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ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 27, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 A.M.

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales.

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AGENDA
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1. Envision El Paso Comprehensive Plan Update: Future Land Use Map.

Ms. Kasi Schnell, Comprehensive Plan Project Manager for Urban Planning and Design, presented a PowerPoint presentation. (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office)

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

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion on the Capital Improvement Grant Funded Program 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
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Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, Grant Funded Program Director for Capital Improvement Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation. (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3. Presentation and update on the City of El Paso International Policy Agenda.
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Ms. Adriana Pulecio, International Business and Trade Development Manager for Economic Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation. (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Johnson and Representative Fierro commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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4. **ITEM:** Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the CITY OF EL PASO (the "CITY OF EL PASO"), and the Confederation of National Chambers of Commerce, Services, and Tourism of the United Mexican States, CONCANACO SERVYTUR MÉXICO ("CONCANACO SERVYTUR"), a public-interest institution, autonomous and endowed with its own legal status and assets in México (collectively, the "Parties") to establish a framework for cooperation and promote trade and investment opportunities through the promotion of goods, services, projects, and dialogue spaces by implementing strategies that ensure the successful execution of specific actions for a term of two (2) years.

Mr. Israel Alvarado, Senior Economic Development Analyst, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Chávez commented.

Mr. Marcelo Pazos, Concanaco Servytur representative, commented.

The following City Staff members commented:

- Ms. Karina Brascalla, Director of Economic and International Development, commented
- Ms. Adriana Pulecio, International Business & Trade Development Manager for Economic Development, commented

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried to **POSTPONE THE ITEM FOR SEVEN WEEKS TO DECEMBER 15, 2025**. In the interim, that staff shall engage with key local stakeholders as referenced in today's discussion—including Borderplex Alliance, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Destination El Paso, Visit El Paso, and Ciudad Juarez—to gather input and ensure their perspectives are incorporated into the next phase of consideration

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

NAYS: Representatives Limón and Canales

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:42 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 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 Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

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

NAYS: None

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EX1. William C. Haywood v. El Paso Police Department et. al; Cause No.: 3:20-cv-00114 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** Defendant Officers' request for settlement authority in *William C Haywood v. El Paso Police Department Officers Isaac Guevara, Michael P. Otero, & Ruben Escajeda*; in Cause Number 3:20-cv-00014-KC, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

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EX2. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update its Generation Cost Recover Rider Related to Texas Solar One - PUC#58834; HQ#UTILITY-75 (551.071)

Motion made Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, and to file an intervention in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update its Generation Cost Recovery Rider Related to Texas Solar One*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 58834, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-75, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

Representative Acevedo verbally disclosed a \$1,750 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

NAYS: None

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EX3. Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. to Increase Rates within the Company's Incorporated Areas of Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Service Areas - OS-25-00028202; HQ#UTILITY-67 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZE** to do the following:

1. Engage in settlement negotiations with Texas Gas Service ("TGS") and the other intervening parties in the *Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., to Increase Rates Within the Company's Incorporated*

Areas of the Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Service Areas, in the matter number HighQ Utility-67, under the Railroad Commission of Texas (“RRC”) docket number OS-25-00028202, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority;

- 2. Schedule a public hearing on the *Statement of Intent to Increase Rates* filed by TGS, during the November 17, 2025, City Council meeting;
- 3. Request that TGS attend, participate, and provide a presentation at the scheduled City Council meeting; and
- 4. Request that TGS conduct community meetings between November 4th and November 17th, 2025, with each council district, if needed.

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

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Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk