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

March 29, 2021
3:35 PM
Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267
Conference ID: 397-970-091#

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 29, 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

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

Mayor Oscar Leeser and Representatives Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Annello, 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. [21-369](#)
 1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
 2. CFT Operations (Chief Mario D'Agostino)
 - a) Quality of Life (QoL) Reopenings Update (Tracey Jerome)
 3. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
 - a) State Disaster Declarations
 - b) Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-34
 - c) City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support
 - d) Legal Monitoring
 - e) Courts Update
 - f) City Attorney's Office Significant Legal Support During COVID-19
 4. Team Lead Reports:
 1. Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
 2. Vaccination Update (Angela Mora)
 3. Community Vulnerabilities and Human Services (Nicole Ferrini)
 - a) Rental Assistance: Tracy Yellen, Paso Del Norte Community Foundation
 - b) Utility Assistance: Andrea Ramirez, Amistad
 - c) Community Resilience Center: Deborah Zuloaga, United Way of El Paso
 5. City Manager Wrap Up (Tommy Gonzalez)

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. [21-370](#)

All Districts
Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-371](#)

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. [21-372](#)

All Districts

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

5. For Notation Only: Formal Report of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting held on March 9, 2021. [21-344](#)

1. Selection of the FOAC Chairperson.
Representative Henry Rivera was elected unanimously by the Committee.
2. Discussion and action on 2020 External Financial and Grants Audits.
 - Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Lizarraga and approved by Representative Rivera, Representative Hernandez, Representative Lizarraga and Representative Salcido to approve the audit results for presentation to full City Council.
3. Discussion and action on Audit Plan Updates.
 - Motion made by Representative Hernandez, seconded by Representative Lizarraga and approved by Representative Rivera, Representative Hernandez and Representative Lizarraga to accept the 1st Quarter Update.
4. Discussion on Client Surveys.

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

6. Discussion, action and update regarding the City of El Paso's State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Texas Legislative Session and other State legislative matters. [21-355](#)

All Districts

City Attorney's Office, Lupe Cuellar, (915) 212-0033

7. Discussion and action regarding the 87th Legislature Regular Session - Texas HB2592: Allows a municipality in El Paso County to contract with the County for law enforcement services and abolish its police department. [21-343](#)

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

8. Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager is directed to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy requests that fall within one of the eleven identified priority areas, further the City's mission and vision, align with the City's strategic goals, and where possible, advance the City's 25 by 2025 visionary initiatives, as further outlined in Exhibit "A" ("Federal Funding and Programmatic/Policy Priorities") attached to the Resolution; that the City Manager is directed to communicate and authorized to submit the projects and programmatic/policy requests and the impact of those projects and programmatic/policy requests on El Paso residents to the City's federal delegation for consideration through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes; and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved. [21-364](#)

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

9. Presentation and update on the City of El Paso's efforts related to power generation resources and the promotion of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and industry development within the region. [21-366](#)

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

10. Safe and Secure Cities Cross Functional Team: 128th Academy Pre-Service Training Update. [21-373](#)

All Districts

Police, Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas, (915) 212-4308

11. Presentation and discussion by Emergence Health Network on their annual report on status of activities, response to the COVID-19 pandemic, collaboration and expansion of partnerships with local entities. [21-378](#)

All Districts

Mayor and Council, Representative Aleksandra Anello, (915) 212-0002

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.** Future regulatory options for Newman 6 (551.071) [21-374](#)
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manny Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor; Under the City's Original Jurisdiction and Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 51348 Matter: 20-1008-155 (551.071) **21-388**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX3.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs, PUC Docket No. 50058 Matter: 19-1008-133 (551.071) **21-390**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX4.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Request Waiver of Certain Rate Filing Package in its 2021 Rate Change Application, PUC Docket No. 51780 (551.071) **21-391**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

- EX5.** Anticipated filings of El Paso Electric Company to implement Advanced Meter Infrastructure (551.071) **21-392**
 City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
 City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

EX6. Status of facilities use agreement with the County of El Paso.
(551.071, 551.072)

[21-376](#)

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Josette Flores, (915) 212-0033
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