Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

Dionne Mack
City Manager

City Council
Alejandra Chávez, District 1
Josh Acevedo, District 2
Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3
Cynthia Boyar Trejo, District 4
Ivan Niño, District 5
Art Fierro, District 6
Lily Limón, District 7
Chris Canales, District 8

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

9:00 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Del Valle High School at the Invitation of City Representative Lily Limón

Leonardo Gómez
Cindy Hernández
Eva Villarreal
Jayden Jiménez
Rocio Miranda

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

National El Paso Marathon Runners Day

Amigo Man - 50th Birthday Celebration

El Paso Mission Trail Association Founders Day

Black Children's Book Week

El Paso Heart Safe School Awareness Day

10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met on the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrival: Deana Maldonado-Rocha at 10:02 a.m.

INVOCATION BY THE EL PASO POLICE CHAPLAIN JOE MARATTA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The following members of the public spoke on Item 13:

1. Jonathan Zayan

2. Diana Ramirez
3. Maria Garcia
4. Sugat Borthakur
5. Vanessa Almada
6. Jay Mania
7. Anna Valtierra
8. Gisel Fregoso
9. Jose Gaston Barriga
10. Wesley Lawrence
11. Cynthia Marentes
12. Luca Soto
13. Destiny Garcia
14. Cynthia Davila

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

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The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
3. Ms. Josie Karam
4. Mr. Raul Castañeda Bullet
5. Ms. Barbara Valencia
6. Mr. Ron Comeau
7. Mr. Rene Corral
8. Ms. Sandra Olivas
9. Ms. Celinda R. Crews
10. Ms. Patricia Osmond
11. Mr. Jose Gaston Barriga

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED,** all matters listed under the Consent Agenda unless otherwise noted. (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}.)

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Work Session of February 2, 2026.

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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:

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3. ***R E S O L U T I O N***

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DETAILED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LOT 3, BLOCK 2, DESERT PASS UNIT SIX, 220 DESERT PASS STREET, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.04.150. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, CAMINO REAL INVESTMENTS I. **LTD,** (the "Owner") has applied for approval of a detailed site development plan which requires City Plan Commission and City Council approval. The detailed site development plan is subject to the development standards in the **C-3/SC (COMMERICAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT) District** regulations and subject to the approved Detailed Site Development Plan signed by the Applicant, the City Manager and the Executive Secretary to the City Plan Commission. A copy of this plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**** and is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and,

WHEREAS, a report was made by the staff to the City Plan Commission and a public hearing was held regarding such application;

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has approved and herein recommends Council approval of the subject detailed site development plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the detailed site development plan meets all applicable requirements of the El Paso City Code:

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

1. Pursuant to requirements, the City Council hereby approves the detailed site development plan submitted by the Applicant, to **permit apartments** as required under the **C-3/SC (COMMERICAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT)** District as per Section **20.04.150,** on the following described property which is located in a **C-3/SC (COMMERICAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT)** District:

   Lot 3, Block 2, Desert Pass Unit Six, 220 Desert Pass Street,
   City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

2. A copy of the approved detailed site development plan, signed by the Applicant, the City Manager and the Secretary of the City Plan Commission, is attached hereto, as **Exhibit "A"**** and incorporated herein by reference.

3. All construction and development on the property shall be done in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan and the development standards applicable in the C-**3/SC (COMMERCIAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT)** District regulations.

4. The Applicant shall sign an agreement to develop the property and to perform all construction thereon in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan and the standards applicable in the **C-3/SC (COMMERCIAL/SPECIAL CONTRACT)** District. Such agreement shall be signed and filed with the Zoning Administrator and the Executive Secretary of the City Plan Commission before building permits are issued.

5. This approval shall be void if construction on the property is not started in accordance with the approved detailed site development plan within four (4) years from the date hereof.

**Exhibit available at the City Clerk’s Office.

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4. ***R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the **City of El Paso** and **Consor North America, Inc.** an Oregon, USA, Foreign For-Profit Corporation, Authorized to Transact Business in Texas, for a project known as "2025-0590R Traffic Engineering and Design Services for City-Wide Park Safety Intersection Improvements" for an amount not to exceed $424,916.80; that the City Engineer is authorized to approve additional Basic Services and Reimbursables for an amount not to exceed $50,000.00 and to approve Additional Services for an amount not to exceed $50,000.00 if such services are necessary for the proper execution of the project and that the increased amounts are within the appropriate budgets of the project for a total amount of $524,916.80; and that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for the execution of the Agreement.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

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5. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPOINT** Erin L. Martinez to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.

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CONSENT AGENDA – NOTICE FOR NOTATION:

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6. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** P-Card Transactions for the period of December 23, 2025 - January 20, 2026, Special Projects, and Discretionary fund expenditures for Mayor, City Council Representatives, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office and staff.

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REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the following Ordinances, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing:

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

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7. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Eli Ramos Investments, LLC, for the purchase price of $168,000.00; such real property legally described as Tract 22 B, Block 38, Ysleta Grant, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.318 acres of land, more or less, and being as further described by metes and bounds as shown on Exhibit "A" and made part thereof for all purposes, and Tract 22 C, Block 38, Ysleta Grant, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.205 acres of land, more or less, being more particularly described by metes and bounds shown on Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes, also known as 8821 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

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8. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Arnulfo Figueroa and Sandra Valadez for the purchase price of $202,050.00; such real property legally described as a portion of Tract 4C N/K/A Tract 4-C-3, Block 38, Ysleta Grant, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the resurvey of said Ysleta Grant made by El Paso County, Texas, for tax purposes, and a portion of Lot 6, Block 2, Frutus Place, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the plat thereof on file in Volume 11, Page 32, Real Property Records, El Paso County, Texas.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2026, FOR ITEMS 7 AND 8

REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

9. **ITEMS 9 THROUGH 11 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER**

ORDINANCE 019843

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO JCGAR VENTURES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF $51,000; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PORTION OF LOTS 18 AND 19, BLOCK 6, ALAMEDA ACRES, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

10. **ORDINANCE 019844**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO JUAN MARTINEZ, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF $49,000.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PORTIONS OF LOTS 8, 9, AND 10, BLOCK 3, LANCASTER ADDITION UNIT 3, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

11. **ORDINANCE 019845**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO TORRESDEY VENTURES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF $25,000; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT 9B, BLOCK 36, YSLETA GRANT, ALSO KNOWN AS A PORTION OF TRACT #1, SPOHR ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 16, PAGE 49, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Representative Limón commented.

Ms. MaryLou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion duly made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, and carried that the Ordinances be **ADOPTED.**

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinances which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinances, the same be and the same are hereby **ADOPTED**

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12. **ORDINANCE 019846**

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TAX RESALE DEED CONVEYING ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: A PORTION OF LOT 18, BLOCK 13A, LOGAN HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, TO HUMBERTO LOZANO ("BUYER"), IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 34.05(H) OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE.**

Motion duly made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED.**

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Maldonado-Rocha

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that, the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

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REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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13. **ITEM:** Discussion and action authorizing the City Manager to develop within 60 days a proposed Data Center Policy Framework for the City of El Paso. The framework shall prioritize community engagement, utility providers, local, state and regional government in implementation considerations, evaluate long term impacts on infrastructure and utilities. During development of the framework, City negotiations or development discussions related to new data center projects shall be paused. Further, direct the city attorney to conduct a legal analysis of all current 380 agreements with data centers.

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Mary Woodruff
2. Mr. Jon Barela
3. Mr. Miguel Escoto
4. Ms. Holli Davies
5. Mr. Saul Gonzalez
6. Mr. Josh Simmons
7. Ms. Veronica Carbajal

8. Ms. Paulina Aburto
9. Ms. Patricia Osmond
10. Mr. Ulises Cordova
11. Mr. Jerry Kurtyka
12. Ms. Theresa Seelig
13. Ms. Amanda Garcia
14. Philip Sullivan

The following members of the public submitted statements to be entered into the record:

1. Eric Padilla Colmenero 2. Isabel Hernandez-Fuerte 3. Marcella Carrillo 4. Mary Cole 5. Rodolfo Rodriguez 6. Elva Villagran 7. Olivia Ray Wilson 8. Jonathan Zayan 9. Dianna Valenzuela 10. Julie Contreras 11. Marisol Clausen 12. Julian Gavin Ramos 13. Candace Cano 14. Sandra Olivas 15. Alyssa Garza 16. Maria Fernanda Treviño 17. Abraham Goytia	18. Yasmin Ramirez 19. Toni Rivera 20. Arleen Lopez 21. Sylvia Searfoss 22. Ariana Gonzalez-Eriker 23. Grace Zhao 24. Raymond Surya 25. Natalie Gomez 26. Pámela Vigo Sánchez 27. Vianey Alderete Contreras 28. Rodolfo A. Parra Jr. 29. Rick Vielma 30. Peggy Hinkke 31. Yvonne Barrios 32. Adrian Robles 33. Carmelo Bralich 34.Joseline Avila	35. Lydia Sosa 36. Blanca Estela Ramirez 37. Victora G Molinar 38. Amanda Garcia 39. Jacqueline Armijo 40. Theresa Seelig 41. Robyn Ruelas 42. Amelia Furrow 43. Alma Padilla 44. Juliana Lopez 45. Adalina Contreras 46. Nadia Shashaty Antowan 47. Ramon Ortiz 48. Liliana Torres 49. Itzel A Amaya Martinez

1ST MOTION (MAIN MOTION)
Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Acevedo, to authorize the City Manager to develop within 60 days a proposed Data Center Policy Framework for the City of El Paso. The framework shall prioritize community engagement, utility providers, local, state and regional government in implementation considerations, evaluate long term impacts on infrastructure and utilities.

During development of the framework, City negotiations or development discussions related to new data center projects shall be paused. Further, direct the city attorney to conduct a legal analysis of all current 380 agreements with data centers to identify best practices, lessons learned, and opportunities to develop a new framework.

2ND MOTION
Motion made by Representative Fierro, seconded by Representative Limón, to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Fierro and Limón
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Canales
THE MOTION FAILED.

3RD MOTION
Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, to **AMEND** the motion by inserting the words ***"with El Paso County to share costs in hiring a consultant that will analyze the impacts of data centers and other developments that***

may have potentially large demands on our resources" after the words **"**for the City of El Paso**".**

AYES: Representatives Acevedo and Canales
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
THE MOTION FAILED.

4TH MOTION
Motion made by Representative Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and carried to **AMEND** the motion by striking the words:

~~During development of the framework, City negotiations or development discussions related to new data center projects shall be paused.~~

And striking the words:
~~all current~~

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, and Niño
NAYS: Representatives Acevedo, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting "AYE". THE MOTION CARRIED.

5TH MOTION
Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and carried to **AMEND** the motion by striking the words ***"within 60 days."***

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

6TH AND FINAL MOTION (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED)
Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to develop a proposed Data Center Policy Framework for the City of El Paso. The framework shall prioritize community engagement, utility providers, local, state and regional government in implementation considerations, evaluate long term impacts on infrastructure and utilities.

Further, direct the city attorney to conduct a legal analysis of 380 agreements with data centers to identify best practices, lessons learned, and opportunities to develop a new framework.

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

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The City Council Meeting was **RECESSED** at 1:36 p.m. for lunch.

The City Council Meeting was **RECONVENED** at 2:38 p.m.

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14. Motion made by Representative Boyar Trejo, seconded by Representative Acevedo, to **DIRECT** the City Manager to evaluate and implement improvements to pothole repair practices, including drop-and-go, hot-mix, and permanent repair methods; establish criteria for addressing streets with repeated failures; and strengthen inspection practices for utility-related roadway work. The City Manager shall return to City Council within thirty (30) days with data, cost comparisons, and recommended process changes, including actions to be incorporated into the City's upcoming strategic plan without increasing the existing pothole repair budget, and for consideration as part of the next fiscal year budget.

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

Representatives Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

AYES: Representatives Acevedo and Boyar Trejo
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
THE MOTION FAILED.

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15. Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to begin the process for a November 2026 City Charter Amendment Special Election, conduct public outreach, and seek outside counsel, if needed. Further, discussion and action on activating the City of El Paso Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee for the purpose of a City Charter Amendment Special Election to be held in November 2026.

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
- Ms. Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

AYES: Representatives Acevedo and Boyar Trejo
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
THE MOTION FAILED.

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

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16. Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2026-0191 Citywide Pavement Markings 2025 to Pavement Markings, LLC dba PMI Pavement Markings, LLC for a total estimated amount of $6,082,000.00, including an optional term as indicated below:

Department:	Streets and Maintenance
Award to:	Pavement Markings, LLC dba PMI Pavement Markings, LLC
City & State:	Phoenix, AZ
Item(s):	All
Initial Term:	730 Consecutive Calendar Days
Option Terms:	730 Consecutive Calendar Days
Total Contract Time:	1,460 Consecutive Calendar Days

Initial Term Estimated Award:	$3,041,000.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	$3,041,000.00
Total Estimated Award:	$6,082,000.00
Account(s):	532-2560-32040-522270-P26STYR7ART 532-2560-32040-522270-P27STYR8ART 532-4825-29110-522270-TBA 532-1000-32040-P3230-522270
Funding Source(s):	FY26 Arterial Street Resurfacing - PayGo FY27 Arterial Street Resurfacing - PayGo Top50 Arterials - Community Progress Bond FY26-27 General Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Low Bid Procurement.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Streets and Maintenance Departments, recommend award as indicated to Pavement Markings, LLC dba PMI Pavement Markings, LLC the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award. In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

Work under this unit price contract is only an estimated value and will be ordered, performed, invoiced, and paid by measured quantity. The actual cost of this contract may be higher or lower than the total estimated value and will be the sum total of unit prices at the end of the contract term.

As a part of this award, upon the review of the City Attorney, the City Engineer may without further authorization from City Council approve contract changes which are necessary for proper execution of the work and carrying out the intent of the project, which are in accordance with applicable law, do not make changes to the prices and are within the appropriate budget.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

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17. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the El Paso State Legislative Delegation requests the City of El Paso's legislative and funding priorities in preparation for the 90th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the requested deadline for submission of the City of El Paso's legislative and funding priorities is expected to be in June 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City staff will approach the El Paso State Legislative Delegation to support the implementation of the Legislative Agenda and to support drafting bills related to the 90th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Agenda for the 90th Legislative Session should specify key issues and priorities, new legislation, amendments to existing laws, policy changes, statutory changes, and state funding requested by the City of El Paso.

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

THAT the El Paso City Council approves the adoption of the Legislative Agenda for the 90th Legislative Session; and

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the implementation of the Legislative Agenda for the 90th Legislative Session, after consultation with the City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Cesar Ortiz, Strategic and Legislative Affairs Policy Analyst, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales commented.

