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CITY MANAGER



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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 19, 2019
9:05 AM

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Ordaz Perez, Henry Rivera and Cissy Lizarraga.
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AGENDA

1. For Notation Only: Formal Report of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on July 30, 2019.
 - A. Discussion and Action that the FOAC review solicitation RFQ 2019-1034R Professional Auditing Services to include the recommendation of awarding the solicitation to Grant Thornton, LLP.
 - Motion made by Representative Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Rivera and approved by Representative Morgan, Representative Lizarraga, Representative Ordaz Perez and Representative Rivera to bring the recommendation to City Council.
 - B. Discussion and Action that the FOAC review solicitation RFQ 2019-857R Franchise Fee Audits to include the recommendation of awarding the solicitation to Avenu Insights.
 - Motion made by Representative Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Morgan and approved by Representative Morgan, Representative Lizarraga, Representative Ordaz Perez and Representative Rivera to take no action.
 - C. Discussion and Action that the FOAC review solicitation RFQ 2019-1035R Sales Tax Discovery Audits to include the recommendation of awarding the solicitation to Avenu Insights.
 - Motion made by Representative Morgan, seconded by Representative Ordaz Perez and approved by Representative Morgan, Representative Lizarraga, Representative Ordaz Perez and Representative Rivera to take no action.

D. Discussion on Audit Plan Updates.

E. Discussion on Client Surveys.

F. Discussion on FY2019-20 Annual Audit Plan FOAC Member Interviews.

Mr. Edmundo Calderon, Chief Internal Auditor, provided an overview of the items discussed at the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on July 30, 2019.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation by the Medical Center of the Americas and consulting team Grant Thornton regarding the recently completed strategy report mapping the Biomedical Ecosystem in the region.

Ms. Nicole Ferrini, Community and Human Development and Resilience Officer, introduced the item.

Ms. Jackie Butler, Medical Center of the Americas Director of Promotion & People, briefed Council on the study conducted by Grant Thornton regarding the Biomedical Ecosystem in the region.

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

1. Mr. Pat Shafer, Healthcare & Life Sciences Managing Director
2. Mr. Marty Zuzulo, Compliance Risk Director

Mayor Margo and Representative Svarzbein, Hernandez, Morgan, and Salcido commented and posed questions regarding the presentation.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 10:48 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

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

NAYS: None

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:31 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Rivera

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EX1. Ricardo Rubio, Individually, on behalf of all Wrongful Death Beneficiaries and as Representative of The Estate of Alicia Rubio, Deceased v. Rhonda V. Fleming, M.D. and City of El Paso Department of Public Health filed in the 346th District Court under Cause No. 2018DCV0735; Matter No. 18-1052-723 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Temp Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Morgan and carried that the City Attorney be authorized to retain expert witnesses, and to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this authority in the lawsuit styled Ricardo Rubio, Individually, on behalf of all Wrongful Death Beneficiaries and as a Representative of The Estate of Alicia Rubio, Deceased v. Rhonda V. Fleming, MD. and City of El Paso Department of Public Health, pending before the 346th Judicial District Court, under Cause No. 2018DCV0735; Matter No. 18-1052-723.

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

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Rivera

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EX2. Claim of Zach Karam; Matter No. 19-1026-10356 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Temp Ordaz Perez, Seconded by Representative Morgan and carried that the City Attorney's Office be authorized to deny the property damage claim of Zach Karam, for date of loss of, January 3 I, 2019, in its entirety.

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

NAYS: None

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EX3. ROP Artcraft, LLC v. The City of El Paso, Texas; 384th District Court of El Paso County, Texas; Cause No, 2017DCV1076; Matter No. 17-1007-1943 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX4. In Re: Max Grossman, Relator; Supreme Court of Texas; Case #19-0522; Matter No. 19-1001-233 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX5. Max Grossman v. Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission; Supreme Court of Texas; Case #19-0521; Matter No. 19-1001-237 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX6. Ex Parte City of El Paso; Supreme Court of Texas; Case #19-0022; Matter No. 17-1001-171.002 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX7. Max Grossman v. City of El Paso; 384th District Court; #2017DCV2528; Matter No. 17-1001-171.001 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Salcido and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 11:33 a.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk