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## **NOTICE OF WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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**March 01, 2021  
3:35 PM**

**Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096  
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267  
Conference ID: 358 297 218#**

### **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY**

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on March 1, 2021 at 3:35 P.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>  
Via television on City15,  
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with Council during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

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The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting on the following links:

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-clerk/meetings/city-council-meetings>  
and  
[http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/muni\\_clerk/Sign-Up-Form-Call-To-The-Public.php](http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/muni_clerk/Sign-Up-Form-Call-To-The-Public.php)

**The following members of City Council will be present via video conference:**

**Mayor Oscar Leeser and Representatives Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga**

**A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.**

## **AGENDA**

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [21-271](#)
  1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
  2. CFT Operations (Chief Mario D'Agostino)
  3. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
    - a) State Disaster Declarations
    - b) Emergency Ordinances Re-enactments
    - c) City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support
  4. Team Lead Reports:
    1. Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
    2. Vaccination Update (Angela Mora)
    3. Economic Recovery (Jessica Herrera)

**All Districts**  
City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063
2. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. [21-269](#)

**All Districts**  
Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605
3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019115, and further amended by Emergency Ordinance Numbers 019118 and 019126 and re-enacted by Emergency Ordinance 019136; penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-270](#)

**All Districts**  
Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605
4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6. [21-268](#)

**All Districts**

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

- 5. Discussion and action with the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee to update council on the status of Homelessness, Employment, and Marketing / Outreach for the El Paso Veteran and Military community. [21-222](#)

**All Districts**

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301  
Veteran and Military Affairs, Paul Albright, (915) 212-1654

- 6. Animal Services Update. [21-272](#)

**All Districts**

Animal Services Department, Ramon Herrera, (915) 212-8742

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act and the Rules of City Council.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

- Section 551.071      CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- Section 551.072      DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- Section 551.073      DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- Section 551.074      PERSONNEL MATTERS
- Section 551.076      DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
- Section 551.087      DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
- Section 551.089      DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED MEETING

**Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management**

**Discussion and action on the following:**

- EX1.** Status of pending negotiations for several Economic and International Development Department Projects in the City of El Paso. [21-280](#)  
(20-1007-2670) (551.087) (551.071)  
Economic and International Development, Jessica Herrera, (915) 212-0094
- EX2.** Max Grossman v. City of El Paso, Texas; 8th Court of Appeals; Cause No.: 08-19-00272-CV; Matter No.: 17-1001-171.001 (551.071) [21-295](#)  
City Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Joseph C. Pickett v. City of El Paso, Texas; 384th District Court; Cause No.: 2020DCV3514; Matter No.: 21-1007-2680 (551.071) [21-296](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033

**ADJOURN**

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