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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18. ITEMS 18 AND 19 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on or about April 9, 2002, the City Council of the City of El Paso approved the Public Art Ordinance, as amended on September 21, 2010, that calls for the promotion and encouragement of "private and public programs to further the development and public awareness of, and interest in, the fine arts and cultural properties, to increase employment opportunities in the arts, to encourage the integration of art into the architecture of municipal structures of the City of El Paso, and to provide the citizens of the City high quality, publicly accessible works of art, which contribute to the urban landscape and symbolizes the City's sense of place"; and

WHEREAS, said Public Art Ordinance also required the City of El Paso to create a Public Art Master Plan to guide the public art program and the expenditures of the public art fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso retained a consultant to develop the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan, as required by the ordinance, which would serve as a living document providing a framework to revive the culture and color of El Paso; proposing ways to include artists in shaping the architecture, infrastructure, icons and images of the City. The consultant has developed such a plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan is intended to further the following public policy goals: (a) enhance the quality of life of its residents through the thoughtful infusion of artists at a neighborhood level and in the design of publicly financed infrastructures; (b) promote economic revitalization by adding value to municipal facilities, creating ongoing opportunities for artists and artisans to enhance visitor experience; and (c) define, focus, enhance and improve authentic images of El Paso as a unique place, community and destination; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan is of benefit to the citizens of El Paso as a tool to properly bring a unique design and cohesion to the City's public places, create works and environments that celebrate and offer insights about the region's history and culture, as well as bolster the City's distinctive sense of place; and

WHEREAS, City Council herein finds that the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan should provide a basis for all future public art programs and guidance of all expenditures from the public art fund.

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

1. That the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan for the City of El Paso, attached as Exhibit "A"** and incorporated for all purposes as if set forth verbatim ("the Plan"), is hereby approved and adopted as the primary guideline to be utilized in all public art programs; and

2. That the Plan and its incorporated 10-year action plan shall be used as the primary guideline utilized in determining and appropriating expenditures from the public art fund; and

3. That adoption of the Plan shall not commit the City of El Paso to specific funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide guidance for the City's vision for the public art program.

4. That City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate with the appropriate parties to allow the City to fund, implement, and participate in the Public Art Master Plan.

**Exhibit available at the City Clerk’s Office.

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Cultural Affairs Managing Director, introduced the item.

Ms. Meredith McKinley, Founder of Via Partnership, LLP, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk’s Office).

Representatives Chávez and Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

19. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the City Code Chapter 2.40 (Department of Museums and Cultural Affairs) Section 2.40.70 (Art in Municipal Places) and Section

2.40.80 (Administration of the Public Art Program and Establishment of the Public Art Committee) the City of El Paso provided for art in municipal places, established a means of funding acquisition or commissioning of art for municipal places and established that the Public Art committee and the Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board shall submit an annual Public Art Plan to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Public Art Plan (the "Plan") attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was approved by the Public Art Committee ("PAC") and the Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board ("MCAAB"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council may accept or reject any portion of this Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having taken into consideration the recommendation of the PAC and MCAAB, determines that the Plan is reasonable and appropriately adopted and that said Plan serves the public purpose of enhancing the quality of life of the citizens of El Paso through the development of fine arts and cultural properties and by encouraging the integration of art in the architecture of municipal structures.

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

1. That the 2026 Public Art Plan, attached hereto, be and is hereby officially adopted.

2. That the 2026 Plan includes current art projects in progress initiated in 2025 and new projects to be initiated in Fiscal Year 2026 and on, and describes the planned location, proposed budget, timetable, and artist selection process for each project, and contains updates on public art projects in progress.

3. That adoption of the Plan is fully funded through 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Certificates of Obligation; the 2012 Infrastructure and Quality of Life Bonds; the 2019 Public Safety Bonds; and the 2022 Community Progress Bonds.

4. That the City Manager or a designee is authorized to enter into contracts and amendments to contracts to carry out the Amended Plan as described in Exhibit "A"**. If an artist identified in the Plan is unable or unwilling to finalize a contract with the City, then the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and contract amendments with a new artist as selected by the Museum and Cultural Affairs Department approved by the Public Art Committee.

5. That the City Manager or a designee is authorized to enter into Allied Artist Agreements which correspond to Public Art projects described in Exhibit "A"** for totals not to individually exceed $10,000.00.

