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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

**Downtown Visitor Information Center - Ocotillo Room, One Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901
1:00 P.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. 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: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 2:20 p.m.

Also in attendance were members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB).
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AGENDA

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1. Presentations, discussion and action on an update to the Strategic Plan, including, but not limited to, the proposed pillars, goals, objectives, and core strategies toward a two-year action plan.

Ms. Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, Chief Strategy Officer, introduced Mayor Renard U. Johnson, who provided welcoming remarks.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, provided a recap of recent accomplishments and strategic initiatives. Ms. Mack then presented a PowerPoint presentation listing the meeting's four segments: People, Community Perspectives, Internal Perspectives, and Financial Perspectives.

To begin the "People" segment, Ms. Mack introduced Ms. Leila Melendez, CEO of Workforce Solutions Borderplex, who presented and addressed questions from Council members.

The Mayor and Council had questions related to the People segment:

- Representative Chávez – Incentives for remodeling older homes
- Representative Acevedo – Quality jobs for youths
- Representative Trejo – Communication with school districts
- Representative Niño – Collaborative efforts with community partners
- Representative Limon – Opportunities for youths
- Representative Canales – Childcare program

Members from the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) introduced themselves and had questions related to the workforce:

- Ana Talavera (Mayor's appointee)

- Madison Miller (District 1 appointee)
- Adlai Yanez (District 2 appointee)
- Arianna Jaime (District 3 appointee)
- David Dorsey (District 4 appointee)
- Aliana Acuña (District 5 appointee)
- Leon Lerma (District 6 appointee)
- Rebekah G. Holguin (District 7 appointee)
- Madison Cerda (District 8 appointee)

Council Members presented postcards containing why they chose to live in El Paso, what they want most for the community, and what a story written about El Paso would say today.

Ms. Stephanie Otero, Vice President of Operations at the El Paso Community Foundation, continued the presentation and introduced the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and its mission (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Each Youth Advisory Board member shared insights into key priorities for young people.

City leadership presented a multi-year outlook centered on Economic Development, Infrastructure, Public Safety, and Quality of Life.

The following City staff members presented a PowerPoint presentation and were available to answer questions posed by Council Members (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

- Ms. Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, Chief Strategy Officer
- Ms. Nicole Cote, Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Mario D'Agostino, Deputy City Manager of Public Safety
- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, Deputy City Manager/City Engineer
- Mr. Richard Bristol, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Araceli Guerra, Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager

The following members of the public commented:

- Kathy Staudt
- Roberto Franco
- Carmen Rodriguez

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The Special City Council Meeting was recessed at 3:19 p.m.

The Special City Council Meeting was reconvened at 3:54 p.m.

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Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 4:35 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:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk