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CYNTHIA BOYAR TREJO, DISTRICT 4
IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 02, 2026
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUAL
9:05 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, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, and Lily Limón. Late arrivals: Art Fierro at 9:03 a.m., Josh Acevedo at 9:04 a.m., Chris Canales at 9:08 a.m., and Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 9:16 a.m.

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AGENDA

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1. Presentations by: Benjamin Miranda, Jr., Corporate External Affairs Officer for Endeavors, regarding the organization's work and partnerships supporting law enforcement officers, first responders, active-duty military members, veterans, and their families, including collaborative efforts that strengthen public safety, workforce stability, wellness, and long-term outcomes;

And

Jose Lopez, Business Development Specialist, Retired PD Officer and First Responder Liaison for Rio Vista Behavioral Health Hospital, highlighting the hospital's partnerships with national and regional first responder agencies to address acute mental health needs through specialized inpatient and outpatient programs, including an overview of Rio Vista's dedicated First Responder Program designed to support duty readiness, trauma-informed care, and overall cognitive and emotional wellbeing.

Representatives Chávez and Niño introduced the item.

The following individuals presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

- Mr. Benjamin Miranda Jr., Corporate External Affairs Officer for Endeavors
- Mr. Jose Lopez, First Responder Liaison for Rio Vista Behavioral Health Hospital

Mayor Johnson and Representative Limón commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion by El Paso Electric on the 2025 Annual Report for the Smart Meter Project Customer Education Plan Implementation.

The following El Paso Electric employees presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

- Mr. Ivan Mejorado, Government Affairs Specialist
- Ms. Grisel Ramirez, Advanced Metering and Analytics Supervisor
- Mr. Jacob Reyes, Public Relations Specialist
- Mr. George Novela, Senior Director for Regulatory Policy

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Boyar Trejo, Fierro, and Canales commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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3. Management update presentation on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) for FY2026.

Ms. Olivia Montalvo-Patrick, Lead Planner for Streets and Maintenance, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

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

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez, CID Grant Funded Programs Director
- Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance Director

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 10:59 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

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 Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Fierro, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 1:19 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.** Application of El Paso Electric for Approval of an Amendment to Its Generation Cost Recovery Rider to Include the Texas Business Solar One Generation Facility - PUC#57974; HQ#UTILITY-65 (551.071)

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

Motion made Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to enter into settlement negotiations, in the *Application of El Paso Electric for Approval of an Amendment to Its Generation Cost Recovery Rider to Include the Texas Business Solar One Generation Facility* (the “Application”), filed with the PUC, under Docket No. 57974, matter number UTILITY-65, 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 Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 366 MW Natural Gas Generation Facility - PUC#59076; HQ#UTILITY-74 (551.071)

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Manager be **AUTHORIZED** to request that El Paso Electric Company attend, participate, and provide a presentation at City Council’s April 1, 2026 meeting regarding the *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 366 MW Natural Gas Generation Facility* filed on December 8, 2025, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59076, in Matter Number UTILITY-74.

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

NAYS: None

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- EX3.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates - PUC#57568; HQ#UTILITY-60 (551.071)

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to file a motion for rehearing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the “PUC”) in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates* (the “Application”),

filed with the PUC, under Docket No. 57568, matter number UTILITY-60, 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

EX4. 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 **AUTHORIZED** to do the following:

(1) Pursue an appeal for judicial review in Texas District and/or Appellate Courts; and

(2) Engage additional outside counsel to assist in the appeal;

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 Central-Gulf, West North, and Rio Grande Valley Services Areas* (the "Application"), filed with the RRC, under Docket No. OS-25-00028202, matter number UTILITY-67, 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

EX5. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, HQ#26-6675 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

EX6. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, HQ#26-6509 (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

EX7. Discussion on the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in East El Paso, HQ#24-2691 (551.071) (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 1:25 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