

RENARD U. JOHNSON
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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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 21, 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 9:02 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrival: Cynthia Boyar Trejo at 9:04 a.m.

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AGENDA
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1. Presentation on the City of El Paso Grants Portfolio and Federal Legislative Updates.

The following City staff members presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

- Ms. Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Grants Administrator
- Ms. Alejandra Gorski, Legislative Liaison
- Mr. Omar Martinez, Legislative Affairs Assistant Director

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

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion on the Overview of the Procurement Sourcing Policy and Procurement Process.

Ms. Claudia Garcia, Purchasing and Strategic Sourcing Director, 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.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Nicole Cote, Deputy City Manager
- Ms. Yvette Hernandez, Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Juan Gonzalez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- Ms. Karla Niemen, City Attorney

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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The Work Session was **RECESSED** at 11:00 a.m.

The Work Session was **RECONVENED** at 11:13 a.m.

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3. Presentation and Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Ms. Adriana Pulecio, International Business and Trade Development Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Annette Gutierrez, the Executive Director of the Rio Council of Governments, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 12:29 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

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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

NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 4:12 p.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. Claim of Ana Mack; Claim-763 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's be authorized to **DENY** the claim of Ana Mack in Matter Number 763, 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. Claim of Jessica Saldecke; Claim-621 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office be authorized to **DENY** the claim of Jessica Saldecke, in Matter Number 621, 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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EX3. Claim of Hazel Sky Perez; 23-1045-135 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the Claim of Hazel Sky Perez, in HQ Matter Number 23- 1045-135, 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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EX4. Application of El Paso Electric Company's Macho Springs Reassignment PUC#57760; HQ#UTILITY-63 (551.071)

Mayor Johnson verbally disclosed a contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

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

Representative Maldonado-Rocha verbally disclosed that she received a contribution from El Paso Electric Political Action Committee.

Representative Niño verbally disclosed a \$1,000 contribution received from El Paso Electric Employee Political Action Committee.

Representative Limon verbally disclosed that she received a contribution from El Paso Electric Employees Political Action Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to engage in settlement discussions in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company's Macho Springs Reassignment*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 57760, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-63, 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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- EX5.** Application for Good Cause Exception Revisions to AMS Opt-Out Form and Schedule 99 Misc. Service Charges PUC#58300; HQ#UTILITY-69 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

- EX6.** 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 RRC#OS-25-00028202; HQ#UTILITY-67 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Tempore Chávez, seconded Representative Fierro and unanimously carried that the City Council of El Paso hereby **SUSPENDS** the Texas Gas Service Company rate increase request filed on June 30, 2025 for ninety days (90) beyond the proposed effective date, in the matter titled 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 Matter Number HighQ Utility-67, and that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager be authorized 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.

- EX7.** Public Utility Commission of Texas: Project No. 58210 - Review of Sec. 25.235-237 - Interim Fuel Adjustments for Utilities Outside of ERCOT HQ#UTILITY-70 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón 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 a public comment in the *Public Utility Commission of Texas: Project No. 58210 – Review of sections 25.235 – 25.237 – Interim Fuel Adjustments for Utilities Outside of ERCOT*, under the *Public Utility Commission of Texas, Docket No. 58210*, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-70, 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.

- EX8.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in West El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5180 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

- EX9.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in West El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5206 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

- EX10.** Discussion on economic development opportunities in Downtown El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5205 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX11. Discussion on economic development opportunities in Northeast El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5335 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX12. Real Estate Division Update. HQ #25-5035 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 4:20 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