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City Manager



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NOTICE OF WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO

March 29, 2021
3:35 PM
Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267
Conference ID: 397-970-091#

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on March 29, 2021 at 3:35 P.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>
Via television on City15,
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

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The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting on the following links:

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-clerk/meetings/city-council-meetings>
and
http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/muni_clerk/Sign-Up-Form-Call-To-The-Public.php

The following members of City Council will be present via video conference:

Mayor Oscar Leeser and Representatives Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [21-369](#)
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All Districts
City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

2. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. [21-370](#)

All Districts
Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-371](#)

All Districts

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6. [21-372](#)

All Districts

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

5. For Notation Only: Formal Report of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on March 9, 2021. [21-344](#)

1. Selection of the FOAC Chairperson.
Representative Henry Rivera was elected unanimously by the Committee.
2. Discussion and action on 2020 External Financial and Grants Audits.
 - Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Lizarraga and approved by Representative Rivera, Representative Hernandez, Representative Lizarraga and Representative Salcido to approve the audit results for presentation to full City Council.
3. Discussion and action on Audit Plan Updates.
 - Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Lizarraga and approved by Representative Rivera, Representative Hernandez and Representative Lizarraga to accept the 1st Quarter Update.
4. Discussion on Client Surveys.

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

6. Discussion, action and update regarding the City of El Paso's State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Texas Legislative Session and other State legislative matters. [21-355](#)

All Districts

City Attorney's Office, Lupe Cuellar, (915) 212-0033

7. Discussion and action regarding the 87th Legislature Regular Session - Texas HB2592: Allows a municipality in El Paso County to contract with the County for law enforcement services and abolish its police department. [21-343](#)

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

8. Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager is directed to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy requests that fall within one of the eleven identified priority areas, further the City's mission and vision, align with the City's strategic goals, and where possible, advance the City's 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives, as further outlined in Exhibit "A" ("Federal Funding and Programmatic/Policy Priorities") attached to the Resolution; that the City Manager is directed to communicate and authorized to submit the projects and programmatic/policy requests and the impact of those projects and programmatic/policy requests on El Paso residents to the City's federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved. [21-364](#)
- All Districts**
City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619
9. Presentation and update on the City of El Paso's efforts related to power generation resources and the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region. [21-366](#)
- All Districts**
City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619
10. Safe and Secure Cities Cross Functional Team: 128th Academy Pre-Service Training Update. [21-373](#)
- All Districts**
Police, Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas, (915) 212-4308
11. Presentation and discussion by Emergence Health Network on their annual report on status of activities, response to the COVID-19 pandemic, collaboration and expansion of partnerships with local entities. [21-378](#)
- All Districts**
Mayor and Council, Representative Aleksandra Anello, (915) 212-0002

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act and the Rules of City Council.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

- Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
- Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
- Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
- Section 551.089 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED MEETING

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

Discussion and action on the following:

- EX1.** Future regulatory options for Newman 6 (551.071) [21-374](#)
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manny Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor; Under the City's Original Jurisdiction and Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 51348 Matter: 20-1008-155 (551.071) **21-388**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX3.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs, PUC Docket No. 50058 Matter: 19-1008-133 (551.071) **21-390**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
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- EX4.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Request Waiver of Certain Rate Filing Package in its 2021 Rate Change Application, PUC Docket No. 51780 (551.071) **21-391**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX5.** Anticipated filings of El Paso Electric Company to implement Advanced Meter Infrastructure (551.071) **21-392**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

EX6. Status of facilities use agreement with the County of El Paso.
(551.071, 551.072)

[21-376](#)

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Josette Flores, (915) 212-0033
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Legislation Text

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

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Foundation

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Click or tap here to enter text.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Click or tap here to enter text.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by amount numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

If Agenda Item Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Department

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Senior Deputy City Manager, Cary Westin (915) 212-1063

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6 Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
Goal 8 Nurture and Promote a Health Sustainable Community

SUBGOAL:

6.4- Implement leading-edge practices for achieving quality and performance excellence

6.5- Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement

8.1- Deliver prevention, intervention, and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive, and safe community

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AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross-Functional Team is comprised of ten multi-disciplinary teams focused on the continued planning, development and implementation of actions supporting key impact areas. Ongoing updates will be provided to share key information and key upcoming items.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

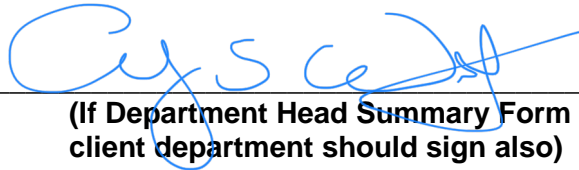
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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N / A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

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COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross- Functional Team Update

3.29.2021

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez

2. CFT Operations

Chief Mario D'Agostino

2a. Quality of Life Reopenings Update

Tracey Jerome

Quality of Life Portfolio

- Virtual Services Delivery
- In-person Services Reopening Plan

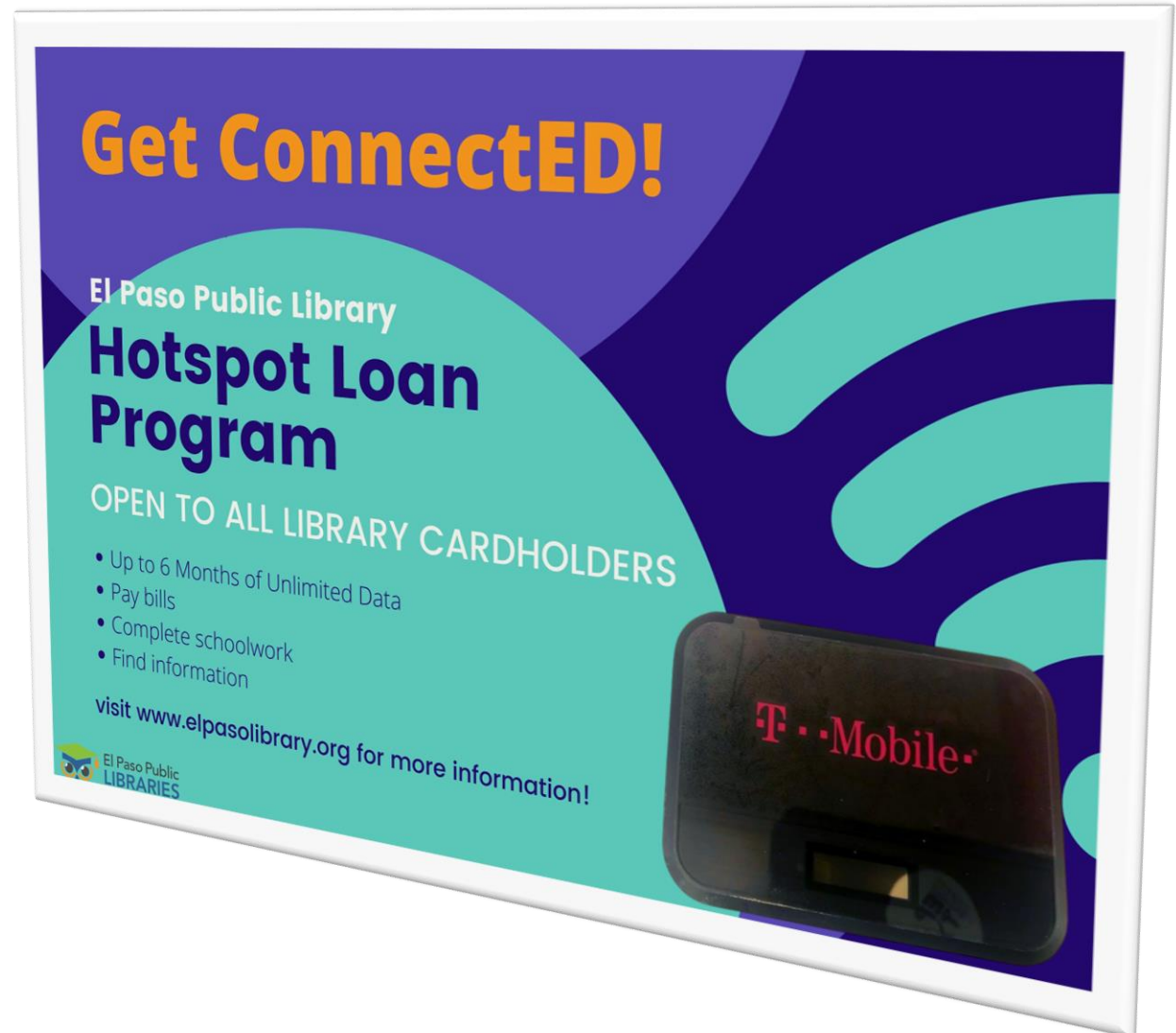
The Portfolio

- Libraries
- Museums & Cultural Affairs
- Parks & Recreation
- Destination El Paso
- Zoo & Botanical Gardens

Libraries: Summer 2021 Virtual Programming

Online Services

- Digital Library Card
- eBooks
- Audio Books
- Magazines
- Music
- Video
- Language Learning
- Reference/Research
- Hotspot Loan Program



Library Online Programs & Outreach

Weekly Programs

- Storytime – STEAM, Live
- First Chapter Fridays
- Random Fandom
- Gaming Tutorials
- Kitchen Science

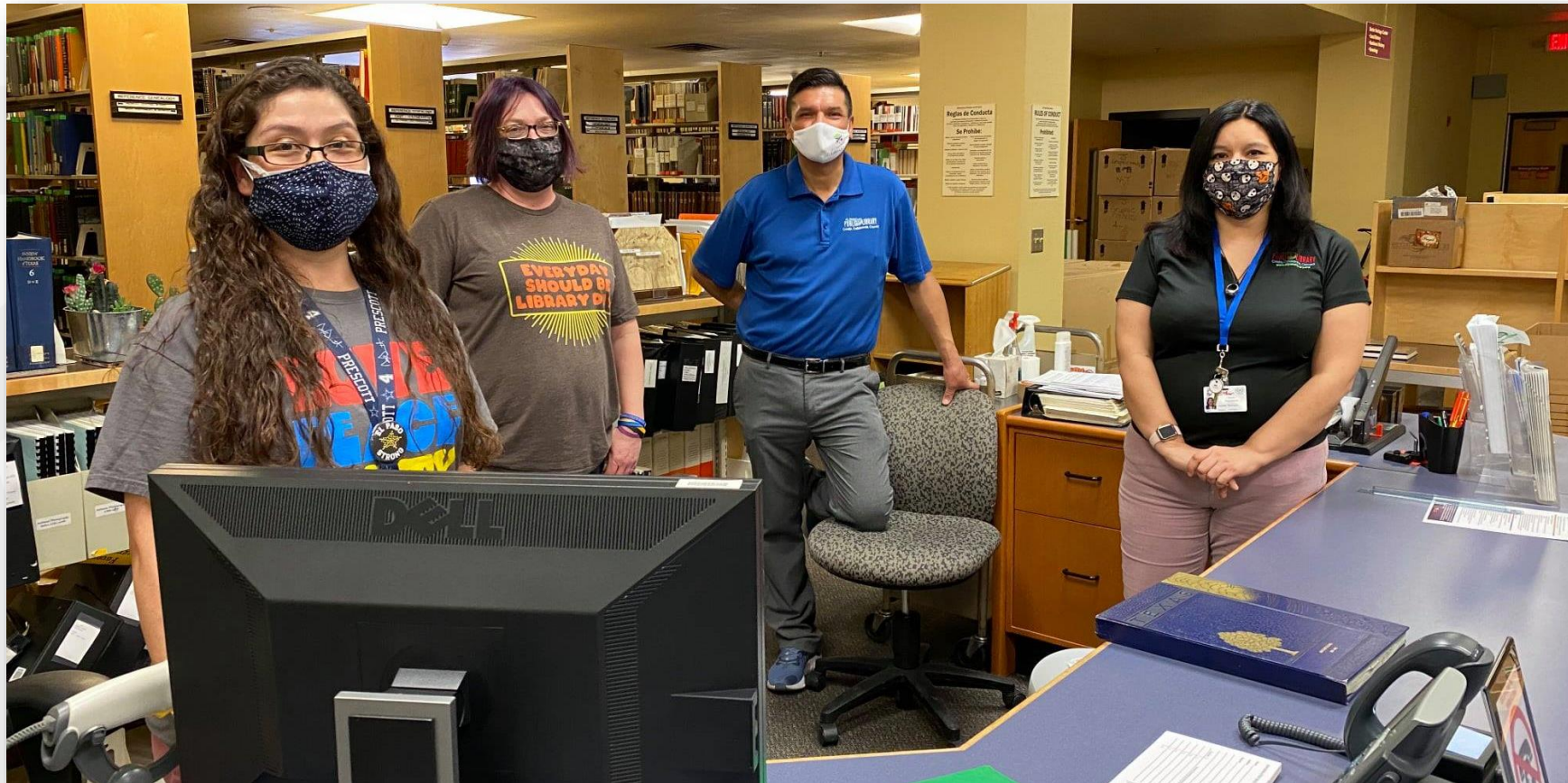
Partnerships & Outreach

- NEA Big Read with UTEP Theatre Department
- EPISD Read Across the District
- Parent Engagement Fairs with schools on Zoom
- Collaboration with high school student project, Diverse Books Matter

Border Heritage Center

Providing reference, research and copy services remotely

- The BHC reference desk is available via telephone and email
- Monday – Friday
- 10:00 – 6:00



WorkPLACE

Public Literacy Access
for Careers and
Entrepreneurship



Services for Entrepreneurs

- Business Plans
- Registration
- Funding
- Marketing

Services for Job Seekers

- Resumes
- Job Search
- Career Development
- Adult Education

Adult Education



- **Career Online High School**
- Online High School curriculum for students over 18 years of age
- Certification in 10 career opportunities
- Over 80 local graduates

Museums & Cultural Affairs: Summer 2021 Virtual Programming

EL PASO MUSEUM OF HISTORY



- Story behind the photo series
- Artifact spotlight and object care
- This day in history
- El Paso History-related virtual games and activities
- Virtual museum tours
- Virtual workshops



Women's History Month
LET US CELEBRATE THE WOMEN OF EL PASO

“She was among the most humble and yet, the most powerful woman I have ever met. Her calm quiet was a legacy I have always admired. My unattainable goal is to be like my aunt Elvie.”
-Patricia Brunson

ELVIE CALVILLO

EL PASO MUSEUM OF HISTORY

EL PASO MUSEUM OF ART



- Art Getaways
 - Virtual art exhibits
- Virtual craft programming
 - Spring art crafts
 - Summer workshops
- Artist Spotlights
- Virtual Family Days



The Samuel H. Kress Gallery
2nd Floor

**EP
MA**

 **A Traveler's Altar**
Master of the Osservanza
Adoration of the Shepherds

 **A Grand Tour**
Giovanni Antonio Canaletto
View of the Molo

 **The Boar's Revenge**
Battista Dossi
The Hunt of the Calydonian Boar

 **Italy's Prized Painter**
Sandro Botticelli
Madonna and Child

 **The Hand of a Master**
Artemisia Gentileschi
St. Catherine of Alexandria

 **Berenice's Promise**
Bernardo Strozzi
Berenice

 **A Warm Welcome**
Hyacinthe Rigaud
Portrait of a Master of Requests

 **Who is This Woman?**
Van Dyck
Portrait of a Lady

EL PASO MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

- Lecture Series webinars
- Virtual gallery tours
- Artifact of the week
- Did you know series
- Downloadable crafts, puzzles, games, coloring sheets



Parks & Recreation: Summer 2021 Virtual Programming

PARKS & RECREATION



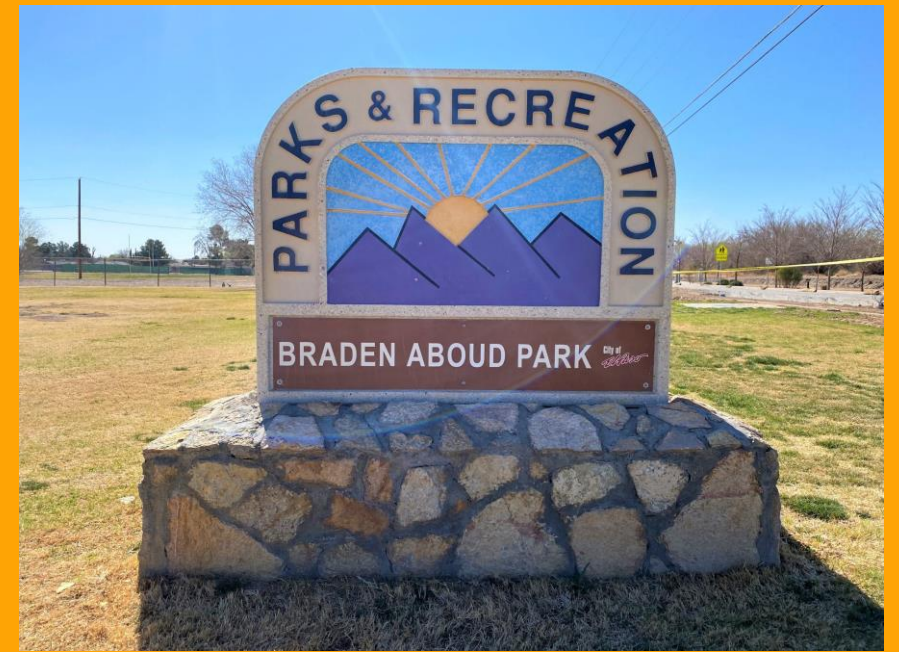
Virtual Programming

- Weekly Fitness Classes
 - Broadcast Via Facebook Live
 - Yoga Classes
 - Zumba Classes
 - Gymnastic Class
 - Family Fitness Class
 - Home Workout Videos
 - Power Blast Workout Videos
 - Sport Drill Videos for Youth



Virtual Programming

- Know Your Parks
 - Weekly feature of a City of El Paso Park
- Know Your Trails
 - Weekly feature of a City of El Paso Trail
- Virtual After School Program
 - DIY crafts for the whole family
- Guitar Lessons

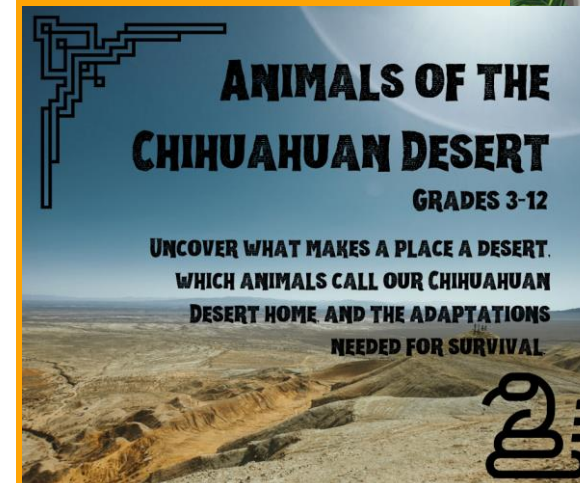
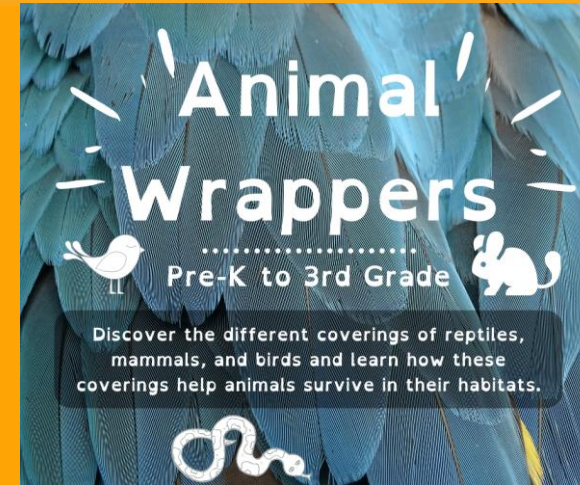


El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens: Summer 2021 Virtual Programming

ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Virtual Education Programming

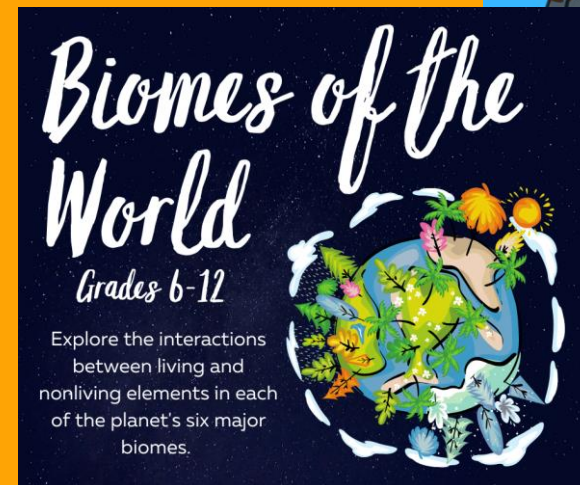
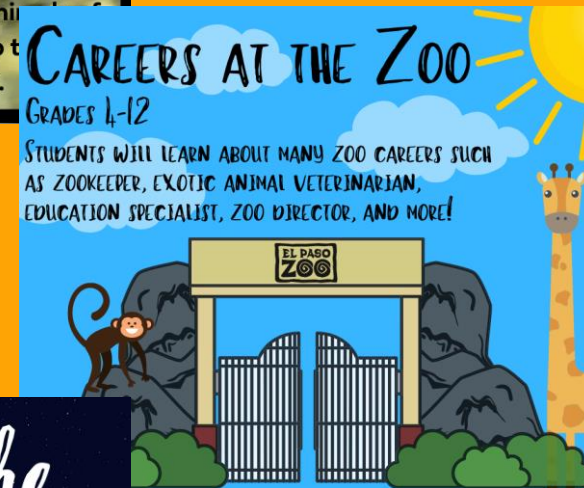
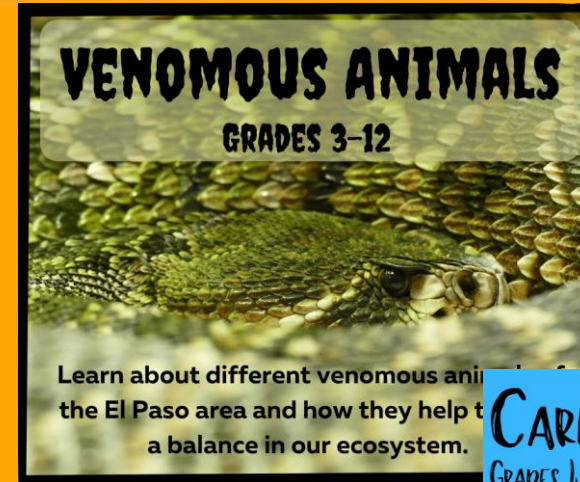
- Animal Wrappers: Pre-K to 3rd grade, learn how different skin, scales and fur serve each species
- Our World, Our Friend: Grades K – 12, travel through the layers of the rainforest
- Animals of the Chihuahuan Desert: Grades 3 – 12, what animals call this home



ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Virtual Education Programming

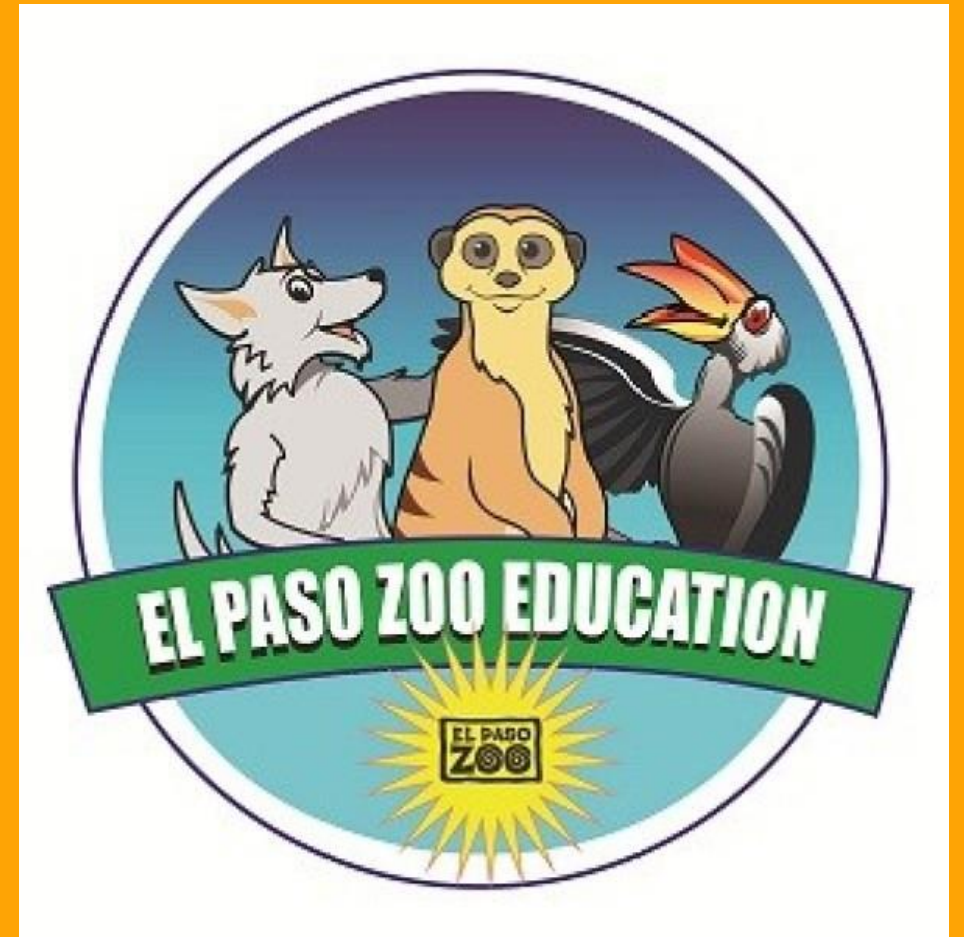
- Venomous Animals: Grades 3 – 12, venomous animals in the El Paso areas.
- Careers at the Zoo: Grades 1-12, learn about all the career opportunities at the zoo
- Biomes of the World: Grades 6 – 12, explore interactions between living and non-living in the worlds six biomes



ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Virtual Education Programming

- **Virtual Zoo to You Tour** – choose Africa, Sout America, Chihuahuan Desert, or Asia
- **Virtual Behind the Scenes Tour** – let us know which animal you would like to meet up close
- **Education Ambassador Animal Encounter** – meet three Education Ambassador animals up close, learning about their natural habitat and ways we can protect them in the wild
- **Education Blogs** - with an average 50 per month and over 200 dedicated followers, come connect with the



QoL Portfolio: Reopening Plan

- Considerations
 - Health and Safety — Community and Workforce
 - Budgetary Constraints
- Approach
 - Quality
 - Regional
 - Phased

Libraries:

- Seven sites available for in-person browsing with limited occupancy capacity
- Staff and patrons will adhere to City and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 Protocols

Branches open Monday, 5 April

Branch Location	Mondays	Tuesday - Thursday	Fridays
Dorris Van Doren (D1)	10 AM-6 PM	11 AM –7 PM	1 PM – 6 PM
Memorial Park (D2)	10 AM-6 PM	11 AM –7 PM	1 PM – 6 PM
Richard Burges (D4)	10 AM-6 PM	11 AM –7 PM	1 PM – 6 PM
Irving Schwartz (D6)	10 AM-6 PM	11 AM –7 PM	1 PM – 6 PM
Judge Marquez (D7)	10 AM-6 PM	11 AM –7 PM	1 PM – 6 PM

Combo Libraries open Monday, 17 April

Combo Libraries	Monday - Thursday	Fridays	Saturdays
Enrique Moreno (D3)	8 AM – 1PM 4 PM – 9 PM	8 AM – 1 PM	8 AM – 1 PM
Chamizal (D8)	8 AM – 1PM 4 PM – 9 PM	8 AM – 1 PM	8 AM – 1 PM

Libraries:

Curbside Check-out Service at library sites will continue Monday - Friday:

- Dorris Van Doren
- Irving Schwartz
- Judge Marquez
- Main
- Memorial Park



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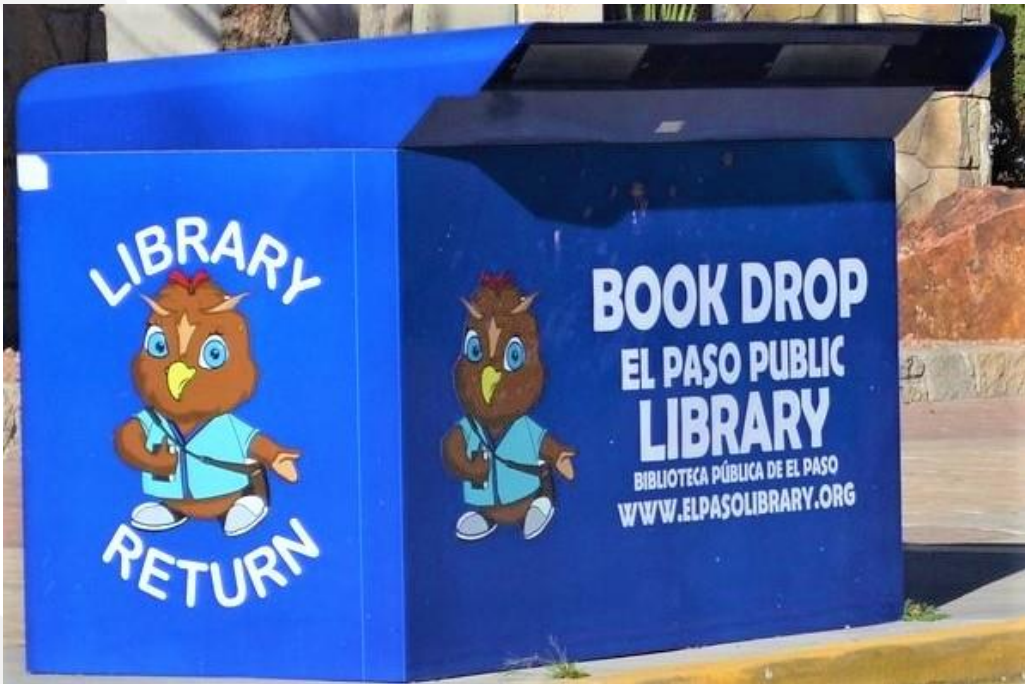
Additional Curbside Services

- 6 additional sites across the community



Branch Location	Day	Time
Esperanza Acosta Moreno (D5)	Monday	2PM – 6:30 PM
Westside (D8)	Tuesday	2 PM – 6:30 PM
Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista (D3)	Wednesday	10AM – 1 PM
Clardy Fox (D3)	Wednesday	2PM – 6:30 PM
Sergio Troncoso (D6)	Thursday	2PM – 6:30 PM
Armijo (D8)	Friday	1 PM – 5:30 PM

Libraries: Book and Materials Returns

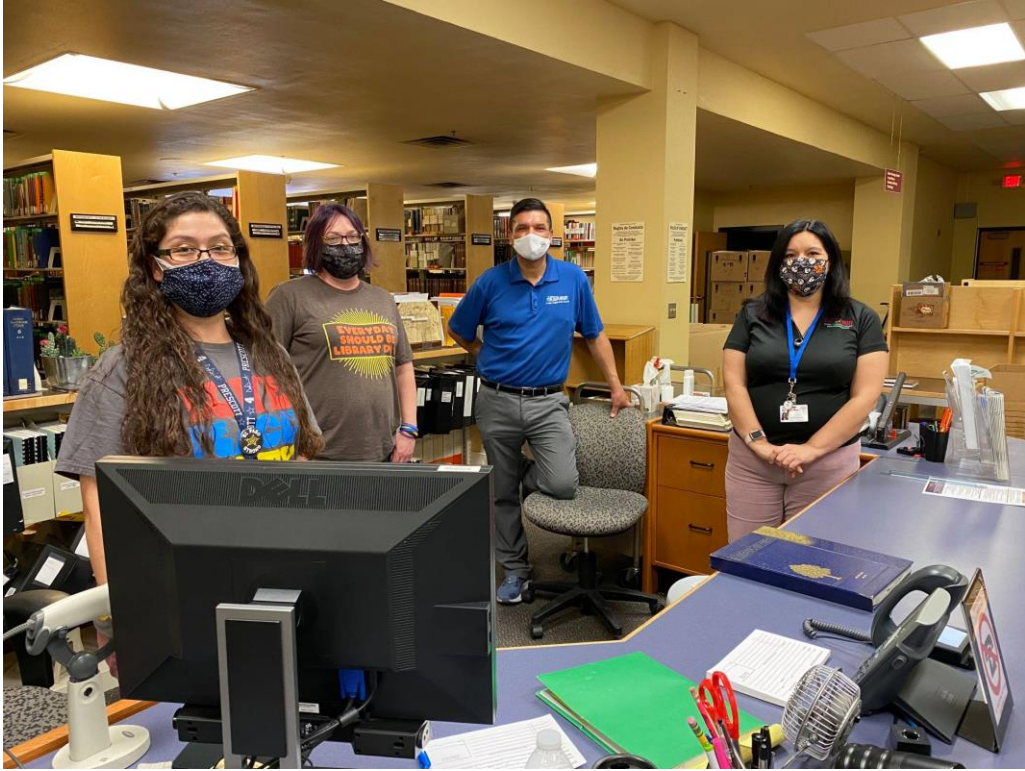


- Book Drops
 - Thursday - Friday
 - Open at 10 AM to 6 PM (or until full)
 - Dorris Van Doren
 - Irving Schwartz
 - Richard Burges
 - Main
 - Memorial Park
 - Judge Marquez
- Materials can also be dropped off at the Bookmobile/Curbside stops
- Materials will be quarantined before staff process and return to collection

Libraries: Border Heritage Center

Provide reference, research and copy services both remotely and in-person (limited hours and by appointment only)

- The BHC reference desk will be available via telephone Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 6:00
- In-person browsing and research by appointment only
- In-person appointments available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 – 4:00 with a maximum 2-hour research block



MCAD: Reopening

- Museum of Art and El Paso Museum of History **open Thursday, April 8**
- Thursdays-Saturdays 10:00am—6:00pm
 - Attendance will be closely monitored and controlled to comply with current guidelines and to ensure proper social distancing
 - Staff will wear appropriate PPE
 - All visitors will be required to wear a face mask
 - Enhanced janitorial services will follow all guidelines provided by OEM

MCAD: Reopening

- Classes, camps, lectures and artist demonstrations will be offered via virtual platforms only, until further notice
- No interactive experiences/exhibitions will be offered, to ensure proper social distancing and touch-less visitor experience
 - Digital Wall at Museum of History will be active but stanchioned off from visitor touch

MCAD: Reopening

- **Downtown Artist and Farmers Market, beginning Saturday, April,10**
- Normal operating hours (Saturdays, 9:00am-1:00pm)
- Expanded footprint in Union Plaza to allow more distancing between vendors and allow social distancing of attendees
- Face coverings required on all vendors, staff and attendees
- No food sampling or eating onsite

Parks & Recreation: Reopening

- Sports & Recreation Division, outdoor youth sports allowed to reactivate permitting on February 12, officially starting planning for private and City league sports
- March 5, soccer and baseball independent leagues resumed play
- March 19, 900 youth sports kits distributed in partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation



Parks & Recreation: Reopening

Regional Recreation Centers open April 17

- Galatzan(D1 & 8)
- Veterans (D2 & 4)
- Chamizal (D2 & 8)
- Gary del Palacio (D3 & 5)
- Officer David Ortiz (D3 & 7)
- Valle Bajo (D3 & 7)
- Marty Robbins (D5 & 7)

Open May 1

- The Beast (D5)

Parks & Recreation: Reopening

- Mondays – Thursdays
 - 8:00am—1:00pm
 - 4:00pm—9:00pm
- Friday and Saturdays
 - 8:00am—1:00pm
- Staff will wear appropriate PPE
- Visitors required to wear a face masks
- Limited classes will be offered at reduced attendance capacity
- Enhanced janitorial services will follow all guidelines provided by OEM

Parks & Recreation: Reopening

Sports Centers

- Nations Tobin Sports Center: opens April 17
- Chelio Acosta Sports Center: no set date--to open 45 days after building vacated by Opportunity Center for the Homeless

- Monday-Friday
 - 11:00am – 8:00pm
- Saturday & Sunday
 - 9:00am – 5:00pm

Parks & Recreation: Reopening

Spray Parks open April 17

Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

- Don Haskins (D1)
- Grandview (D2)
- Hidden Valley Park (D3)
- Sue Young (D4)
- Salvador Rivas (D5)
- Pavo Real* (D6)
- Marty Robbins (D7)
- Braden Aboud (D8)
- Chamizal (D8)
- Splashpad at San Jacinto Plaza (D8)
- El Paso Zoos Hunt Family Desert Springs Splash Pad (D8-operating hours match Zoo)

*until renovations on Pavo Real Recreation Center Begin

Parks & Recreation:



Aquatics

Indoor Pools:

Tuesday-Friday, 6:00am-11:00am, 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturdays, 6:00am-11:00am

Outdoor Pools

Monday-Friday, 6:00pm-9pm, Saturday-Sunday, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Indoor Open May 1

- Westside Natatorium (D1)
- Memorial (D2 & 8)
- Veterans (D2 & 4)
- Eastside Natatorium (The Beast) (D5)
- Marty Robbins (D7)

Outdoor Open May 31

- Grandview (D2 & 4)
- Pavo Real* (D6)

*until renovations on Pavo Real Recreation Center begin

Destination El Paso



- **Visitor Information Center (Airport)**
Reopened March 24
 - Five days a week, closed Tuesday and Saturday
 - 9a – 6p
 - Plexiglass guard to protect employees and visitors
 - Digital Visitors Guide Available
- **Virtual Visitor Services** (since March 2020)
 - VisitElPaso.com
 - Visit El Paso App
 - Visitor Support via Phone Monday through Friday

DESTINATION EL PASO



Destination El Paso

- **McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre**
Reopening Summer Season!



- **Cool Canyon Nights**

- Free Music Series
- Thursday nights, 12 weeks, June 17 – Sept 2

- **Viva El Paso!**

- Preview performance June 30
- Friday/Saturday weekly performances July 2 – Aug 7



DESTINATION EL PASO



Destination El Paso



- **Water Parks Division**

- City Council added Water Park operations, marketing and management to existing responsibilities in December 2020
- Currently recruiting, hiring and training up to 400 staff for operations this summer
- Phased park opening beginning Memorial Day Weekend

DESTINATION EL PASO



Destination El Paso

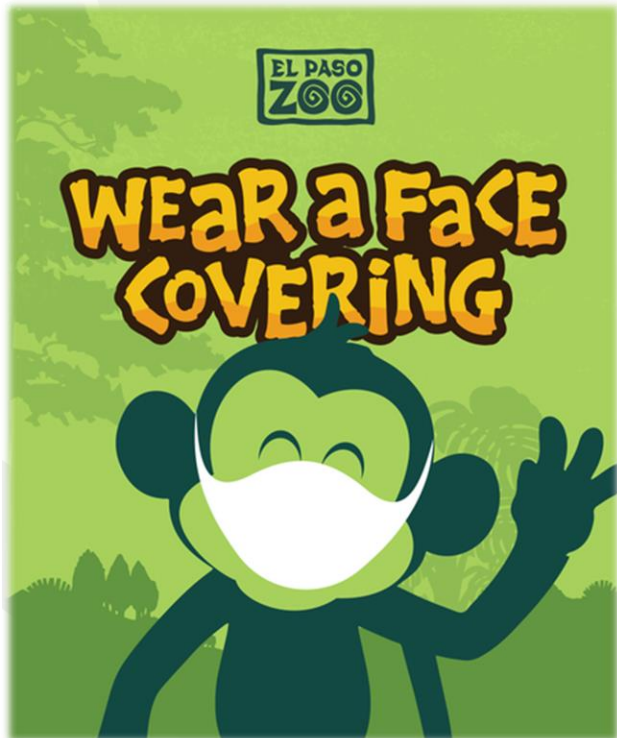


- **Camp Cohen, District 4**
 - Opening Memorial Day Weekend

June through July additional parks will be opened as staff are recruited and trained

- **Oasis, District 5**
- **Chapateo, District 7**
- **Lost Kingdom, District 2**

El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Currently Open



- Wednesday - Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

- Attendance monitored and controlled to comply with guidelines.
- Staff wearing appropriate PPE
- All guests (2+) required to wear a face mask & temperatures checked
- Bag checks temporarily suspended
- Paper maps eliminated, using QR code and downloadable map.
- Janitorial services following all guidelines provided by OEM
- Visitor experiences outdoors only
- Limited animal demonstrations



El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

- Restaurants are open to allowable capacity levels
- Merchandise sales limited to outdoor service with controlled entry into the gift shop of 6 people at any one time.
- Per state requirements, no interactive experiences being offered
- Social distancing and touch-less visitor experience
- Train is operational with every other car seating, sanitation and fewer runs per hour.
- Carousel and Ropes Course will remain closed



El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens: Memorial Day Weekend

- South American Pavilion and Aviary to reopen
- Wildlife Theatre live animal show to begin
- Wildlife Theatre hosting keeper chats with video of animals and live keeper presentations including Q & A
- Sea Lions demonstration will return



El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens: Memorial Day Weekend

- Jaguar training window demonstrations resume
- Carousel resumes operations



Focus for Next Steps:

- **Health** and Safety – Workforce and Community
- Working within our **Means**
- **Quality** of Experience
- **Regional** Services
- **Phased** Approach
- **Exceptional** Service to the Community

3. CAO Overview

- ❖ State Disaster Declarations
- ❖ Emergency Ordinances
- ❖ City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support
- ❖ Legal Monitoring
- ❖ Courts Update
- ❖ City Attorney's Office Summary of Legal Support During COVID-19

Karla Nieman

State Disaster Declarations



*Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between April 4th – 7th.

Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Last Re-enactment	Expires
Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	3/1/2021	3/31/2021
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	3/16/2021	4/15/2021
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019091	8/31/2020	3/1/2021	3/31/2021

City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

- ❖ Cares Contracts: total hours spent: 247 hours
 - ❖ Review of legislation
 - ❖ CDBG
 - ❖ Consolidated Appropriations – Emergency Rental Assistance
 - ❖ Emergency Solutions Grants
- ❖ LHA Order – Guidance for the prevention of COVID-19 in shelters for migrants
 - ❖ Total hours spent: 2 hours

City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

Upcoming Hearings on COVID-19 Citations set through April 16, 2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts

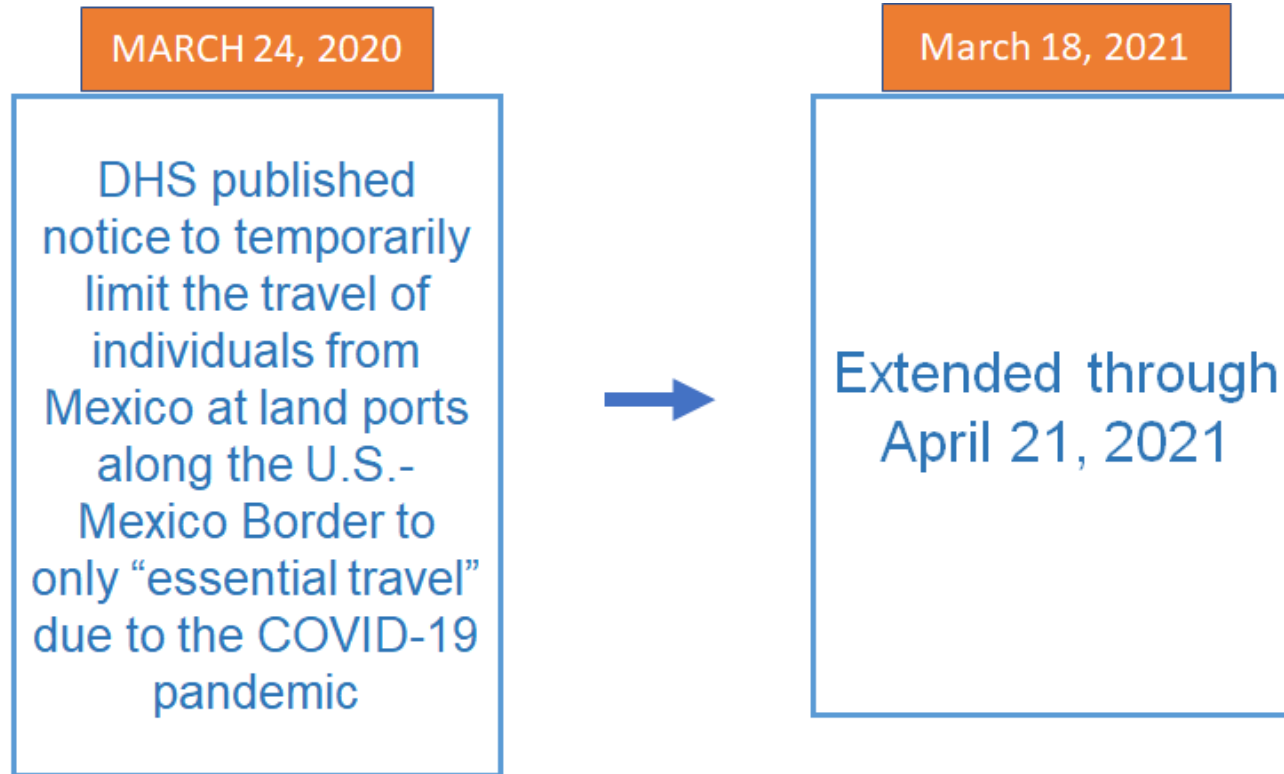


The City Attorney's Office continues to provide enforcement training on local, state and federal COVID-19 guidelines to the City's Fire and Police Departments.

Legal Monitoring

- ❖ State of Texas vs. City of Austin & Travis County – Litigation – mask mandate
 - ❖ On March 11, 2021 - Lawsuit filed by AG Paxton in Travis County 98th Judicial District
 - ❖ Seeking a temporary restraining order and temporary injunction
 - ❖ Cause No. D-1-GN-21-001046
 - ❖ Judge Lora Livingston
 - ❖ 261st District Court
 - ❖ On March 12, 2021 - Defendants filed an Answer to the lawsuit
 - ❖ Judge Livingston set hearing on March 26, 2021

Travel Restrictions – Land Ports of Entry



Restricted Non-essential travel—individuals traveling for tourism purposes (e.g. sightseeing, recreation, gambling, or attending cultural events)

Court Updates

MARCH 17, 2021

District Court for the Western District of Texas issues its Fourteenth Supplemental Order.

All civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to begin on any date from now through April 30, 2021, are continued to a date to be reset by each Presiding Judge.

MARCH 22, 2021

Office of Court Administration and Council of Judges issued:

2021 COVID-19 Minimum Health Standards Protocols for the El Paso County, Texas Judiciary.

Legal Support During COVID-19

- ❖ Butterfield Trail Golf Course Agreement
 - ❖ May 2020 – August 2020
 - ❖ Council approved: August 11, 2020
 - ❖ Total hours: 129 hours

- ❖ Project Tollway
 - ❖ May 2020 – October 2020
 - ❖ Council approved: October 5, 2020
 - ❖ Total hours: 140 hours

Summary of Legal Support During COVID-19

Drafted, reviewed, and provided legal advice on Emergency Measures and Disaster Declaration Ordinances

Processed over 330 COVID-19 related Contracts from Nov. 2020 – Feb. 2021

HR Work:

- *Various policies created to protect our employees
- *The process of furloughs and reinstatement of our employees
- *Processed over 50 COVID-19 Employment Contracts since Nov. 2020

Prosecutors drafted new complaints
Training to PD/FD/Covid-19 Enforcement Team

Drafted, reviewed, and provided legal advice on Mayor's Directives and Amendments

- *Responded to all the COVID-19 FAQ's on EPStrong website
- *Drafted and updated the FAQs with each Directive
- *Respond to Citizen and Council inquiries of the applicability of COVID-19 rules

4. Team Lead Reports

1. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

Changes on LHA Orders due to GA-34

❖ New Guidance's:

- Migrant shelter

❖ New Recommendation:

- Updated recommendation for schools

❖ Upcoming Orders

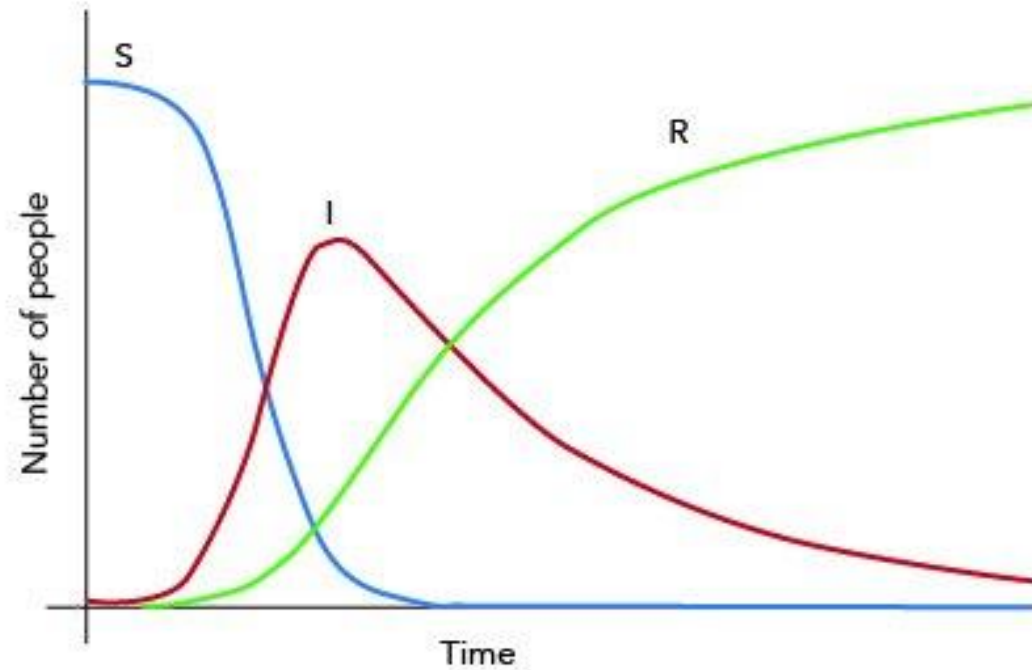
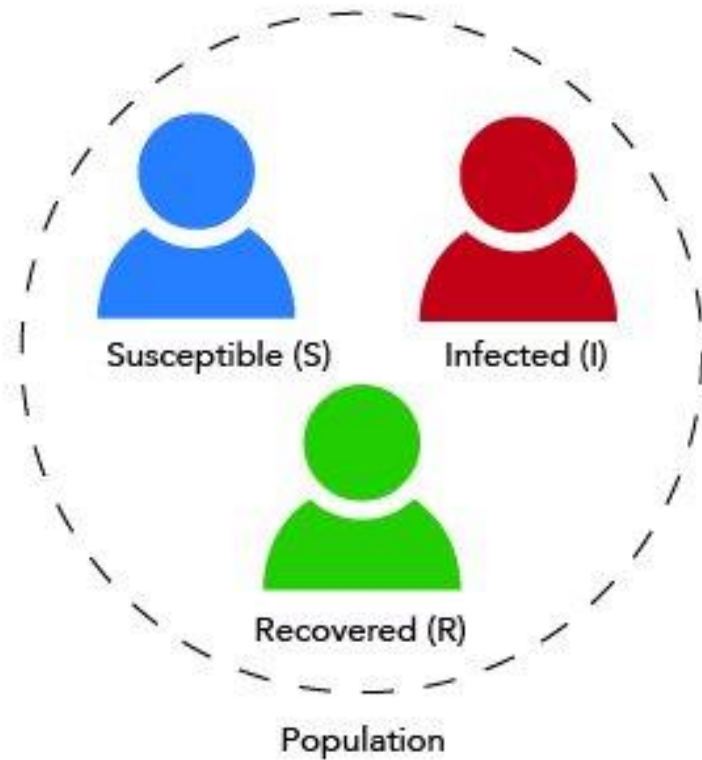
- LTC Facilities Testing
- Home-based facilities for the elderly Testing

COVID-19 Summary

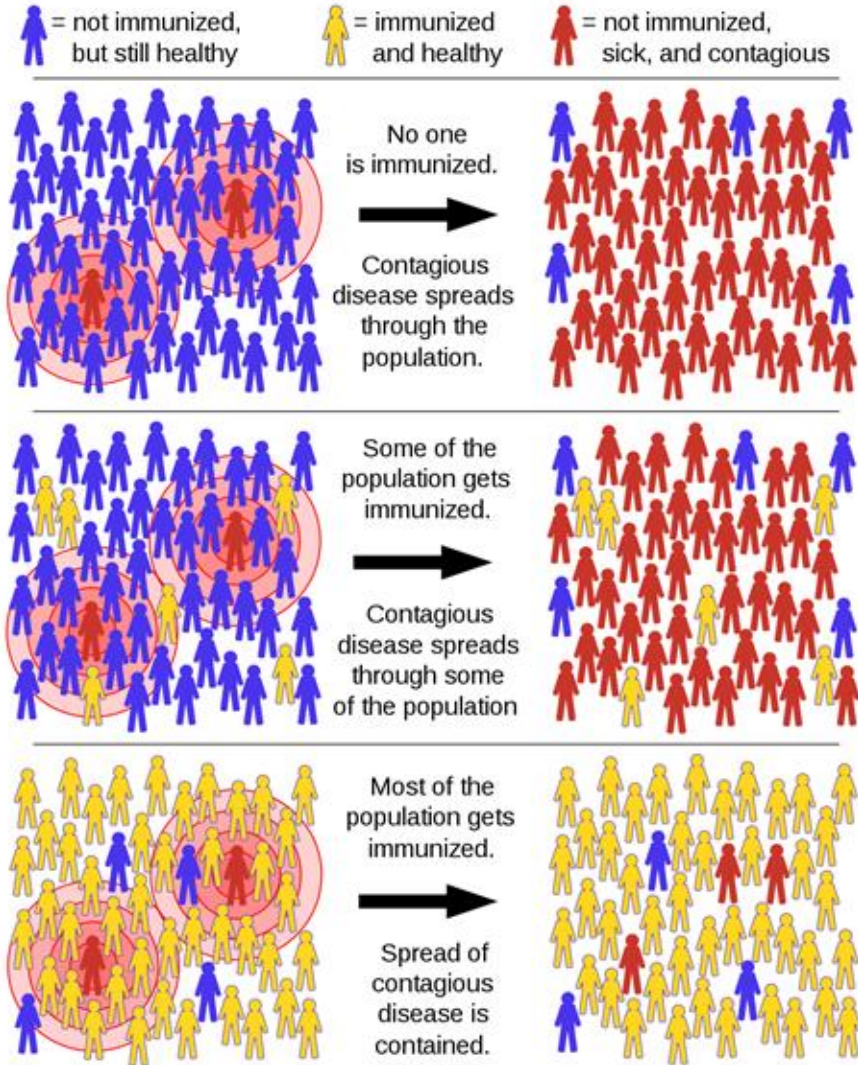
- ❖ Three of the main indicators show a favorable downward trend
- ❖ Positivity rate 5.5% - 4.0% (Change - 27%)
- ❖ New Cases 7-day Avg 31.6 - 16.7 / 100,000 (277 – 146 cases) (Change – 47.2%)
- ❖ Hospitalizations 7-day Avg 336 – 217 (Change - 35.4%)
- ❖ Hospitalizations TSA I 14.42% - 9.49% (Change – 34.2)

Dynamics of the Pandemic

The SIR Model of Infection



Herd Immunity



When a large proportion of the population is immune to the infectious disease that the virus cannot easily spread from person to person.



2. Vaccination Update

Angela Mora

Update on Selected COVID-19 Vaccines

Developer	Platform	Status
Pfizer	mRNA	EUA
Moderna	mRna	EUA
Johnson & Johnson	Adenovirus	EUA
AstraZeneca	Adenovirus	EUA TBD
Sanofi	Recombinant Protein & Adjuvant	EUA TBD
Novavax	Recombinant Protein & Adjuvant	EUA TBD

AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- ❖ Interim analysis announced by AstraZeneca on March 22, 2021
- ❖ 32,449 participants aged >18 at 88 sites in the USA, Peru and Chile
- ❖ 79% Caucasian, 22% Hispanic, 8% African American, 4% Native American, 4% Asian
- ❖ 20% of participants were 65 and over and 60% had comorbidities associated with increased risk for progression of severe COVID-19 effect, such as diabetes, severe obesity or cardiac disease

AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy

- ❖ 76% (78.9%) vaccine efficacy at preventing symptomatic COVID-19
- ❖ 100% efficacy against severe or critical disease requiring hospitalization
- ❖ Comparable efficacy results across ethnicity and age: 76% efficacy in participants 65 years of age and over

AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Adverse Reactions

- ❖ Vaccine well tolerated
- ❖ Data & Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) identified no safety concerns related to the vaccine
- ❖ DSMB found no evidence of disproportionate risk of blood clots or events related to blood clots among 21,583 participants receiving at least 1 dose of the vaccine

AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Storage

- ❖ Vaccine can be stored, transported and handled at 36 to 46 degrees F (normal refrigeration temperatures) for at least 6 months
- ❖ Emergency use in over 70 countries

Education Taskforce Community Outreach

- ❖ **Senior Centers** – 100% reached (11 centers) 191 registered
- ❖ **Homebound meals program – phone calls, home visits**
- ❖ Target 1866; reached to date 977; registered 73; vaccinated 605
- ❖ Door-to-door (Segundo Barrio, Chamizal) = 509
- ❖ **Grocery stores & supermarkets** = 2,169 registered
- ❖ **Recreation centers** = 129 registered
- ❖ **South Stanton Center** = 1227 registered as of 3/12/2021
- ❖ **Total registrations as of 3/25 = 4,298**

Community Outreach (Next Sites)

❖ Walmart Super Markets:

Date	Location
3/29/21	4716 Hondo Pass Dr. El Paso TX 79904
3/30/21	8115 N. Loop Dr. El Paso TX 79907
3/31/21	951 N. Resler Dr. El Paso TX 79912
4/1/21	1110 Sunland Park Dr. El Paso TX 79922
4/5/21	101 Redd Rd. El Paso TX 79932
4/6/21	10840 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. El Paso TX 79934
4/7/21	1551 N. Zaragoza Rd. El Paso TX 79936
4/8/21	3000 Saul Kleinfield Dr. El Paso TX 79936
4/9/21	3590 N. Zaragoza Rd. El Paso TX 79936

Community Outreach (Next Sites)

- ❖ **Flea Markets** outreach will start March 27th. The goal is to conduct outreach in 100% of identified markets
- ❖ **Places of worship** - outreach at 374 sites will start on April 4th
- ❖ First target, Catholic churches (80% faith in El Paso, by # of parishioners in highly populated zip codes)



Long Term Care Facilities Update

Administrating Source	SNF	ALF	Foster & Host Home	Hospice	Independent Living	Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability	First Dose Total (as of 2/25/21)	Second Dose Total (as of 2/25/21)
DSHS	2	5	0	0	0	0	205	36
Fire/DPH	0	21	75	14	1	0	1427	906
Pharmacy	19	15	0	1	2	0	1613	1012
Pending	0	3	12	12	1	14	72	N/A
Total	21	44	87	13	4	14	3143	2014

Housing Facilities

- ❖ 7 Housing Authority facilities = 169 vaccinated
- ❖ Tarrytown Pharmacy LLC– roving vaccination teams
- ❖ Vaccinated 345 people on March 17, 2021 and 522 people on March 18, 2021 at Peoplecare
- ❖ The grand total of people vaccinated during these two days was 867
- ❖ Include 5 residential sites for people with intellectual disabilities

3. Community Vulnerabilities + Human Services

- ❖ **Rental Assistance: Tracy Yellen, Paso Del Norte Community Foundation**
- ❖ **Utility Assistance: Andrea Ramirez, Amistad**
- ❖ **Community Resilience Center: Deborah Zuloaga, United Way of El Paso**

Nicole Ferrini

Community Vulnerabilities + Human Services



Our team is focused on supporting the most vulnerable El Pasoans as we navigate through the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. This pandemic has exacerbated deep challenges that already existed in our community including **housing affordability, utility cost burden, access to food and the individual financial stability of El Pasoans.**

We are charged with equitably deploying relief programs and support to ensure **an inclusive and resilient recovery** that makes our community ultimately stronger and more prepared than ever before.



Community Partnerships



Social Services



Philanthropy





Assistance for **El Paso Families**



COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF
Need help paying for utilities?

AmistadCARES
Utility Assistance Program

Call us today 915.298.7307
(Select Option 1 + Option 1 + Zip Code)

www.projectamistad.org/amistadcares

In January 2020, following the passage of the **Consolidated Appropriations Act**, **\$20.6 million** was allocated to the City of El Paso specifically to address rental and utility assistance as well as expanding access to those programs.



EP RENT HELP

Rental Assistance 2020

Top 10 Zip Codes Receiving Assistance in 2020

79936 79930 79912 79904 79924
79902 79915 79938 79905 79903





eprenthelp.org

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Rental Assistance 2021

- Will assist up to **12 months in arrears** and **3 months future rent** (*up to 15 months total*)
- Program will now accept both **landlord and tenant-verified applications**
- To be eligible as a tenant:
 - household income must be below **80%** of the Area Median Income (AMI)
 - demonstrated **adverse economic impact** due to COVID
 - live within City limits
- Program Launch: **Mid April 2021**

Utility Assistance 2020



In August 2020, the City of El Paso granted Project Amistad **\$500,000** in **CARES Act** funding to provide utility assistance to residents living within city limits.

Program Timeline: **August 2020 - November 2020**

702

total families assisted

601

electric bills

429

water bills

317

gas bills

Utility Assistance 2021



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1976

In January 2021, the City of El Paso granted Project Amistad **\$4 million** from the **Consolidated Appropriations Act** to **provide utility assistance** to residents living within city limits.

Program Timeline: **January 23rd to Present**

1250

total families assisted

929

electric bills

946

water bills

703

gas bills

AmistadCares Utility Assistance



- Households with incomes no more than **80% of area median income** (AMI)* and one or more individuals in the household has:
 - Qualified for **unemployment benefits** **OR**
 - Has experienced a **reduction in household income**,
 - Incurred significant costs, experienced other financial hardship due **directly or indirectly** to the pandemic **AND**
 - Has **received a past due utility notice**
- Must reside within the City of El Paso limits
- Have an active and verifiable account with utility company
- Must reside within the property for which the assistance is being requested
- Must NOT be receiving utility assistance from other sources

Community Resilience Center

 EL PASO UNITED
Community Resiliency Center



elpasounitedcrc.org

1-877-594-7276

- The **Community Resilience Center (CRC)** will provide **case management and resource navigation services** to individuals and families within the El Paso region directly impacted by the COVID -19 pandemic
- The CRC will staff 15 individuals, including **10 Resiliency Navigators** and **2 outreach personnel**
- An integrated advertising campaign will support the CRC, **driving community education and awareness** of the CRC and its efforts.
- The campaign will contain co-branded communication assets to amplify the reach of our partner's message, **emphasizing access to rental and utility assistance.**



City Manager Wrap Up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

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Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

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

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Emergency Ordinance No. 019140 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on March 31, 2021.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on March 1, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019035
EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

W HEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 2.48.020(C), a local state of disaster declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.10 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting, life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2021, Governor Abbott similarly renewed the State's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 active cases in El Paso is over 2,563; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted to continue a Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance No. 019140 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the condition necessitating a declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
20-1052-1069/PL#1063301v.2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -
Extending Disaster Declaration April 2021

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of El Paso by the Mayor on March 13, 2020, and extended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, is hereby re-enacted and shall continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by City Council, whichever is sooner.
2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of March, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief
El Paso Fire Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____

20-1052-1069/PL#1063301v.2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -
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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; penalty as provided in Section 8.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City Council desires to re-enact and amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 (Emergency Ordinance No. 019151) which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

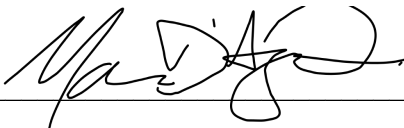
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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
RE-ENACTING AND AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019036,
AS RE-ENACTED, RESTATED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO.
019151; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to meet a public emergency affecting, life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment, re-statement and amendment taking place on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted if the emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, a disaster continues to exist and requires that certain emergency measures be taken to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to allow call to the public to take place at 5:30 p.m. while the Rules of Order for the El Paso City Council are suspended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to re-enact and amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 (Emergency Ordinance No. 019151) which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, penalty as provided in Section 8, is hereby re-enacted.
2. That Section 4 (Suspension and Modification of Ordinances and Rules), subsection a, paragraph iv be amended to read as follows:

Ordinance No. _____

iv. The following sections of the Resolution Amending the Rules of Order for the El Paso City Council (the "Rules of Order"), Revised, as Effective March 3, 2020, including but not limited to exhibits, is hereby temporarily suspended and amended as follows:

- a) All references to 9:00 a.m. are changed to 3:30 p.m.
- b) All references to 12:00 noon are changed to 5:30 p.m.

Except as amended herein, the remainder of the Rules of Order are not suspended or amended, and remain in full force and effect.

- 3. Except as amended herein, Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, penalty as provided in Section 8, shall remain in full force and effect and continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner.
- 4. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ___ day of March, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief
El Paso Fire Department

Ordinance No. _____



Legislation Text

File #: 21-372, Version: 1

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Sam Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer, 212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

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

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item is to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities. To achieve this, this item would re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019091 for 30 days to continue the suspension of various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and continue the pilot program.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency.

March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City's Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. Also on, March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council re-enacted its Emergency Ordinance extending the City's Disaster Declaration monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on August 31, 2020.

August 31, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which suspended various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and established a pilot program.

September 28, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

October 27, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091. Also, City Council approved increasing the fine for all emergency directive violations from \$500 to \$1,000.

November 23, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which included the amendment to increase the fine to \$1,000 (Ordinance No. 019119).

December 14, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 1, 2021, and March 1, 2021, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Samuel Rodriguez

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019091, AS AMENDED BY
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019119; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City’s Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott similarly renewed the State’s COVID-19 Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, El Paso City Charter Section 3.10 allows City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council desires to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Instituting Emergency Measures to Allow Temporary Uses on the Public Right of Way and Private Property by Suspending Various City Ordinances (“**Emergency Ordinance No. 019091**”); and

WHEREAS, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091 each month, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 1, 2021 (Ord. No. 019142) (“Re-enacting Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted if the emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, a disaster continues to exist and requires that certain emergency measures be taken to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to re-enact its August 31, 2020, Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119, which shall take effect immediately, and remain in effect until April 28, 2021, or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. That Emergency Ordinance No. 019091 is re-enacted and shall remain in full force and continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner;
2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

Oscar Leeser
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ATTEST:


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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.
City Engineer

ORDINANCE NO. _____



Sun City Safe [streets][business][foodcourt]



Sun City Safe Program:

1. Program Summary
2. Prototypes to pilot program
3. Program Updates

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1: *Create an Environment Conducive to Strong Sustainable Economic Development*

Goal 2: *Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City*

Goal 6: *Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management*



Proposed Pilot Program:

- Aligns with emergency order duration time, with sunset date or possible extension to be determined
- All eligible streets have been identified by CID planning and S&M that meet criteria
- All private properties may apply for inclusion
- All spaces proposed for public use need to submit for an application, whether private or publicly owned.





- **[Streets]:** Addressing any use of ROW for safe distancing practices; **partial street closure + traffic lane reduction + more sidewalk space = shared streets.**



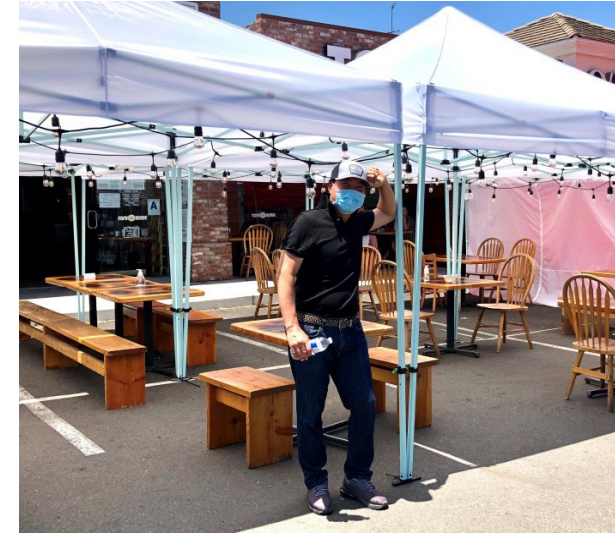
- **[Business]:** Addressing any use of outdoor space within a private property for a business to offer for safe distancing practices; **reduced parking requirements + outdoor seating = increased capacity**



- **[Food Court]:** Addressing use of joint outdoor space for multiple restaurants or food trucks to offer their patrons; **closed ROW/shared parking lots + shared outdoor seating = shared increased capacity**



- **[Streets]:** Use of ROW for safe distancing practices for private property owners:
 - **Ped-Way (Pedestrian lane)** – for recreational use, pedestrian or bicycling commuting
 - **ROW Cafe**– for businesses to offer additional space for their patrons outside their establishment for a partial street closure of a block
 - **Parking-parklets** – for businesses to use on-street parking spaces for additional outside space for patrons



- **[Business]:** Providing additional use of outdoor space within a private property for business owners
 - Off-street surface or garage parking within their properties for:
 - Additional dining space
 - Queuing for pick-up



- **[Food Court]:** Providing use of joint outdoor space for multiple restaurants or food trucks to offer their patrons
 - Consolidated location on a partial street closure (on ROW)
 - Consolidated location on a shared off-street parking lot (within private property)

Sun City Safe Program Summary:

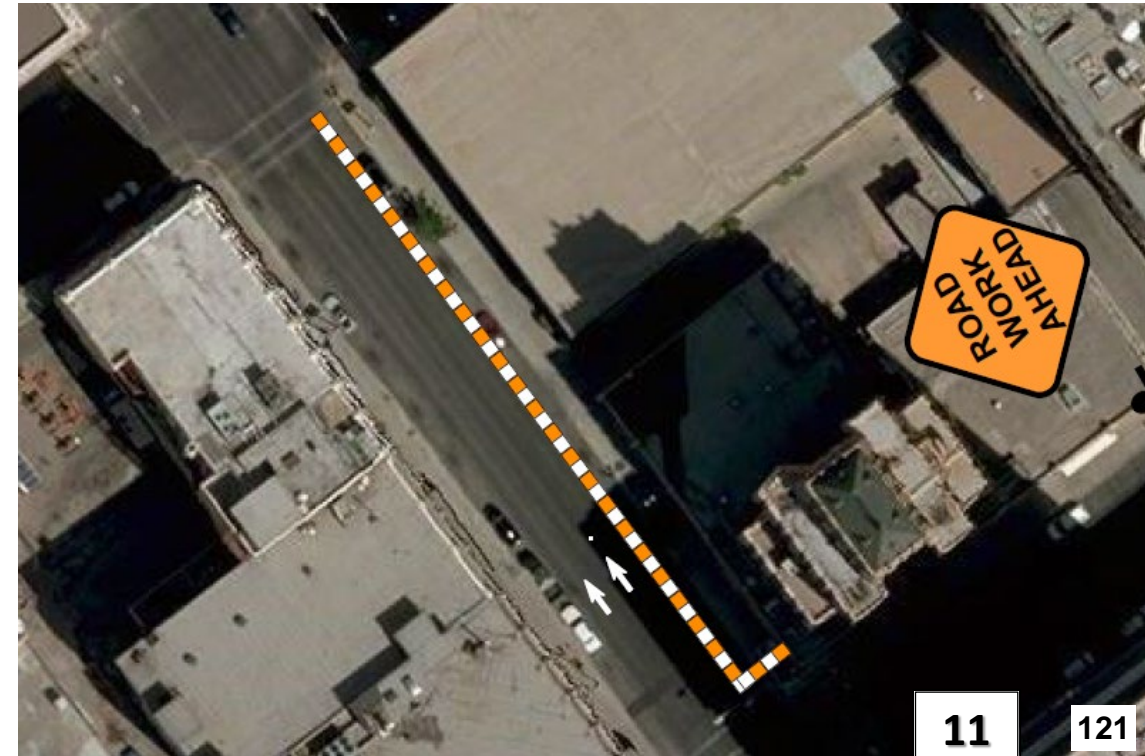
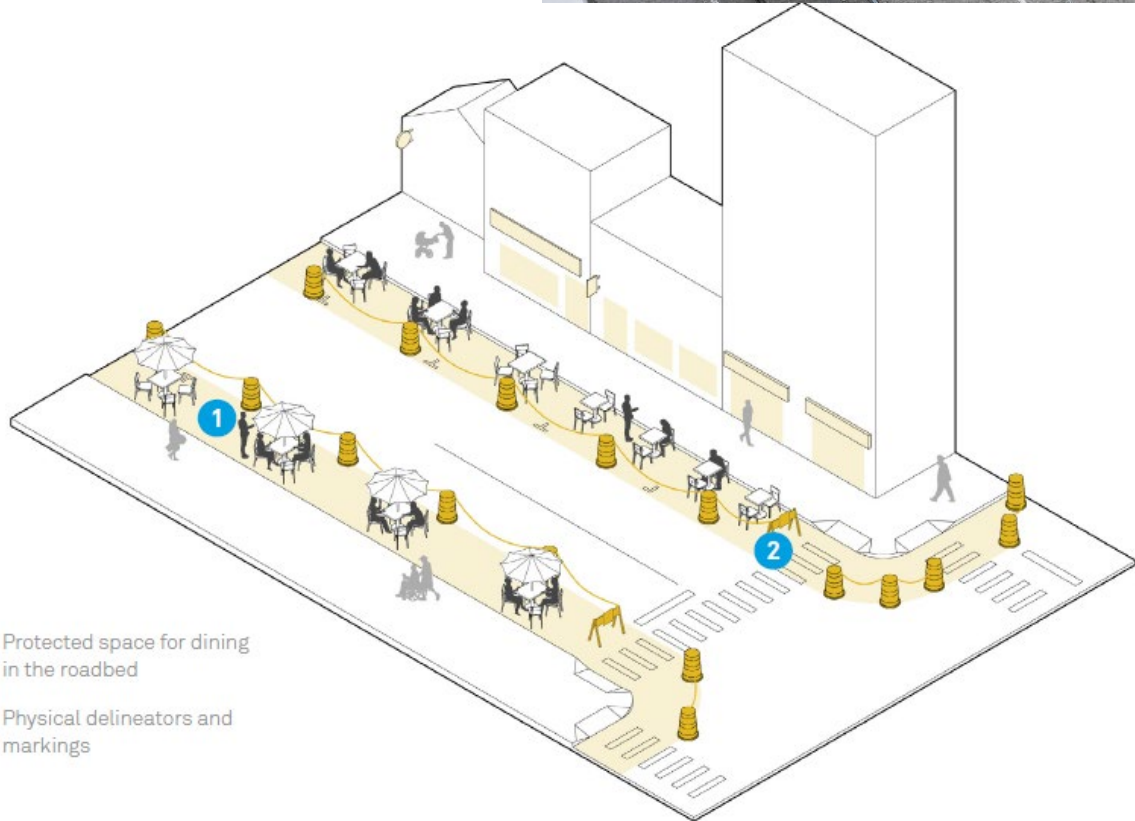


- Sun City Safe program is coordinated as an expedited permit type in response to COVID 19:
 - Pilot process coordinated with multiple user departments
- City Pilot Prototypes are to test-run initiative and finalize application and administrative process:
 - Ped-lane on Campbell Street (between 3rd st. and 6th st.)
 - ROW Café on Stanton (between Mills and Texas)
- Language in emergency order included to launch Pilot Sun City Safe Program throughout city .
- Coordination with Economic Development to identify funding and economic assistance for applicants was secured through CARES Act, to purchase traffic control inventory.



Prototypes

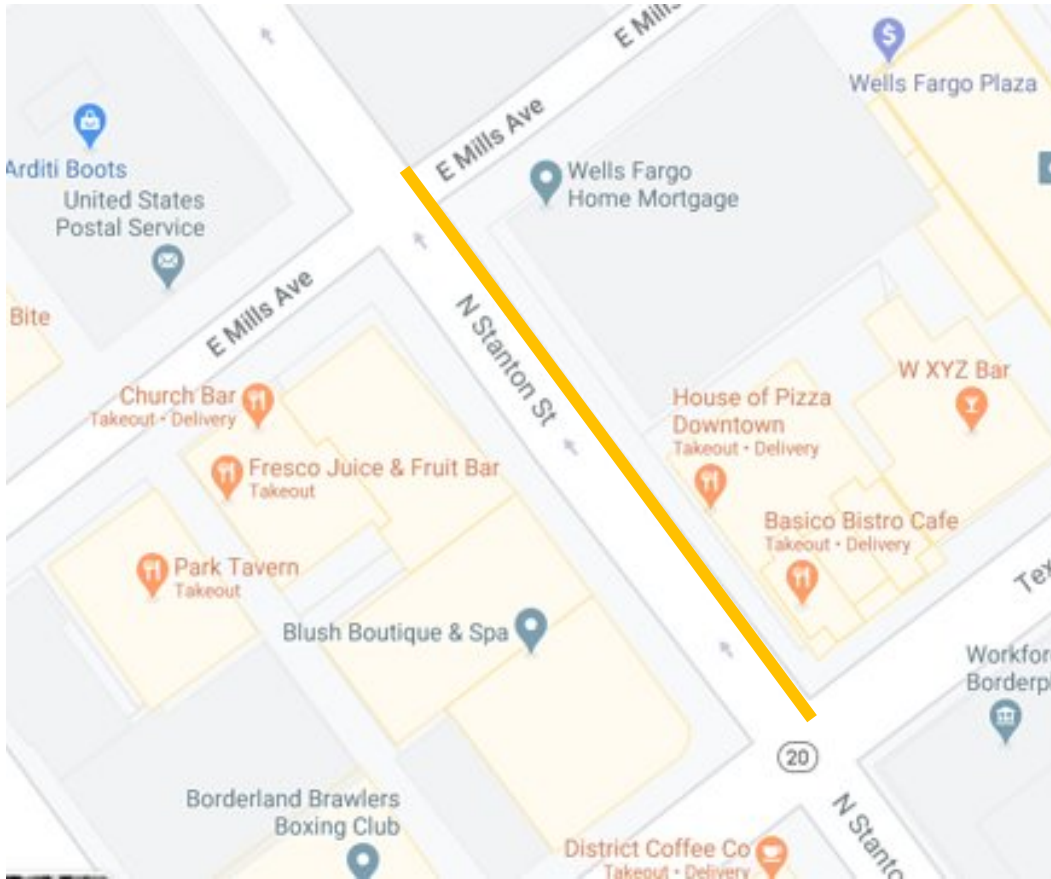
Prototype 1: ROW Cafe



R.O.W Cafe:

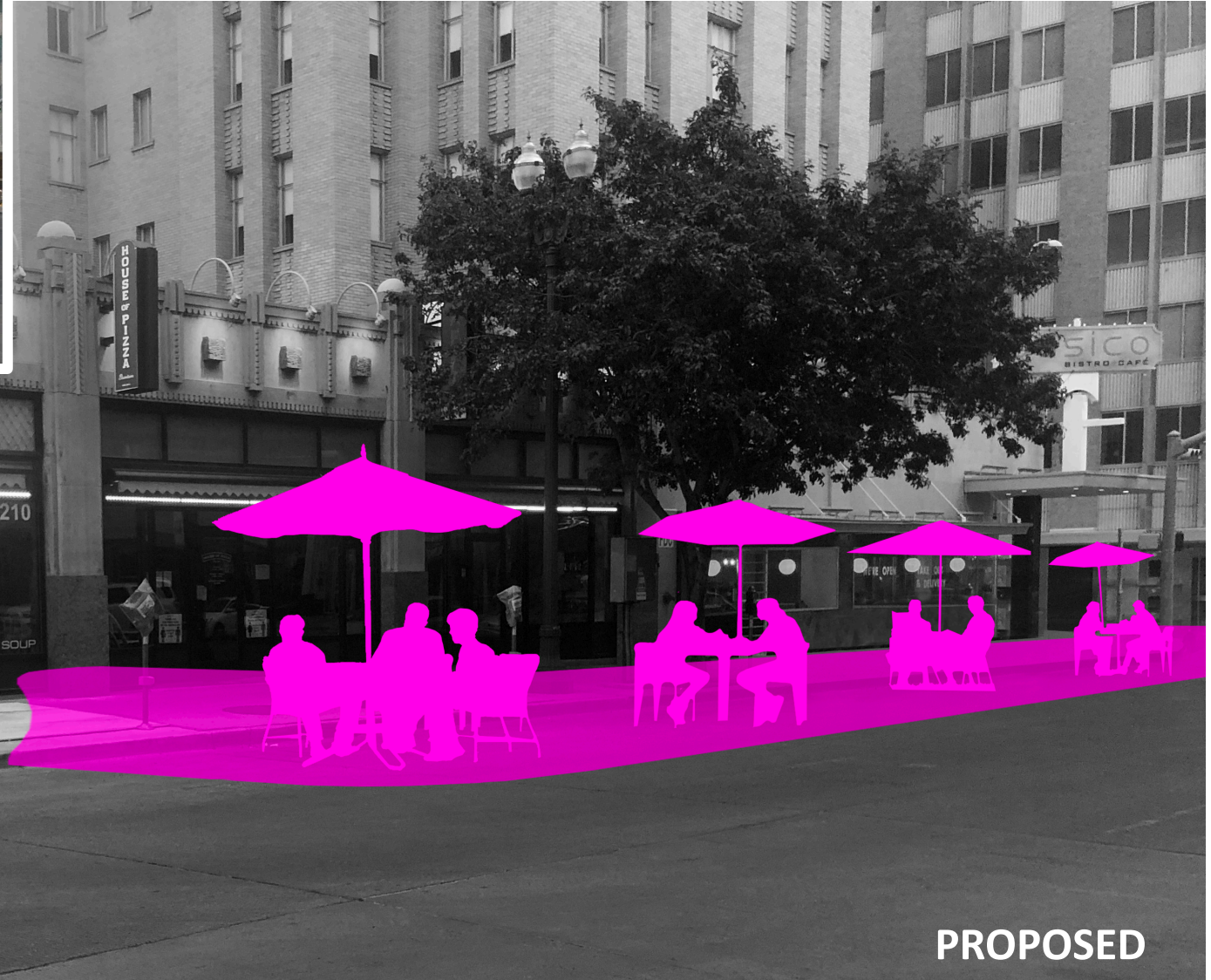
Stanton; between Mills and Texas

- Street lane closed off to serve as space for outdoor seating
 - Deployed by Streets & Maintenance on Nov. 30th and removed during the week of January 25th





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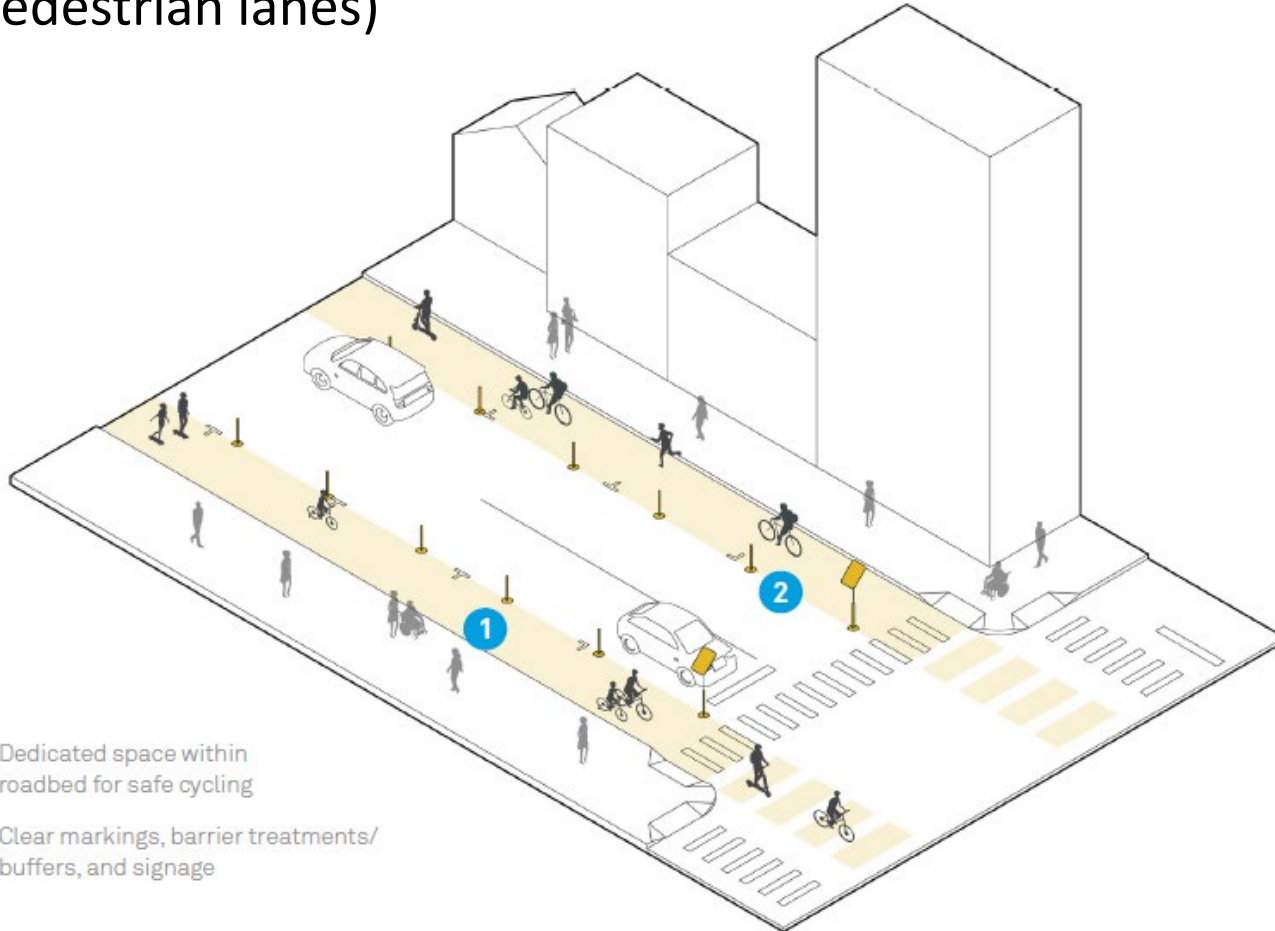


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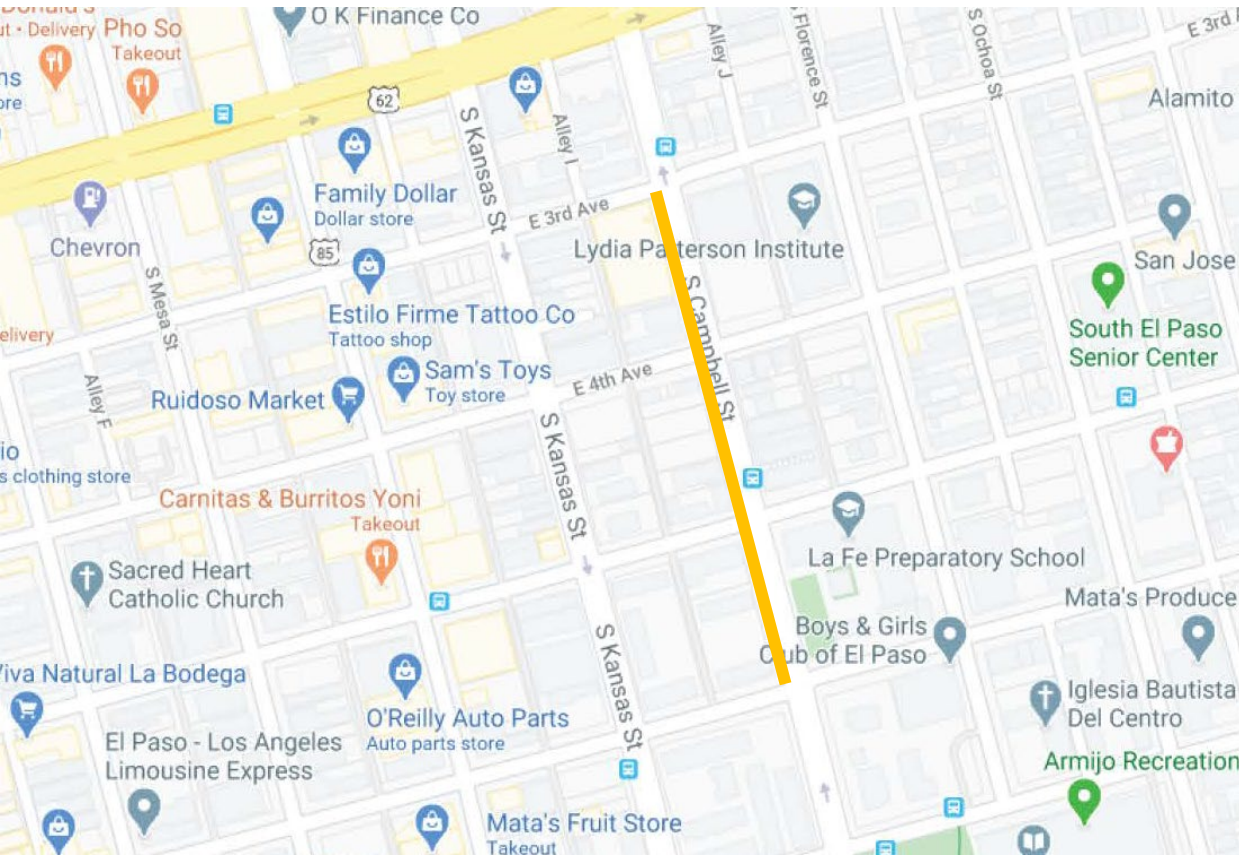
Prototypes

Prototype 2: Ped-way (pedestrian lanes)



Ped-Way: Campbell; between 3rd and 6th

- Lane closed off for added outdoor space for commuting and physical activity
 - Deployed by Streets & Maintenance on Nov. 30th and removed during the week of January 25th





EXISTING

PROPOSED



Sun City Safe Program Website:

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS

- [Program & Design Guidelines](#)
- [Approved Emergency Order](#)
- [Location Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [Traffic Control Plan Templates](#)
- [Program Overview Presentation](#)

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SUN CITY SAFE PILOT PROGRAM

CITY OF EL PASO SUN CITY SAFE PROGRAM

Approved August 31st, 2020

Welcome to the City of El Paso Sun City Safe Pilot Program! The Sun City Safe program is set up under the Pledge to Safety umbrella in the City's emergency COVID19 response and safety orders. It is part of the City's commitment to helping the local community by promoting the safe operations of businesses, as well as providing relief from quarantine stress by offering usable outdoor space for increasing capacity, exercise and commuting space for residents. For the duration of the emergency orders, the pilot program will allow in its different permit types, the use of the Right-Of-Way, or designated off-street parking space, for the use of the community to safely exercise, commute, or patronize local businesses.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Sun City Safe Program offers three main permit types, to fit different models of outdoor use for patrons and residents throughout the City.

The program will allow applicants to obtain a permit to use the Right-Of-Way or the parking lots on their property for safe outdoor use of either extensions of their businesses, or as added exercise, recreational or commuting space. The Permit is at no cost, and the City offers traffic control inventory to set up on the ROW for safe deployment of the different program permit types. Depending on their location, permit types allow for the following:

SAFE STREETS

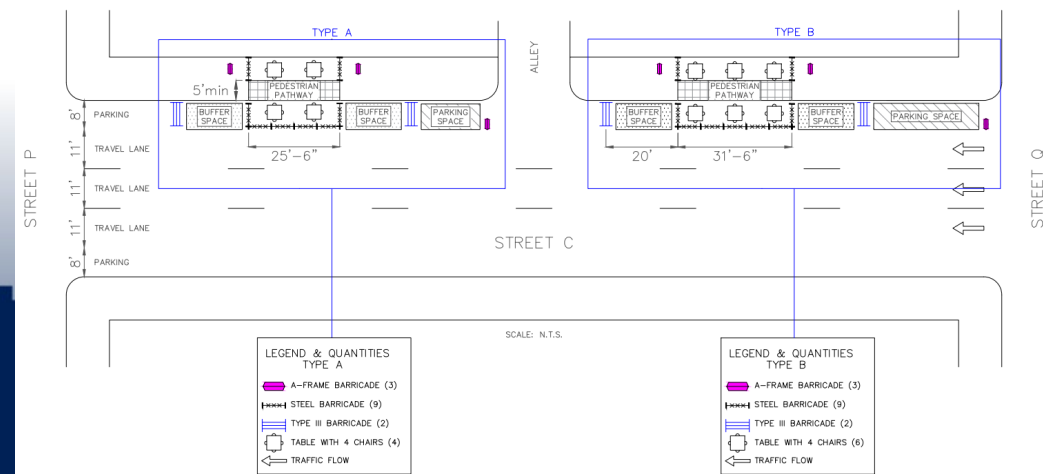
"Safe Streets" means the occupation of a portion of the public right of way that is currently used as on-street parking and/or automobile traffic that shall be utilized for additional outdoor public space. This space shall be used for the following purposes:



Pre-packaged Online application Process:

- Application through OSS:
 - Free / No permit fee
 - Meet pre-eligibility criteria for TCP template implementation
 - Indemnification waiver and insurance when applicable
 - Templates provided to allow for expedited review time
 - Additional documentation per program use

TYPICAL 2 - OUTDOOR DINNING (HALF LANE WITH PARKING)
TYPE A & B



Updates on Sun City Safe Program

Inventory & Applications

- Sourced in-house
- Allow for repeated use and expedited process
- Additional inventory will be deployed for other applications as they are processed and approved
 - To date, one application has been received

Prototypes

- Additional possible prototype locations are being explored
- Exploring additional partnerships

Outreach

- On-going efforts to inform public about program
- Increase awareness for those who may like to participate



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

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Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: City Rep Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

City Attorney's Office, Lupe Cuellar, (915) 212-0033

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 6 - Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion, action and update regarding the City of El Paso's State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Texas Legislative Session and other State legislative matters.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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N/A

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office
AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021
CONTACT PERSON: Lupe Cuellar, cuellarg@elpasotexas.gov
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION: None

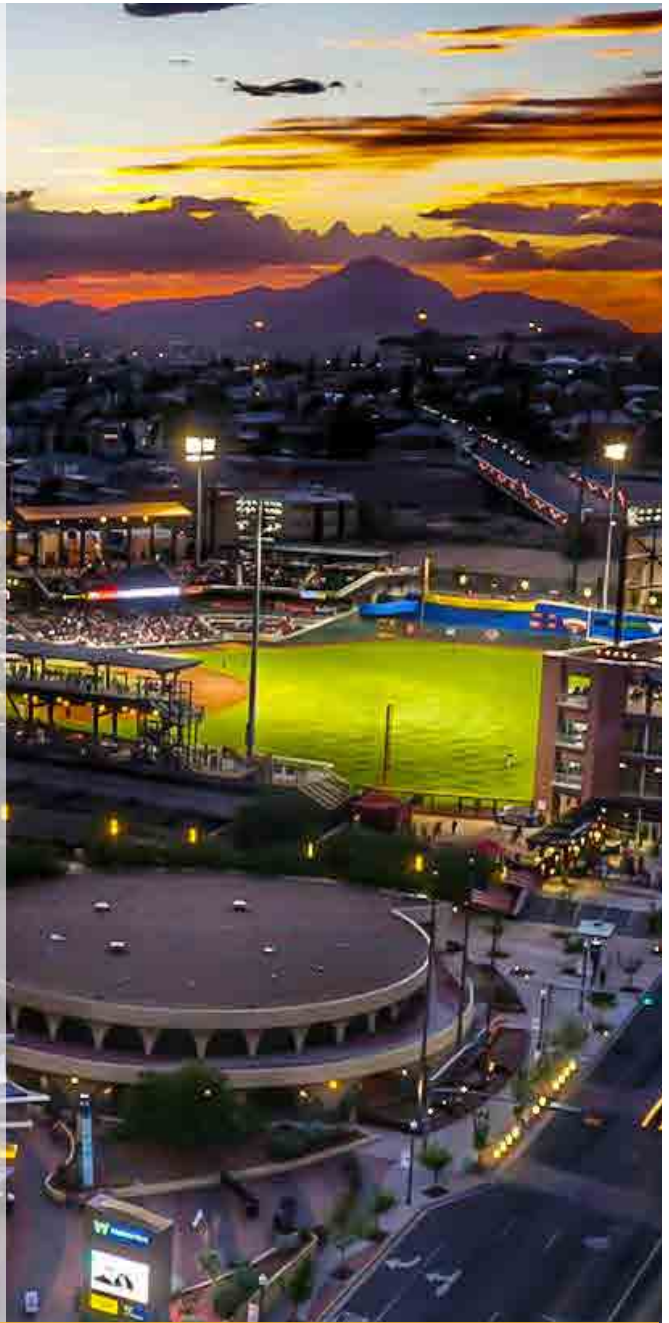
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DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Elizabeth Triggs, Strategic Partnerships Officer



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State Legislative Priorities
For 87th Texas Legislative Session

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City Manager



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STRATEGIC POLICY STATEMENTS

The City of El Paso Mayor and City Council has met to formulate strategic goals and policies to serve as guiding principles for the governance of the City of El Paso. Decisions regarding City of El Paso positions on legislative matters will be weighed against these guiding principles when formulating positions.