**Exhibit available at the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Miriam Garcia, Public Arts Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson commented.

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Cultural Affairs Managing Director, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolutions.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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20. **R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Golf Course Operation and Concession Agreement between the City of El Paso and EP GOLFCO, LLC., to allow a private concessionaire to run the golf course for public use, to provide the successful operation, improved efficiency, and greatest benefit to the citizens of the City of El Paso, located at the premises numerically known as 1510 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas 79925 and more particularly described as:

A portion of Morehouse Survey No. 12 and a portion of Section 40, Block 80 TSP 2 T&P Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, and municipally known as Lone Star Golf Club (f/k/a/ Cielo Vista Golf Course).

Ms. Larissa Garcia, Airport Real Estate Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, and Fierro commented.

Mr. Ignacio Troncoso, Assistant City Attorney, commented.

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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21. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023 the City set the framework for the leasing, operation, and maintenance of the Advanced Manufacturing Campus and Innovation Factory in accordance to the requirements of the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration grant and the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the El Paso Makes Innovation Factory Incentive and Lease Policy ("IF Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to repeal IF Policy except as to those agreements funded with ARPA or other federal funds that remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement the Advanced Manufacturing Incentive Policy ("AMD Policy") under the authority of Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code to provide a clear, flexible framework for the creation and administration of economic development programs that advance public value and serve a municipal purpose of the City; and

WHEREAS, the AMD Policy will govern three coordinated program areas: (1) the Innovation Factory, which supports early-stage and emerging manufacturers through flexible production space and incubation services; (2) the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD), a development-ready industrial area intended to attract and retain high-impact manufacturing operations; and (3) the Innovation Network for Manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the AMD Policy directly supports the City's Strategic Plan, implementation of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, and coordinated economic development activities at El Paso International Airport.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City Council hereby approves and adopts the *Advanced Manufacturing Incentive Policy* ("AMD Policy"), pursuant to the City's authority under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, and which shall supersede and replace *El Paso Makes Innovation Factory Incentive and Lease Policy* ("IF Policy"), except as to those agreements funded with ARPA or other federal funds that remain in effect.

2. That the Economic and International Development Department is designated as the administering department for all incentive programs implemented pursuant to the AMD Incentive Policy.

3. That administrative approval authority for DIBBs Readiness Incentives is assigned to the City Manager, or designee.

4. That no Innovation Factory or Advanced Manufacturing District lease incentive, lease agreement, or other binding commitment may be executed without prior formal approval by the City Council.

5. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to approve and execute non-material amendments, renewals, or extensions to agreements approved pursuant to Section 4, provided that such actions do not materially alter the purpose, consideration, term or financial obligations of the agreement and remain consistent with the intent of the original City Council approval.

6. That any administrative action taken pursuant to Section 5 shall be reported to the City council as part of periodic reporting on the implementation of the AMD Policy.

7. That all agreements executed pursuant to the AMD Policy shall be coordinated with the El Paso International Airport to ensure compliance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration rules, airport leasing procedures, and operational requirements.

8. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to perform any budget transfers and to execute related administrative documents necessary to carry out and consistent with this Resolution.

Ms. Jessica Cordova, Economic Development Business Services Coordinator/Industry Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Fierro commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, and Limón
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Canales

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22. **R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign the Second Amendment to the Standard Form of Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and Jordan Foster Construction, LLC ("Design Builder") for the project known as 2024-0272R Advanced Manufacturing District, to accept and incorporate the Design Builder's Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal for the project in the amount of Twenty-Six Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One Dollars ($26,154,391.00). This Amendment allows 464 calendar days for substantial completion of the work, with an additional 30 calendar days for final completion. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and contract amendments needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Ms. Victoria Ruiz, Capital Improvements Program Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Maldonado-Rocha commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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23. **R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement ("Agreement") by and between **CITY OF EL PASO** ("City") and **H&N PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC,** a Texas limited liability company ("Applicant"), in support of an infill development project located at *911 Tays St., El Paso, Texas 79901* ("Project"). The Agreement requires the Applicant to make a minimum investment of *$322,120.42* in the Project, and in consideration, the City shall provide economic incentives not to exceed *$30,554.54* in the form of a Real Property Tax Rebate, a Construction Materials Sales Tax Rebate, and a Building Construction Fee Rebate.

Ms. Jessica Torres, Economic and International Development Business Services Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Chávez commented.

Ms. Karina Brasgalla, Economic and International Development Director, commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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24. Discussion and action on the results of the Accounts Receivable Program - 2nd Follow-Up Audit A2025-10.

Mr. Miguel Montiel, Audit Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the results of the Accounts Receivable Program – 2nd Follow-Up Audit A2025-10.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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25. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 7.3D of the City of El Paso municipal code, the City Council approved the FY2026 City budget by resolution ("Budget Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee to make budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise funds or reprogram funds within an enterprise department, not to exceed $100,000, to the extent permitted by law and budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise department funds exceeding $100,000 requiring City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Department, require a budget transfer in excess of $100,000, which in accordance with Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution, requires City Council approval.

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

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate a budget transfer from the Project Savings to Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase 1, as listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase /(Decrease)
2026-0373	4746	PCPBALANCE	(159,198.55)
2026-0373	4746	PCP21TRAN05	159,198.55

Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Management and Budget Director, introduced the item.

Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Programs Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez and Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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26. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE TWO WEEKS** discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the design of the STP-MM Reconstruction Project On System grant improvements, "I-10 Deck Plaza Project", which has an estimated total project cost of $10,601,001.00 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at $584,321.00 plus any cost overruns. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents, agreement amendments, and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

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27. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, Sembrando Esperanza is a coalition of local organizations 501 (c) (3) nonprofit focused on local community engagement and environmentalism in nine neighborhoods of the City of El Paso (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, Sembrando Esperanza collaborates with the City in efforts to raise climate awareness among local communities; and

WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO (UTEP), a Texas State Agency, Texas Public Institution of Higher Education and component institution of the University of Texas System (University) is an integral part of the community with its technical expertise in borderland environmental issues and interdisciplinary studies; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's Climate Planning efforts identified a number of climate resilient activities including: increased urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has identified the necessary $20,000.00 match grant from approved operational funds for fiscal year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, Sembrando Esperanza and UTEP intend to partner with the City for the application and during the implementation of a Community Forestry Grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, if selected for the Grant, Sembrando Esperanza would use grant funds to plant trees, train tree stewards, and encourage local participation and service under the umbrella of 915 Treekeepers; and

WHEREAS, if selected for the Grant, UTEP would provide technical in-kind support to achieve the program objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City has actively collaborated with Sembrando Esperanza in the 915 Tree Keepers program.

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

THAT the City of El Paso partner with Sembrando Esperanza and UTEP to submit an application to a $50,000.00 Texas A&M Forest Service Forestry Grants program, with a $21,000.00 cash and $29,000.00 in-kind match from the City.

THAT the City of El Paso City Council authorize the submission of an application to the Texas A&M Forest Service Forestry Grants program with a $21,000.00 cash and $29,000.00 in-kind match from the City, for the 915 Resilient Community Forest project.

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the proper submission of the Application;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary to accept a grant resulting from the Application, after consultation with the City Attorney's Office;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents related to a grant resulting from the Application, including, but not limited to, revisions to the project scope of work, revisions that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, revisions to the operation plan, and documents to reject, amend, correct, and/or terminate the grant;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships that leverage the strength of the Application and any grant resulting from the Application.

Ms. Dora Hernandez, Climate Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Niño and Limón commented.

Ms. Patricia Osmond, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Chávez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION,** at 5:38 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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ADD1. Legal advice regarding the Notice to Airmen #6/2233 regarding a Temporary Flight Restriction issued on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk