*Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** 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

**CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the of the Special Meeting of July 7, 2025 and Special the Special City Council of July 8, 2025.

**CONSENT AGENDA - REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

2. \*Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **EXCUSE** Mayor Renard U. Johnson from the Regular City Council Meeting of August 12, 2025.

**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:

3. An Ordinance amending Title 5 (Business License and Permit Regulations), Chapter 5.03 (Amplified Sound Permit), Article I (General Provisions), Section 5.03.010 (Compliance Required) to add exception for food service establishments and restaurants; Section 5.03.020 (Definitions) to add definition of food service establishment and restaurant; the penalty as provided in 5.03.130 of the City Code.
4. An Ordinance amending Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.40 (Noise), Section 9.40.010 (Definitions) to add definitions for decibel readings using the C-weighted system (DB(C)), food service establishment and restaurant; Section 9.40.020 (Applicability) to clarify an exception for delivery of supplies to establishments; Section 9.40.030 (Sound Level Violations) to clarify the maximum sound level for “A” and “C” readings and the timeframe for enforcement for restaurants; the penalty as provided in Section 9.40.070 of the City Code.
5. An Ordinance amending Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.12 (Food and Food Handling Establishments), Section 9.12.007 (Applicability) of the El Paso City Code to perform the following in accordance with House Bill 2844 of the Texas 89th Legislative Session: amend Section 9.12.007 (Applicability), to add a separate provision. The penalty as provided in 9.12.890 of the El Paso City Code.
6. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 018746, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.06 (Procedures for Placing Matters on the Agenda of the City Council). Section 2.06.020 (Timely Submission), to amend the deadlines to timely submit agenda items and give the City Clerk authority to establish revised deadlines as necessary to conform with State law; Section 2.06.040 (Summary Explanation and Back-Up Materials) to amend the deadlines for the submission of the summary explanation and back up materials; Section 2.06.070 (Timely Submission of Proposed Legal Documents) to amend the deadline to timely submit a copy of proposed legal documents to City Council; Section 2.06.110 (Placement of Items on the Agenda by City Council Members) to amend the deadlines by which City Council Representatives may place matters relating to reporting, appointments, presentations, or request action and change the term “Legislative Review Committees” to “Informal Work Sessions.”

**PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2025, FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6**

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

Canales  
NAYS: None

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**REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**  
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**7. ITEM:** Public Hearing on an Ordinance levying FY 2025 – 2026 taxes.

The Public Hearing was **OPENED** at 10:11 a.m.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, and Canales commented.

The following members of the public commented:

- Ms. Minerva Torres Shelton
- Ms. Ana Reza

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **CLOSE** the Public Hearing on an Ordinance levying FY 2025 – 2026 taxes at 10:27 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

**ADOPTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 19, 2025**

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**REGULAR AGENDA- MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
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**8. ITEM:** Discussion and action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to amend the parks ordinance to allow for parking at Lincoln Park during Cultural Events and to include provisions that require event organizers to be financially responsible for any and all damage, repair, and necessary maintenance as a result of these events.

Representative Acevedo presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Josette Flores, Deputy City Attorney
- Mr. Pablo E. Caballero, Parks and Recreation Director
- Mr. Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

The following members of the public commented:

- Mr. Hector Gonzales
- Mr. Gabriel Gaytan

**1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION**

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **AMEND** the motion to insert the words “**to include environmental protection measures**” at the end of the motion.

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

NAYS: None

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL MOTION**

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to amend the parks ordinance to allow for parking at Lincoln Park during Cultural Events and to include provisions that require event organizers to be financially responsible for any and all damage, repair, and necessary maintenance as a result of these events to include environmental protection measures.

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

NAYS: None

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk