

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



DEPARTMENT: Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing
AGENDA DATE: January 20, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 3, 2026
CONTACT PERSON NAME: Claudia A. Garcia, Director

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending ordinance 16015 to grant the authority to the City Manager to administratively enter into and sign certain contracts on behalf of the City in alignment with recent changes to local government code section 252.021 and repealing ordinance No. 016736.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Senate Bill No. 1173, effective September 1, 2025, amended Texas Local Government Code Sections 252.021 requiring municipalities to comply with competitive bidding requirements for contracts that require expenditures of more than \$100,000, thereby increasing the threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

In the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations in the City, the City wants to increase the City Manager's authority to enter contracts consistent with the state law's competitive bidding requirements at the revised amount under SB No. 1173. This amendment aligns the ordinance with the competitive bidding threshold established in Texas Local Government Code §252.021, as may be amended, by setting the per annum amount equal to the statutory limit or an aggregate of the per annum amount on a multi-year contract, up to 5 years.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 15, 2005: City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16015.

On September 4, 2007: City Council adopted Ordinance No. 016736 to amend Ordinance No. 16015.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

for Crystal Paz
Claudia A. Garcia – Director of Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 016015 TO GRANT THE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTRATIVELY ENTER INTO AND SIGN CERTAIN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN ALIGNMENT WITH RECENT CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 252.021 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 016736.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 016015 on March 15, 2005 granting authority to the City Manager to enter into and sign certain contracts in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per annum or an aggregate of \$50,000 on a multi-year contract on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1765, effective September 1, 2007, amended Texas Local Government Code Section 252.021 requiring municipalities to comply with competitive bidding requirements for contracts that require expenditures of more than \$50,000, thereby increasing the threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1173, effective September 1, 2025, amended Texas Local Government Code Sections 252.021 requiring municipalities to comply with competitive bidding requirements for contracts that require expenditures of more than \$100,000, thereby increasing the threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations in the City, the City wants to increase the City Manager's authority to enter contracts consistent with the state law's competitive bidding requirements.

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

1. That Section 3(f) of Ordinance No. 016015 granting authority to the City Manager to negotiate and enter into certain contracts specified below on behalf of City shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

f. Agreements, purchase orders and other similar documents as determined to be necessary in connection with the making or awarding of contracts for the acquisition of goods and services, including but not limited to the Council's discretionary funds expenditures, in a per annum amount equal to the amount enumerated in Texas Local Government Code Section 252.021 - as may be amended - or an aggregate of the per annum amount on a multi-year contract, up to 5 years, and in accordance with City Council approved purchasing policies as applicable; all agreements and similar documents in connection with revenue-generating contracts or contracts relating to the provision of goods and services by persons or organizations to the City at no cost to the City, such as park partner agreements, traffic signal agreements and median landscaping agreements; and memoranda establishing cooperative working relationships with other public safety agencies, excluding agreements made pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Such authority shall supersede and be controlling over any

conflicting provision or procedure contained in any resolution or other ordinance previously adopted by the City Council that required the contract to be presented to the Mayor and/or City Council for approval, except as may be set forth in any purchasing policy that has been approved by the Council.

2. Ordinance No. 016736 pertaining to the same subject, adopted on September 4th, 2007, is hereby repealed.
3. Except as expressly herein amended, Ordinance No. 016015 shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 20__

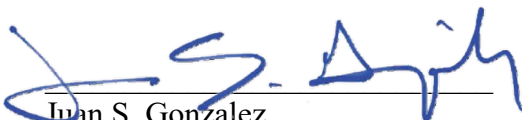
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for _____
Claudia A. Garcia, Director
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