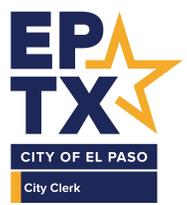


CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM



DEPARTMENT:

AGENDA DATE:

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PHONE NUMBER:

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:

STRATEGIC GOAL:

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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

Data Centers Policy Framework Components

The Data Center Policy Framework shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

1. Intergovernmental and Utility Coordination

Collaboration with El Paso County, electric, water, gas, and other utility providers, as well as local and regional governmental partners, to assess infrastructure capacity, long term demand, and system impacts associated with data center development.

2. Zoning and Land Use Clarity

Clear zoning and land use classifications that explicitly define where data centers are appropriate, ensuring compatibility with surrounding uses while preserving flexibility for future community serving development.

3. Workforce and Economic Opportunity

Inclusion of a Hire El Paso First provision in applicable development agreements or contracts, prioritizing local hiring and requiring collaboration on workforce training, skills development, and career pathway opportunities for El Paso residents, including partnerships with local educational institutions and workforce development organizations.

4. Corporate and Social Responsibility Expectations

Establishment of expectations for corporate and social responsibility from data center developers, including:

1. Responsible stewardship of water, energy, and other natural resources
2. Use of efficiency measures and conservation practices appropriate to the desert environment
3. Transparency regarding operational impacts on public infrastructure

5. Community Engagement and Transparency

A structured process to gather and incorporate community input as part of the development of data center guidelines, including:

1. Engagement with residents, neighborhood organizations, and affected communities

2. Opportunities for public comment and feedback during policy development

6. Broader Stakeholder Engagement

Engagement with El Paso County officials, state representatives, Fort Bliss officials, and members of the business and real estate communities to gather input and build alignment in support of the policy framework.

7. Balanced Development Requirement

The policy framework shall be structured to provide clear, consistent, and predictable standards for data center development, recognizing that overly restrictive or unclear policies may unintentionally push development outside City limits, resulting in lost tax base and economic benefit while still placing demand on shared regional resources such as water supply, electric, gas, and other infrastructure.

Accordingly, the framework shall seek to balance responsible growth with the protection of public resources, ensuring that development decisions are made transparently and in a manner that serves the long term interests of the City of El Paso and the region.

8. Temporary Pause on Negotiations

This pause is intended to allow for policy development and shall not be construed as a prohibition on data center development.

9. Direction and Timeline

The City Manager is directed to return to City Council with a proposed Data Center Policy Framework, including findings, stakeholder input, and implementation considerations, within sixty days of Council action.

The City Attorney shall return to City Council with a legal analysis on all current 380 agreements that the city has engaged in with data centers