GOAL 1

Create an Environment Conducive to Strong,
Sustainable Economic Development

GOAL 2

Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

GOAL 3

Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

GOAL 4

Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through
Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

GOAL 5

Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Among
All Members of the Community

GOAL 6

Set the Standard for Sound Governance
and Fiscal Management

GOAL 7

Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

GOAL 8

Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The City of El Paso supports legislation that enhances the City's ability to solve problems and improve the quality of life for its citizens. The City of El Paso opposes legislation that reduces the City's authority or increases the City's costs. We will work with other cities to enhance and protect the authority of municipalities and to ensure that City taxpayers are not burdened with additional unfunded mandates.

The City of El Paso will also support legislative initiatives of community partners that enhance the educational, cultural, and infrastructure resources in our region.

The City of El Paso will oppose legislation that reduces a municipality's ordinance making authority.

This document reflects the City's adopted legislative policy as approved by City Council. The City's legislative program is organized into two categories:

I. Priority Legislative Initiatives

The City will actively seek to secure legislators to author bills for these initiatives, unless otherwise noted. The City will support and provide positive testimony for these initiatives and actively pursue passage of the bill.

II. Statement of Support or Opposition

City staff and authorized representatives will make known the City's position on these issues. Depending on the issue, staff will work to either assist in the passage of the bill or work against passage to preserve the City's interests. The important distinction between this category and the earlier category is that the City will not seek introduction of any legislation, but will vocalize the City's position in support or opposition.

I. PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The City will actively seek the passage of the following initiatives using City staff and authorized representatives to secure legislators to author a bill, provide testimony, and advocate for the bill's passage throughout the legislative process:

- 1) Appropriate money for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program to fund military value projects that strengthen Texas military installations.
- 2) Appropriate funding for the Wyler Aerial Tramway.
- 3) Seek legislation that will expand program eligibility under the Texas Economic Development Act to include back office and large scale warehouse distribution companies and extend the Act.
- 4) Seek legislation that will clearly allow municipalities to convey City owned property as part of a Chapter 380 economic development agreement.
- 5) Seek legislation concerning police reform and training that will enhance and foster public trust in the police department, to include the appropriation of funding to municipalities for the acquisition of police body cameras and storage of data obtained by body cameras.
- 6) Seek legislation that will provide for more economic incentives and support for solar and renewable energy initiatives.
- 7) Seek legislation that will strengthen community safety and prevent mass violence by strengthening existing laws to allow for a stronger more efficiently and consistently enforcement of laws and new legislation that will assist in the identification of risk indicators for potential threat to include the use and role of mental health professionals and ways to reduce the risk.

II. STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT & OPPOSITION

The City will either support or oppose legislation regarding the following issues meaning that, if a bill is introduced, then City staff and authorized representatives will make known the City's position on these issues and will work to either pass or defeat the legislation accordingly. The important distinction between this category and the "priority" category is that the City will not work to seek introduction of any legislation but will engage if a bill is otherwise introduced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support legislation that:

- Provides incentives for the development of an entertainment and sports arena;
- Preserves the full funding for Texas tourism;
- Provides for a law school to be located in El Paso;
- Expands the ability of local workforce organizations to access funding through the Skills Development Fund program and increases program funding or flexibility for eligible training programs;
- Allows for more transparency and clarity in the manner in which Texas Enterprise Funds are reviewed and awarded;
- Appropriates money for the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (MIIP) and creates supplemental tools for local communities to attract moving image projects and related jobs; or
- Local option tools to include legislation that allows municipalities to submit for voter approval an increase in the sales tax; the amount of the sales tax increase, the sunset date of the increase, and how the additional revenue will be used.

Oppose legislation that:

- Would reduce or eliminate the current Event Trust Fund Program;
- Would harm the City's viability to compete for conventions, sporting events and corporate relocations;
- Amend, abolish, or repeal Section 26.03 of the Texas Tax code related to the treatment of captured appraised value and tax increment in the calculation of ad valorem tax rates for a taxing unit; or,
- Negatively affects the City's ability to use existing economic development tools, to include property tax abatement, reinvestment zones, and Chapter 380 Agreements.

PROPERTY TAX REFORM & DEBT ISSUANCE

Support legislation that:

- Authorizes property tax exemptions at a specified dollar amount in lieu of a percentage of taxable value;
- Improves the Central Appraisal District's appeal process; or,
- Requires the Central Appraisal District staff and/or appraisal appeal boards to receive additional training and/or certifications that will improve the accuracy of the appraisals of property.

Oppose legislation that:

- Lowers the appraisal cap;
- Imposes revenue caps including a lowered rollback rate, mandatory tax rate ratification elections, or lowered rollback petition requirements; or
- Unnecessarily restricts the City's ability to issue debt or imposes undue burdens on debt issuance referendums.



UTILITIES

Oppose legislation that:

- Removes the City's "original jurisdiction" of the rate setting process for gas and electric service or removes the City's ability to recover expenses associated with conducting or intervening in gas and electric rate cases.



LAND DEVELOPMENT

Support legislation that:

- Requires the General Land Office to comply with local zoning and other regulations governing development and land use when the State retains an ownership in a private company (i.e.; when the State leases state land to third parties for commercial enterprises);
- Expands the City's zoning authority in the extraterritorial jurisdiction; or
- Provides for administrative approvals of 30-day subdivision approval waivers.

Oppose legislation that:

- Would restrict the City's ability to enforce or adopt building code requirements or collection of registration, administrative or licensing fees.

MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Support legislation that:

- Assists military personnel and their dependents including legislation that address wait times for veterans seeking care at VA clinics and medical centers and legislation that address the mental health needs of Texas veterans; or
- Improves workforce development programs for military personnel and veterans.



TRANSPORTATION

Support legislation that:

- Creates financing options for roads and transit projects through a sustainable and predictable funding source;
- Eliminates the diversions of State transportation revenue to non-transportation uses;
- Provides more funding allocated specifically for increasing TXDOT financial contribution in the maintenance of landscaping located on state highways within municipalities; or
- Amends the formulas used by TXDOT to allocate funding to cities to ensure that El Paso gets additional and equitable funding from all TXDOT funding sources.

Oppose legislation that:

- Mandates that municipalities participate in the Texas Department of Transportation “Turnback Program.”



PARKS

Support legislation that:

- Provides funding for the Texas State Park System and the Texas Recreation & Parks Account Local Park Grant Program;
- Directly benefits parks, recreation, open space, trails, tourism, health and wellness;
- Provides that the sales tax from sporting good sales is fairly and equitably distributed to state and local parks;
- Provides the pass through of federal dollars for parks, recreation, open space, trails and tourism; or
- Creates a fair distribution of the sporting goods sales tax revenue for local and state parks and require projects to be subject to a competitive scoring system established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Support legislation that:

- Requires or enhances the use of renewable energy “buy back” programs in the State of Texas;
- Creates renewable energy tax credits that complement federal renewable energy tax credits;
- Advances clean energy solutions by creating incentives and rebates to encourage the use of solar panels and energy efficiency;
- Allocates the Fund 5000 funds to projects identified by the local municipalities; or,
- Provides for economic incentives/support for solar and renewable energy initiatives.



BRIDGE WAIT TIMES/PORTS OF ENTRY

Support legislation that:

- Continues or expands the Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funding and prioritizes funding by port of entry; or,
- Provides the City with additional funding, procedures, or opportunities to bridge/ports of entry wait time without increasing costs to the City.

DEVELOPMENT

Support legislation that:

- Requires school bond elections for the construction of new schools to include associated infrastructure costs for municipalities.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Support legislation that:

- Increases accessibility for people with disabilities and reduces barriers to public facilities and transit.

PAYDAY LENDING REFORMS

Support legislation that:

- Would cap fees/rates on any loans brokered by Credit Service Organizations.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Support legislation that:

- Allows cities to recover costs associated with addressing blighted or abandoned properties; or
- Extends the Texas Board of Plumbing Examiners.

WAGE THEFT

Support legislation that:

- Enhances penalties for wage theft and provides protection for employees who report and seek to recover wages.

GAMING

Support legislation that:

- Restores gaming rights on tribal land.

LIBRARIES

Support increased state aid for public libraries.

Support legislation that prohibits a firearm license holder from the carrying of firearms into a library.

HOMELESSNESS

Support funding and programs to address homelessness issues.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Support legislation that would:

- Provide more funding for the Woody Hunt School of Dental Medicine.
- Preserve the special line item appropriation and formula funding for the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.
- University of Texas El Paso
 - Restore 5% general revenue reduction FY 20-21 Biennium.
 - Restore 5% revenue reductions in FY 22-23 non-formula items.
 - Provide funding for COVID-19 recovery and transition.
 - Provide a Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) Bill for capital improvement projects on UTEP's campus including:
 - Replacement of a 60-year-old classroom building
 - A consolidated student success building for academic and career advising and counseling and psychological services
- Allocate funding in future years for the following proposals made before the pandemic:
 - Interdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Hispanic Health
 - U.S. Census Restricted Access Research Data Center
 - West Texas Water Institute
 - Pharmacy Program Expansion
 - Center for Legal Studies

ANIMAL CONTROL

Support legislation that:

- Would allow flexibility for municipal owned shelters to provide veterinarian services; and
- Suspend, reduce or allow more flexibility in the applicability of Chapter 828 of the Health and Safety Code to municipally owned shelters during federal, state or local state of emergencies.

Oppose legislation that:

- Would impose more stringent requirements or regulations on municipal owned animal shelters or clinics that provide low cost spay/neuter procedures and vaccinations.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Support legislation that:

- Reduces the background check requirements for telecommunicators.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Support legislation that:

- Allows cities to publish certain notices via the internet.

ANNEXATION

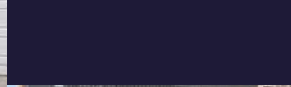
Oppose legislation that:

- Would further restrict municipal authority to annex land or impose more stringent requirements on a municipality's ability to annex land.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Support legislation that:

- Reauthorizes the Economically Distressed Areas Program for Texas Water Development Board for Colonia projects.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Support legislation that:

- Increases existing or creates new grant program funding that provides financial assistance to local governmental law enforcement agencies for public safety resources;
- Increases and identifies funding earmarked for local government/law enforcement agencies located at the border; or,
- Increases existing funding and new grant funding for public safety resources to local governments and police departments to help prevent mass shootings.

Oppose legislation that:

- Will allow U.S. Border Patrol agents to be carried as state peace officers.

MENTAL HEALTH

Support legislation that:

- Continues to fund or provides funding for state and local mental health programs.



AIRPORT

Support legislation that:

- Will enhance the economic opportunities and development of municipal airports.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Support legislation that:

- Addresses the digital divide disparity and expands broad band access.

Oppose legislation that

- Restricts the City's ability to regulate the telecommunications industry or the way fees are charged for the use of city right of way.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Oppose legislation that:

Increases the cost to the City for acquiring property or restricts the City's ability to acquire property.



GENERAL LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

- The City of El Paso supports legislation that enhances the City's ability to enhance services and improve the quality of life for its citizens.
- The City of El Paso also supports the legislative initiatives of the Texas Municipal League and other community partners that enhance the educational, cultural, and infrastructure resources in our region to the extent these initiatives do not conflict with the City's agenda.
- The City of El Paso opposes legislation that reduces the City's authority, increases the City's costs of providing services, undermines the principle of home rule, results in loss of revenue, diminishes the current authority of cities to regulate development, or imposes unfunded mandates.
- The Mayor, as representative of the city in intra-governmental and intergovernmental relationships, shall provide additional direction to the legislative team on the City's position on legislation, provided that such direction is not contrary with the general principles and general legislative principles stated in this document.

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87th Texas Legislative Session Update

March 29, 2021



Purpose

- To provide an update on legislative initiatives.
- To provide an update on other city related bills and legislative actions.
- To receive additional guidance and direction.



Focused Advocacy

Update by Focused Advocacy, the City's lobbyist at the state level, assisting the City in municipal policy and legislative advocacy to:

- Accomplish our strategic goals;
- Further our legislative priorities; and
- Protect our interests during the State legislative session.

Legislative Priorities Initiatives Update

- Appropriate money for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG)
Senate and House appropriated 30 million, going through appropriations budget hearings
- Appropriate funding for the Wyler Aerial Tramway
Positive discussions with members of delegation
- Seek legislation that will expand program eligibility under the Texas Economic Development Act to include back office and large scale warehouse distribution companies and extend the Act.
SB 1906 filed by Senator Blanco and a companion bill HB 4351 filed by Speaker Pro Tem Moody

Legislative Priorities Initiatives Update

- Seek legislation that will clearly allow municipalities to convey city owned property as part of Chapter 380 economic development agreement
SB 848 filed by Senator Blanco and a companion bill HB 3229 has been filed by Speaker Pro Tem Moody
- Seek legislation that will provide for more economic incentives and support for solar and renewable energy initiatives.
SB 170 filed by Senator Blanco and a companion bill HB 2015 has been filed by Representative Reynolds

Legislative Priorities Initiatives Update

- Seek legislation concerning police reform and training that will enhance and foster public trust in the police department, to include the appropriation of funding to municipalities for the acquisition of police body cameras and storage of data obtained by body cameras

Discussions with Speaker Pro Tem Moody on efforts to get potential funding as part of the police reform bills.

- Seek legislation that will strengthen community safety and prevent mass violence by strengthening existing laws to allow for a stronger more efficiently and consistently enforcement of laws and new legislation that will assist in the identification of risk indicators for potential threat to include the use and role of mental health professionals and ways to reduce the risk.

HB 127 – Relating to the unlawful carrying of certain firearms; creating a criminal offense.



Legislative Bills - Opposed

- **HB 1869** - Relating to the definition of debt for the purposes of calculating certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit.
- **HB 1391** Relating to the effect of an election at which the voters fail to approve or vote to reduce the ad valorem tax rate adopted by the governing body of a taxing unit
- **HB 753** - to municipal solid waste management services contracts; limiting the amount of a fee.
- **HB 749** Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.
- **HB 652** - Relating to notice of an epizootic infectious disease occurring in an animal shelter.

Legislative Bills - Supported

- **HB 2210** - Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United States.
- **HB 1564** Relating to the appointment of a receivership for and disposition of certain platted lots that are abandoned, unoccupied, and undeveloped in certain counties.
- **HB 1241, HB 545** Relating to municipal annexation of certain rights-of-way.
- **HB 442** Relating to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.

Legislative Bills - Supported

- **SB 5** Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.
- **HB 5** Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas
- **HB 323** - The criminal justice division establishment of grant program to provide financial assistance to a law enforcement
- **HB 199** Relating to the establishment of a public law school in El Paso County.
- **HB 323** Relating to a law enforcement agency accreditation grant program leading to workforce credentialing based on military experience, education, and training

Legislative Bills - Supported

- **HB 139** Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses
- **HB 636** - Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; authorizing a fee

Additional Clarification or Guidance

- Bills that would remove qualified immunity
- Bills that are unfunded mandates
 - Presumption that employee's COVID diagnosis is work related and covered under worker's compensation
 - Paid leave for public safety workers who have to quarantine
- HB 2073 Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, and emergency medical technicians employed or appointed by the city
- SB 877 – city cannot collect inspection fees if city in a declared disaster area

Other Legislative Actions

- **Rider 44** - We want to ensure that the funding allocated last session remains in the TXDOT budget, continue to work with delegation
- **HB 3** - Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster; creating a criminal offense.



Questions?



Mission

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



Vision

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



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action regarding the 87th Legislature Regular Session - Texas HB2592: Allows a municipality in El Paso County to contract with the County for law enforcement services and abolish its police department.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Click or tap here to enter text.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Click or tap here to enter text.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by amount numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

If Agenda Item Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Monday, March 29, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:
City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 2 - Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action regarding the 87th Legislature Regular Session - Texas HB2592: Allows a municipality in El Paso County to contract with the County for law enforcement services and abolish its police department.

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

By: Moody

H.B. No. 2592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1

AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing certain municipalities and counties to
3 enter into interlocal contracts for the provision of law
4 enforcement services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 791, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 791.038 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 791.038. CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section
10 applies only to:

11 (1) a county with a population of 800,000 or more and
12 located on the international border; and

13 (2) a municipality located wholly in a county
14 described by Subdivision (1).

15 (b) A municipality that enters into an interlocal contract
16 with a county under this chapter for the county to provide law
17 enforcement services to the municipality may abolish its municipal
18 police department.

19 (c) A county that enters into an interlocal contract with a
20 municipality under this chapter for the county to provide law
21 enforcement services to the municipality must assign county law
22 enforcement officers to discharge official duties in the
23 municipality.

24 SECTION 2. Section 791.038, Government Code, as added by

1 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the
2 effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.



Legislation Text

File #: 21-364, Version: 1

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 6 - Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager is directed to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy requests that fall within one of the eleven identified priority areas, further the City's mission and vision, align with the City's strategic goals, and where possible, advance the City's 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives, as further outlined in Exhibit "A" ("Federal Funding and Programmatic/Policy Priorities") attached to the Resolution; that the City Manager is directed to communicate and authorized to submit the projects and programmatic/policy requests and the impact of those projects and programmatic/policy requests on El Paso residents to the City's federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of he contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The 117th United States Congress convened in Washington D.C. on January 3, 2021 and will continue through January 3, 2023. This agenda item reflects the City's priorities in support of its vision to develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government. The City's proposed Federal Legislative Agenda identifies those legislative items that the City Council desires to actively propose, oppose or support.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by amount numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Strategic Partnerships
AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021
CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@elpasotexas.gov
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

A resolution that the City Manager is directed to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy requests that fall within one of the eleven identified priority areas, further the City's mission and vision, align with the City's strategic goals, and where possible, advance the City's 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives, as further outlined in the attached **Exhibit "A"** ("Federal Funding and Programmatic/Policy Priorities"); that the City Manager is directed to communicate and authorized to submit the projects and programmatic/policy requests and the impact of those projects and programmatic/policy requests on El Paso residents to the City's federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and that this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The 117th United States Congress convened in Washington D.C. on January 3, 2021 and will continue through January 3, 2023. On March 18th and 19th, the City was invited to submit local project and programmatic/policy requests through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes, respectively. The corresponding deadlines for request submittals is April 2nd and 7th. This agenda item provides the criteria for evaluating and selecting project and programmatic/policy requests for submittal to and consideration by the City's federal delegation and authorizes the City Manager to make and communicate those requests to the delegation. The criteria identified require that eligible project and programmatic/policy requests: 1) fall within one of eleven identified priority areas; 2) further the City's mission and vision; 3) align with the City's strategic goals; and, 4) where possible, advance the City's 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION: None

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Elizabeth Triggs, Strategic Partnerships Officer

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 117th Session of the United States Congress convened on January 3, 2021 and will consider many issues that affect local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso wishes to submit projects and programmatic/policy requests to its federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified eleven priority areas for project and programmatic/policy requests that further the City’s mission and vision, strategic goals, and 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is directed to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy requests that fall within one of the eleven identified priority areas, further the City’s mission and vision, align with the City’s strategic goals, and where possible, advance the City’s 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives, as further outlined in the attached **Exhibit “A”** (“Federal Funding and Programmatic/Policy Priorities”); and

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is directed to communicate and authorized to submit the projects and programmatic/policy requests and the impact of those projects and programmatic/policy requests on El Paso residents to the City’s federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Juan Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Elizabeth Triggs
Strategic Partnerships Officer

CITY OF EL PASO

FEDERAL FUNDING AND PROGRAMMATIC/POLICY PRIORITIES 117TH CONGRESS

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CITY MANAGER

EXHIBIT “A”

Background

Appropriations and Community Project Funding Requests

On March 18th, the City of El Paso was invited by Congresswoman Escobar’s office to submit appropriations and community project funding (CPF) requests with an April 2nd deadline. Appropriations requests include programmatic or language requests; the former including requests for funding of specific federal programs that are important to the City, while the latter includes specific policy directives to federal agencies.

CPF requests are local projects that will be funded through various federal government funding bills during FY2022; each member of Congress may only submit 10 projects for consideration by the House Appropriations Committee. CPF requests are typically for projects with a clear purpose and goal above and beyond normal operating activities, for which existing funding is not available or sufficient. As part of the submittal process, the City must include evidence of community support for the project request, availability of matching funds, and be readiness to undertake the project in FY2022.

Submitted requests will be evaluated by the Congresswoman’s office and, if approved, advanced to the United States Congress through the appropriations process.

Infrastructure Requests

On March 19th, the City of El Paso was additionally invited to submit policy suggestions or project requests for the upcoming surface transportation authorization legislation that will be advanced through the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The legislation will build on the “Moving Forward Act” approved during the previous Congressional session and the deadline for project requests is April 7th.

Only highway and transit project requests eligible under Title 23 and Chapter 53, Title 49 of the United States Code are eligible for consideration, while certain rail projects may be eligible under other federal programs may be eligible. Projects submitted should advance the goals of building a safer transportation network, increasing access, strengthening multi-modal transportation systems, reducing carbon pollution, enhancing environmental just, supporting underserved communities, and improving the state of good repair of our community’s infrastructure.

Submitted requests will be evaluated by the Congresswoman’s office and if approved, advanced to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Statement of Purpose

It is the intent of the City Council to authorize the City Manager to submit appropriations, CPF and infrastructure policy and project requests to the Congresswoman’s Office and further, that these requests be communicated to the City’s federal delegation for consideration during the appropriations and surface transportation authorization legislation processes.

Submitted project, programmatic and policy requests should: 1) further the mission and vision of the City; 2) align with its strategic goals; and 3) where possible, advance the 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives identified in the City’s strategic plan. Additionally, this document broadly outlines 11 priority areas for funding and policy requests through the appropriations and surface transportation authorization legislation processes; requests submitted by the City Manager should fall within one of these 11 priority areas and align with the stated areas of support within each category.

EXHIBIT “A”

Strategic Policy Statements

The El Paso City Council has adopted a Strategic Plan which includes eight strategic goals that serve as guiding principles for the governance of the City of El Paso. To achieve these goals, City Council has additionally identified 25 visionary initiatives with a target completion date of 2025.

Decisions regarding City of El Paso projects submitted for funding consideration or other programmatic and policy requests made through the appropriations and surface transportation authorization legislation processes for the identified priorities will be weighed against these guiding principles and initiatives. The City’s eight strategic goals and 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives include:

- **Goal 1:** Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development
- **Goal 2:** Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City
- **Goal 3:** Promote the Visual Image of El Paso
- **Goal 4:** Enhance El Paso’s Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments
- **Goal 5:** Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Among All Members of the Community
- **Goal 6:** Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
- **Goal 7:** Enhance and Sustain El Paso’s Infrastructure Network
- **Goal 8:** Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

Table 1. 25 by 2025 Visionary Initiatives

	Goal Link	25 by 2025 Visionary Initiative
1	Goal 1	Activate targeted (re)development
2	Goal 1	Expand Downtown revitalization/redevelopment
3	Goal 1	Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users
4	Goal 1	Capital improvement implementation
5	Goal 1	Revamp toll operation schedules and lane management
6	Goal 1	Launch new business friendly practices and services improving speed-to-market and supporting entrepreneurship/microenterprises
7	Goal 2	Expand investment in public safety operations
8	Goal 4	Complete Quality of Life Bond projects and develop signature programming
9	Goal 4	Align and implement key investment strategies sustaining and enhancing park system operations and outdoor offerings
10	Goal 6	Expand workforce development and organizational focus on continuous improvement through targeted training, activating partnerships, and growing best practices
11	Goal 6	Become a model for activating interagency and multisector partnerships and demonstrate results and under the <i>Communities of Excellence</i> framework
12	Goal 6	Optimize resources by evaluating and aligning service delivery mechanisms
13	Goal 6	Create and implement a plan to address long-term liabilities and sustain the City’s bond rating
14	Goal 6	Identify potential new revenue streams
15	Goal 6	Establish a citizen-led bond election
16	Goal 6	Define and begin implementation of a Smart Community Roadmap through the strategic integration of technology and data-driven action into City operations
17	Goal 7	Expand the investment and beautification of street infrastructure

EXHIBIT “A”

18	Goal 7	Implement improvements and activate programming that support and promote multimodal transportation
19	Goal 7	Create and implement a comprehensive facility and fleet investment plan
20	Goal 7	Establish Eastside and Mission Valley Growth Plan and begin implementation and complete Comprehensive Master Plan update
21	Goal 8	Evaluate and integrate key policies, practices and space planning improving community health outcomes and risk reduction
22	Goal 8	Support affordable, high quality housing options especially for vulnerable populations
23	Goal 8	Sustain the live-release rate
24	Goal 8	Create and implement the Urban Energy Plan and identify state and federal legislative funding opportunities
25	Goal 8	Seek out and activate interregional and binational partnership opportunities that support trade, technology and tourism

Specific Legislative Categories

Pandemic Relief:

COVID-19 has severely impacted local municipalities across the nation. From declines in revenue to long-term financial expenditures, local governments require support from the federal government to maintain services and programs for their residents. The pandemic has disproportionately affected El Paso as the majority of our community is heavily Hispanic and with a prevalence of underlying medical conditions among the El Paso population.

Despite these obstacles, the City of El Paso has identified key initiatives and programs that will support our community overcome the financial, social and health impacts the pandemic has created.

The City of El Paso **supports** federal legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Provide direct financial and logistical assistance to state and local governments to maintain community access to pivotal programs, recover lost revenue, and aid those impacted by COVID-19;
- Support and provide fiscal allocations for the following initiatives:
 - Utility Assistance for residential and commercial customers;
 - Rental and mortgage assistance for residents experiencing negative economic impacts;
 - Direct financial assistance for El Paso’s most vulnerable populations;
 - Childcare for essential workers performing critical services; and
 - Increased access to and expansion of food bank operations.
- Continue investment in federal, state, and local public health infrastructure to ensure an efficient and strong response to the pandemic;
- Improve access to resources and education about COVID-19, especially for communities with high barriers to accessing assistance;
- Support small businesses severely impacted due to the pandemic, including programs that provide direct financial assistance, improve future resiliency, or information and education regarding available assistance;

EXHIBIT “A”

- Promote workforce development programs, including work relief programs, apprenticeship programs, and workforce skills training, to increase workforce participation and lower local unemployment;
- Expand health care coverage and access for Texans, including continued progress on behavioral health and the expansion of Medicaid; and
- Expand unemployment benefits for those impacted by COVID-19.

Housing and Homelessness:

The City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Extend and provide program flexibility to determine how best to spend funding allocated through the following programs:
 - HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
 - HOME, HOPWA and Homeless Assistance Grants; and
 - Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program, including elimination of the cap on RAD conversion authority
 - Other programs that support states’ and local municipalities’ efforts to create a sustainable and resilient homelessness response program and infrastructure, including the construction of necessary homeless living facilities;
- Support robust funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and preservation and expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

Public Safety

The City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Promote a public health approach to reduce violence, including addressing the root causes of crime in a long-term and sustainable way, rather than solely treating the symptoms of those causes (e.g., the violence) with punishment and temporary incarceration. (i.e., mental health, domestic violence and homelessness);
- Increase investment in evidence-based reforms that reduce crime and incarceration;
- Support survivors of violent crime;
 - Research shows us that trauma either through witnessing or directly experiencing violence, when left unaddressed, can have devastating long-lasting effects on individuals. In light of recent events, this is especially relevant to El Paso;
 - Congress should maintain current levels of CVF funding to provide expanded outreach and services to victims of crime;
- Strengthen community safety and prevent mass violence by strengthening existing laws to allow for a stronger, more efficient and consistent enforcement of laws and new legislation that will assist in the identification of risk indicators for potential threat to include the use and role of mental health professionals and ways to reduce the risk;

EXHIBIT “A”

- Concern police reform and training that will enhance and foster public trust in the police department, to include the appropriation of funding to municipalities for the acquisition of police body cameras and the storage of data obtained by body cameras;

Digital Inclusion and Expansion

The City of El Paso is committed to ensuring every resident has access to technology and internet access. To achieve this, the City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Promote substantial digital inclusion study that identifies populations and communities that are severely underserved;
- Invests in those underserved communities by providing internet technologies (MiFi, WiFi, Hotspots, PC, etc.) to public buildings; and
- Promote partnerships with service providers to increase fiber investments along major street arterials.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The City of El Paso supports Congress’ efforts to fund and support energy efficient and renewable programs across the nations. As one of the sunniest cities in the United States, El Paso is committed to investing in renewable infrastructure and programs.

The City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Support municipalities’ efforts to transition all city owned properties Net-Zero Energy buildings;
- Support solar and more energy efficient lighting for major corridors in major US cities;
- Establish a mechanism for private sector developers to be incentivized to reduce community wide energy demand by incorporating high efficiency performance standards and renewable energy in new develop or redevelopment projects;
- Promote programs with utility partners to upgrade outdated appliances into energy efficient appliances, including low-income appliance replacement, as well as all incentives for new residential, residential retrofit and commercial energy efficient alliances;
- Support municipalities’ efforts to upgrade heavy energy usage buildings to incorporate renewable energy technologies;
- Provide for more economic incentives and support for solar and renewable energy initiatives; and
- Provide funding for renewable and electric vehicle development and related infrastructure to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, including continued and increased federal tax credits for the purchase of electric vehicles; and support local municipalities’ initiatives to upgrade city-owned vehicles to electric vehicles.

Airport and Aviation

The El Paso International Airport is pivotal to the growth and success for the Borderland region. To counteract the impacts of COVID-19, enhance the sustainability of existing services and grow operations, the City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

EXHIBIT “A”

- Expand existing airport infrastructure to support economic development initiatives that aim to create a sustainable economy;
- Invest in research and development for innovative technologies and idea in aviation;
- Provide for airport infrastructure funding to maintain and build the infrastructure needed to serve passengers with safe, secure, and efficient facilities;
- Ensure all Airports and Airways Trust Fund revenues are spent on aviation programs;
- Increase flexibility of the Airport Improvement Program and how airports use Passenger Facility Change revenue;
- Provide local municipalities and airport officials the resources to implement innovative, safe, and efficient aviation systems; and
- Maximize the flexibility of the Airport Improvement Program.

International Bridges

El Paso’s economy thrives through its cooperation and partnership with Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. However, there are several improvements and policies that could be instituted that would strengthen this relationship.

The City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Promote the use of technologies and best practices to streamline complex transportation and trade systems, including such technologies as: Dynamic Message Signs, Closed-Circuit Television, cameras, WiFi Readers, Lane Management Signs, Miles of Fiber Optic Cable and Conduit, Upgrade to Existing Traffic Management and Toll Collections Systems;
- Support local municipalities’ efforts to master-plan and enhance existing bridge crossings; for example, the following could greatly improve efficiency at the City of El Paso’s international ports of entry:
 - Expansion Feasibility Study and Ysleta Port of Entry Master Planning. Study will review federal, state, and local facilities, staffing and technologies analysis; and
 - Dedicated pedestrian pick-up and drop-off areas, shade canopies, raised cross-walks, sidewalk improvements, lighting, landscaping areas and various pedestrian safety improvements; and
- Expansion of current federal international travel policy efforts, including the creation of te additional capacity for Senti users, as well as opportunities for additional multi-modal lanes at the Stanton Bridge.

Transportation

The City of El Paso urges Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to study and provide equal consideration to address the infrastructure needs of communities throughout the nation. Additionally, the City calls on the federal government to fully fund and expand all federal highway and transit programs.

Generally, the City **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

EXHIBIT “A”

- Support major infrastructure projects to provide options and minimize traffic congestion and maximize the efficiency of El Paso’s transit and road system;
- Provide long-term, sustainable funding to ensure continued investment in all modes of surface transportation;
- Fund the robust collection of data, and use of analytics, to improve travel operations, provide real-time traveler information, and inform infrastructure investment decisions;
- Continue funding for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) grant programs and maintain financing programs for TOD investments at transit stations and multimodal facilities;
- Ensure the equitable distribution of highway and transit funds;
- Do not increase the required local share required to secure funding for federally assisted highway or transit projects;

In addition, the City **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Support the construction of local infrastructure projects, including but not limited to:
 - The buildout of the Deck Park at I-10, providing multi-modal connectivity between downtown and uptown El Paso;
 - Buildout of projects identified in the MTP in an expedited manner;
 - The ability to bring new projects in to the MTP;
 - Reconstruction of major corridors, such as Mesa, Dyer, Alameda, and Airway; and
 - Phase 2 and 3 of the Streetcar.
- Support facilitating secure domestic and international travel through the support of programs such as the Secure Travel Partnership and the Trusted Traveler Programs;
- Provide funding and policy support for automated vehicles, vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technologies;
- Facilitate a demonstration project for the bridges illustrating the feasibility of movement across the port using driverless electric vehicles with all paperwork via electronic process, resulting in a reduction in pollution, elimination of waste from drivers, possibly expediting and automating the crossing and inspection process in a manner that is scalable to all ports of entry;
- Improve applicable federal navigation regulations (Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Navigation and Navigable Waterways) to help expedite the flow of people and the movement of goods across the U.S.-Mexico border;
- Provide direct funding to allow cities to pursue innovative solutions to urban transportation problems, traffic congestion, and other local transportation issues.

Development and Redevelopment

As part of the city’s effort to cultivate an environment conducive to strong, sustainable economic development, several sites across El Paso have been identified for redevelopment to maximize the value to the community.

EXHIBIT “A”

The City of El Paso **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Promote redevelopment of community prioritized sites with the intent to enhance the surrounding community and residents’ quality of life; and
- Supports the creation of a city-wide urban trail system to connect underserved populations, linking neighborhoods to major employment centers, parks, and open space;
- Expands and extends programs that promote development and redevelopment, including but not limited to tax credit programs, opportunity zones, and tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Arts + Culture

The City of El Paos **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Promotes and preserves El Paso’s culture and programs that support local artists and art organizations;
- Enables the rehabilitation of and provides support for pivotal arts and cultural programs and infrastructure; and
- Promotes eco- and heritage tourism as an economic development driver for the region.

Economic Development

In addition, the City **supports** legislation, policies, and funding that promote economic development for the community, including legislation, policies, and funding that:

- Initiate a workforce training programs dedicated to promoting skills development in emerging industries that align with existing resilience challenges;
- Support entrepreneurship and microenterprises;
- Facilitate the establishment of an accelerator for small business growth and continuity; and
- Engage the private sector in the development of innovative solutions for social and economic problems facing low-income communities.



Item 8

Federal Funding, Programmatic, & Policy Priorities

Goal 6. Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

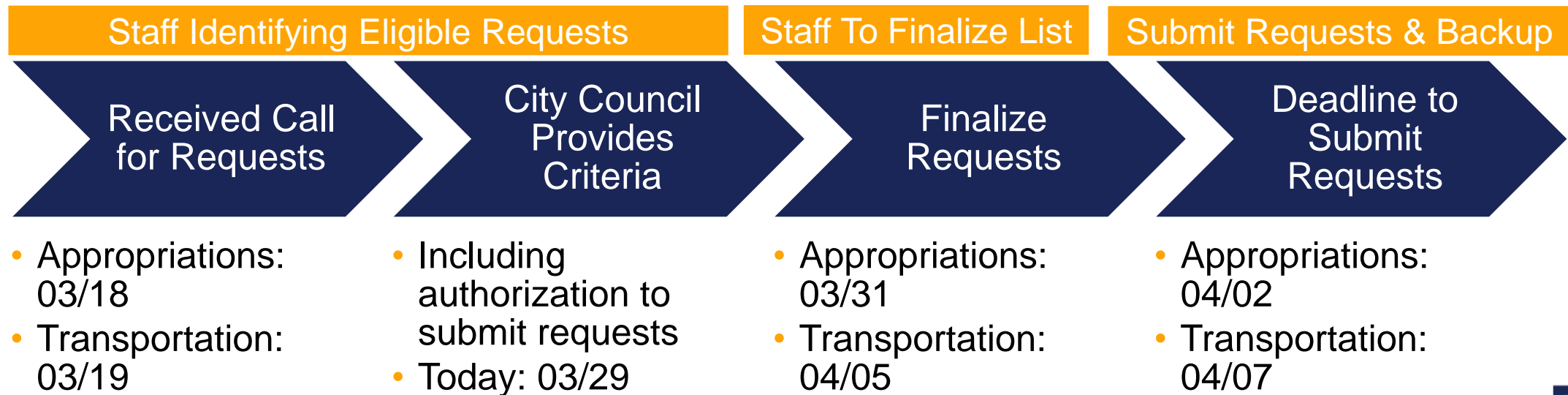
Presentation Overview

- ❖ Resolution Overview & Purpose
- ❖ Overview of Federal Priorities & Processes
 - Federal Administration's Legislative Priorities
 - Federal Legislative & Appropriations Process
- ❖ City Federal Funding, Programmatic & Policy Priorities
 - Guiding Principles
 - Proposed Priority Areas
- ❖ Next Steps



Resolution Overview & Purpose

- To authorize the City Manager to identify and submit eligible **community projects and programmatic and policy requests** to the City’s federal delegation for consideration during the **federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes**, subject to a set of criteria approved by City Council.





Overview of Federal Priorities & Processes

Merchant McIntyre & Associates



Merchant McIntyre & Associates

- MM provides comprehensive government relations consulting for the City, both in terms of securing funding through discretionary grants and wins through major legislative initiatives.



2021 Biden-Harris Administration + Congressional Agenda

- COVID Vaccination Efforts
 - Education and dissemination
- COVID Relief and Economic Recovery
 - Future additional stimulus
- Infrastructure Investments
 - Comprehensive infrastructure bill
- FY2022 Appropriations Legislation
 - Congress' regular Appropriations process will now include the revival of "earmarks"

Federal Legislative + Appropriations Processes

- Congress writes legislation annually that federal agencies then execute.
- Federal funding that impacts the City is delivered via formula/block grants *and* discretionary funding via competitive grant applications.
- Competitive grant applications are reviewed and select projects are funded.




The Return of "Earmarks"

- Members of Congress will now be permitted to request that specific projects be funded through Appropriations and Comprehensive Infrastructure legislation.
- The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee has released guidance and is accepting Community Project Funding requests NOW.
- The Senate's Member-Directed Spending process is unclear at this time, although we expect guidance soon.

Next Steps for the City

- Approval of resolution authorizing City Manager to identify projects, programmatic, and language requests;
- Confirm priority project(s) for earmarked funding;
- Submit CPF request to Rep. Escobar;
- Continued engagement with Rep. Escobar throughout Appropriations process (April 2nd Deadline)*

*April 7th for Surface Transportation Projects



City Federal Funding, Programmatic & Policy Priorities

Guiding Principles & Proposed Priority Areas

Guiding Principles:

Alignment with Federal Requirements & Guidelines

- **Project Funding Cap:** Less than \$1.5 million per project;
- **Local Match:** Plan for local match required (recommended 25% match);
- **Community Support:** Demonstrated community support for project;
- **One-Time Funding:** Limited to FY22 funding only;
- **Categories Eligible:** Broad range of projects that can be included
- **Limited Funding:** Each congressperson may only submit 10 projects

Guiding Principles:

Alignment with the City's Strategic Plan

- Each funding request and program recommendations is tied to the **City of El Paso's Strategic Plan**.
- This is an **opportunity** for federal funding will support existing efforts while offering the opportunity to realize some community projects earlier than expected.
- Staff will **continue to pursue financial support** from state and federal agencies to offset the cost to El Paso



STRATEGIC
PLAN 2019

25 BY 2025



Proposed Priority Areas

- Pandemic Relief
- Housing and Homelessness
- Public Safety
- Digital Inclusion and Expansion
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Airport
- International Bridges
- Transportation
- Development and Redevelopment
- Arts and Culture
- Economic Development



Pandemic Relief

Supports projects and legislation that provide:

- Rental, utility or direct financial assistance.
- Childcare for essential workers.
- Expansion of food bank operations and access.
- Investment in local public health infrastructure.
- Small Business Support.

Housing and Homelessness

- Extend, and provide program flexibility to determine how best to spend funding allocated through the following programs:
 - Community Development Block Grants
 - HOME, HOPWA and Homeless Assistance Grants
 - Rental Assistance Demonstration Program
- Support robust funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and preservation and Expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



Public Safety

- Increase investment in evidence-based reforms that reduce crime and incarceration.
- Support Legislation and funding for the acquisition of police body cameras and the storage of data obtained by the body cameras.
- Promote a public health approach to reduce violence, including addressing the root causes of crime in a long-term and sustainable way.



Digital Inclusion and Expansion

- The City of El Paso is committed to ensuring every resident has access to technology and internet access.
- Promote substantial digital inclusion study that identifies population and communities that are severely underserved.
- Promote partnerships with service providers to increase fiber investment along major street arterials.



Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Support municipalities' efforts to:

- Transition all city owned properties to Net-Zero Energy Buildings.
- Upgrade city-owned vehicles to electric vehicles.
- Upgrade heavy energy usage buildings to incorporate renewable energy technologies.

Airport

- Support funding opportunities that enhance the sustainability of existing services, grow operations, and counteract the impact of Covid-19.
- Provide airport infrastructure funding to maintain and build the infrastructure needed to serve passengers with safe, secure and efficient facilities.
- Provide resources to implement innovative, safe and efficient aviation systems.





International Bridges

- Promote the use of technologies and best practices to streamline complex transportation and trade systems.
- Support local municipalities' efforts to master-plan and enhance existing bridge crossings.

Transportation

- Support major infrastructure projects to provide options and minimize traffic congestion and maximize the efficiency of El Paso's transit and road system.
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Economic Development

- Initiate workforce training programs dedicated to promoting skills development in emerging industries that align with existing resilience challenges.
- Facilitate the establishment of an accelerator for small business growth and continuity.
- Engage the private sector in the development of innovative solutions for social and economic problems facing low-income communities.



Next Steps

- March 29 - City Council adopts the federal funding, programmatic and policy priority recommendations
- March 31 – Finalize priority list and provide to City Council for review
- March 31 through April 1 - City staff will collect letters of support from key stakeholders and collect necessary information to submit requests
- April 2 - Deadline to submit appropriations request, community project funding requests and programmatic and language requests
- April 7 - Deadline to submit surface transportation projects



Mission

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



Vision

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



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



Questions?

March 29, 2021





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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBGOAL: 8.4 Reduce operational energy consumption

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Presentation and update on the City of El Paso's efforts related to power generation resources and the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the City's previous, ongoing and future efforts toward the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by amount numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Strategic Partnerships
AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021
CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@elpasotexas.gov
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Presentation and update on the City of El Paso's efforts related to power generation resources and the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the City's previous, ongoing and future efforts related to power generation resources used to supply our community's power needs and the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION: None

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Elizabeth Triggs
Elizabeth Triggs, Strategic Partnerships Officer

Item 9

Advancing Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

An Overview of the City's Role & Opportunities

Goal 8. Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community

Presentation Overview

- Advancing Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives
- Our Strategic Plan + Energy
- Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives
 - Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
 - Renewable Generation Study
- Next Steps



Advancing Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

Built Environment

- City Facilities
- Infrastructure
- Private Development

Economic Development

- Industry Development
- Supply Chain
- Capital Investment
- Jobs

Energy

- Energy Supply
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Access
- Supply Chain
- Emissions Reduction

Advancing Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

Regulatory Action

Exercising City's original jurisdiction

Intervention in regulatory proceedings

Police powers over City-owned rights-of-way

Strategic Action

Legislative Change

Organizational Goals

Incentivizing Development + Industry Development

Strategic Partnerships

Regulatory Action: The Case of Newman 6

- A 228 megawatt natural gas replacement unit
- Replacing three older, less efficient units
- The result of EPE's 2017 Integrated Resource Planning study + RFP
 - Chosen as **lowest-cost**, reliable portfolio option to serve increasing demand
 - Not a stand-alone solution:
 - 200 megawatts of large scale solar power
 - 50 megawatts of battery storage*
- The new unit, solar, and battery storage resources result in:
 - 32 megawatts of net new generation from natural gas;
 - 600 million gallons of water saved per year;
 - 25 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2025; and
 - Increase in share of renewable generation from 5% in 2020 to 16% in 2023.

*Original proposal included two 50 MW battery storage facilities, but New Mexico Regulatory Commission denied one 50 MW facility due to cost

Regulatory Action: The Case of Newman 6

2019

2020

Nov. 12

- EPE files application to amend its CCN for additional unit at Newman 6
- Council votes to intervene

Dec. 6

- City files motion to intervene

May 26

- Council votes to deny EPE's settlement proposal

Jun. 9

- Hearing held

Sep. 8

- Proposal for decision issued

Sep. 18

- City files exceptions to the decision

Oct. 12

- Council voices continued opposition through unanimous motion

Oct. 16

- PUC adopts proposed decision to approve the amendment to the CCN

- The PUC grants amendments to Certificates of Convenience and Necessity; City may intervene
- Cost recovery related to Newman Unit 6 will be determined after the unit is operational



Our Strategic Plan + Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

Vibrant Regional Economy

1.1 Stabilize + Expand El Paso's Tax Base

Establish a support mechanism for resilient development practices for private sector projects across El Paso

✦ 1.7 Identify and develop plans for areas of reinvestment and local partnership

Define workforce needs and activate key networks in support of the environmental/creative economy

Safe + Beautiful Neighborhoods

7.1 Provide reliable and sustainable water supply and distribution systems

*Advance the Paso del Norte Region as a **leader in advanced energy** and water technology*

7.5 Set one standard for infrastructure across the city

Institutionalize sustainable building design and development practices for all City-owned and operated property

7.5 Set one standard for infrastructure across the city

Design and implement infrastructure projects that simultaneously address flooding, heat and energy, and citizen mobility update

✦ 8.4 Reduce operational energy consumption

Create and implement the Urban Energy Plan and identify state and federal legislative and funding opportunities

Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council

ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES + DUTIES

“The role of the RREAC is to advise City Council on **all matters related to renewable energy strategy + industry development** as initiated and requested by City staff.”

**Industry
Development**

1

**Municipal
Energy**

2

**Renewable Energy
Infrastructure**

3

**Education +
Outreach**

4

Visionary...

- *Renewable energy is one of the biggest ways for us to make a lasting and large impact for our future.*
- *Providing renewable energy solutions to communities that can have a positive impact in our community and ecosystems.*
- *We can help our city to grow in positive ways and move toward a more sustainable future*
- *Solar Energy is El Paso's largest economic development opportunity for the coming decades and El Paso's largest upcoming opportunity to be of service to the nation and to the world.*
- *To forge key partnerships and collaboration across our community as we continue to develop and grow our renewable energy resources and other technologies.*

**Comments taken from RREAC Member Survey*

The Triple Bottom Line

AS IT RELATES TO URBAN ENERGY PLANNING



People

SOCIAL

Reducing Energy
Cost Burden for all
El Pasoans



Planet

ENVIRONMENTAL

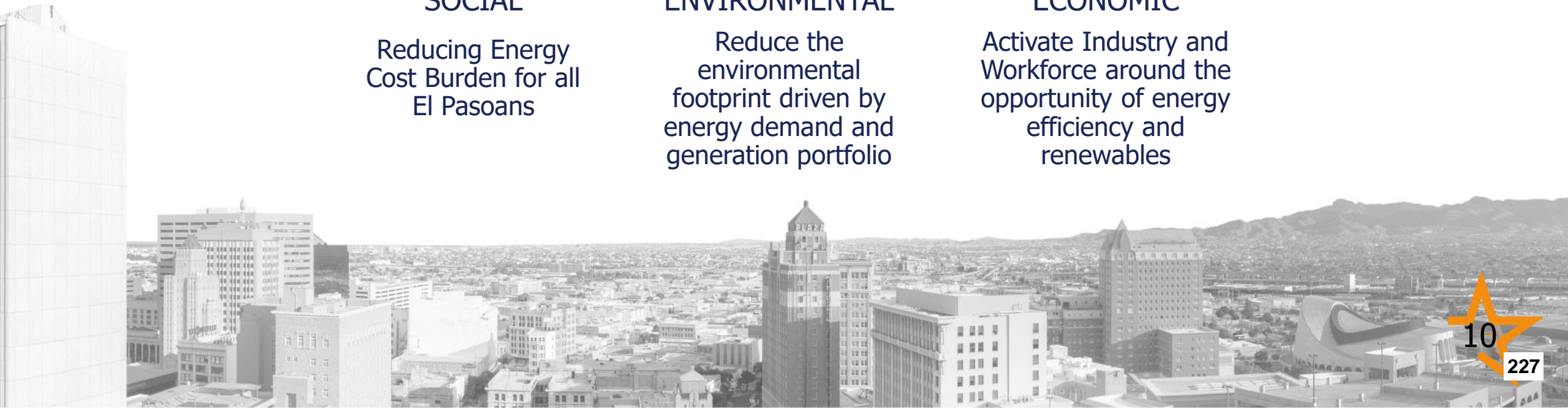
Reduce the
environmental
footprint driven by
energy demand and
generation portfolio



Prosperity

ECONOMIC

Activate Industry and
Workforce around the
opportunity of energy
efficiency and
renewables



The Renewable Generation Study

- As a **commitment** in the IIF Acquisition, El Paso Electric agreed to perform a **Renewable Generation Study**
- Primary objective is to **evaluate greater renewable energy integration** in the City and EPE's Texas service territory
- Completion due date is **July 2021**
- Includes **seven deliverables** relating to the goal of increased renewable generation
- **Opportunity for open dialogue** regarding balance among: reliability, affordability, and environmental requirements



The Renewable Generation Study: Study Deliverables

1. The **technical feasibility** of integrating **utility scale-renewable generation** into EPE's utility system;
2. **Possible costs** and **operational impacts** related to the integration of utility-scale renewable generation into EPE's Texas service territory;
3. **Reasonable commitments EPE can make** to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio;
4. Potential **voluntary renewable generation program offerings** to allow customers to increase their use of renewable resources;
5. Potential renewable generation programs to assist with **low-income assistance** programs;
6. **Legislative or regulatory changes required** to increase utility-scale renewable generation and legislative strategies necessary to implement those changes; and
7. **Grant opportunities** for EPE and the City to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio

Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

Next Steps

- Developing and implementing the RREAC's Strategic Plan
- Evaluating greater utility-scale renewable generation integration
- Building on Existing Efforts
 - 0.25 MW installed in photovoltaic solar at the MSC, Main Library, Animal Shelter, Aztec Pavilion
 - Solar picnic tables at trail heads
 - Solar lights at Don Haskins Skatepark
- Advancing opportunities at the State and Federal level
 - Current and future State legislative sessions
 - Federal funding opportunities + engagement

Climate-Oriented Energy Initiatives

Next Steps

- Exploring Strategic Partnership Opportunities
 - Voluntary Programs such as the Dedicated Solar Plus Program
 - Airport – EPE partnership opportunities
 - Other ideas advanced by the RREAC as part of its Strategic Plan
- Executing our 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives
 - **Create and implement the Urban Energy Plan and identify state and federal legislative and funding opportunities**

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Accountability, **P**eople



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Police, Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas, (915) 212-4308

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Safe and Secure Cities Cross Functional Team: 128th Academy Pre-Service Training Update.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: El Paso Police Department
AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Assistant Chief P.F. Pacillas 212-4308

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: #2 Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBJECT: Update on EPPD Basic Peace Officer Course Training Hours

SELECTION SUMMARY:

Safe and Secure Cities Cross Functional Team update on Basic Police Officer Course Training hours. Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) increased the required minimum training hours required to obtain a Texas Peace Officer License. The El Paso Police Department also has a set additional departmental training hours required to graduate from the El Paso Police Academy.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

September 2020 and February 2021

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

DEPARTMENT HEAD:





Safe and Secure City Cross-Functional Team

Pre-Service Training
Update
3.29.2021



Previous Basic Peace Officer Course

**128th
Academy:**

Starts:

April 19, 2021

Graduate:

**Feb 28,
2022**

**Previous
TCOLE Hours
Required:**

643 hours

**Previous Additional
Hours EPPD
Standard:**

597 Hours

**Total BPOC Training
Hours:**

1,240 hours

New Basic Peace Officer Course

**TCOLE Hours
Required:**

696 hours

**Previous
Additional Hours
EPPD Standard:**

946 Hours

**Total BPOC
Training Hours**

1,642 hours

Field Training Officer Program

**Field Training
Officer
Program:**

2,080 hours

**Total Training
Hours invested:**

3,722

PRE-SERVICE (Police Academy)



- Basic Peace Officer curriculum:
 - **696 hrs.** of mandatory training
 - Provides basic tools to become police officers
 - Prepares for “Field Training Officer Program”
- **42 subjects** required by the State
- **42 additional** departmental courses added
- **946 hours** of departmental training (*defensive tactics, stress management, use of force, less lethal options, mental health, etc.*)

One of the longest academies in the state of Texas at 10 months + 1 week.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT TRAINING

- **Active Listening**
- **Active Listening and De-Escalation Techniques**
- **Alzheimer's**
- **Anxiety**
- **Autism**
- **Children's Mental Health**
- **Crisis Intervention: Mental Health Response Program**
- **Emergency Detention Order**
- **Excited Delirium: Recognition and Response**
- **Grief: Mental Health Response Program**
- **Customer Service**
- **Animal Cruelty**
- **Defensive Tactics**
- **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Mental Health Response Program**
- **Introduction to Mental Illness: Mental Health Response Program**
- **Medication-Induced Movement Disorders and Altered Mental Status**
- **Personality Disorders**
- **Self-Injury: Mental Health Response Program**
- **Situation Awareness**
- **Suicide: Mental Health Response Program**
- **TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury**
- **Active Shooter**
- **Canine Encounters**
- **Crash Reporting & Analysis for Safer Highways**

Scenario Based Training

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- Realistic---taking classroom instruction & applying to everyday patrol encounters
- Receiving a patrol call, radio operations, facilitating the call, report writing and ultimately testifying in mock trials
- Introduces stress and shortens the timeline for realistic decision making
- *Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) has subsequently **adopted the El Paso Model** as the standard for State of Texas*

The goal of the El Paso Police Academy is to use a **HOLISTIC APPROACH** to develop a complete law enforcement professional.

Our focus on the future is to **REMAIN A MODEL ACADEMY** in the State of Texas and a continued commitment to excellence in training.

--- EPPD Academy



Thank you!



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Aleksandra Annelo, (915) 212-0002

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Presentation and discussion by Emergence Health Network on their annual report on status of activities, response to the COVID-19 pandemic, collaboration and expansion of partnerships with local entities.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Department Head:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: REP ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO, 212-0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8. Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community.

SUBJECT:

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AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manny Arambula, (915) 212-0033

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Click or tap to enter a date.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 6 - Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: Choose an item.

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Future regulatory options for Newman 6 (551.071)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor; Under the City's Original Jurisdiction and Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 51348 Matter: 20-1008-155 (551.071)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs, PUC Docket No. 50058 Matter: 19-1008-133 (551.071)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Request Waiver of Certain Rate Filing Package in its 2021 Rate Change Application, PUC Docket No. 51780 (551.071)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Anticipated filings of El Paso Electric Company to implement Advanced Meter Infrastructure (551.071)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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File #: 21-376, Version: 1

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Josette Flores, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manny Arambula, (915) 212-0033

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Status of facilities use agreement with the County of El Paso.
(551.071, 551.072)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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