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

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**April 26, 2021  
3:35 PM**

**Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096  
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267  
Conference ID: 882-562-502#**

### **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 April 26, 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)

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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. [21-479](#)
  1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
    - a) Financial Focus (Robert Cortinas)
    - b) Quality of Life Reopenings Update (Tracey Jerome)
  2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
    - a) National Emergency Declaration
    - b) State Disaster Declarations
    - c) Emergency Ordinances
    - d) City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support
    - e) Legal Monitoring
    - f) Legal Support During COVID-19
  3. CFT Operations (Chief Mario D'Agostino)
  4. Team Lead Reports:
    1. Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
    2. Vaccination Update (Angela Mora)
  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. [21-481](#)

**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; and further amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019156; penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-482](#)

**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. [21-468](#)

**All Districts**

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

5. Discussion and presentation by the El Paso Central Appraisal District about the process by which property values are assessed as mandated by state law and about the reasons for the reported approximate average residential property value increase of 13% from 2020 to 2021; and discussion about the fiscal options that the Council has available in order to potentially offset the impact of higher property values during the period of economic hardship and recovery created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to potential consideration of the *no new revenue tax rate* or potential use of the City's Budget Stabilization Fund. [21-461](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cissy Lizarraga, (915) 212-0008

6. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams: [21-467](#)
1. Vision Block: Vibrant Regional Economy
    - a. Goal 1 (Economic Development)
    - b. Goal 3 (Visual Image)

**All Districts**

International Bridges, David Coronado, (915) 212-7505

7. Budget Update. [21-462](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, K. Nicole Cote, (915) 212-1092

**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.** Moon, Brandon Lee v. J. Dove; Matter: 21-1026-11588; (551.071) [21-486](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Kyle Lasley, (915) 212-0033  
City Attorney's Office, Evan Reed, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52040, Matter No. 21-1192-001 (551.071) [21-487](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033  
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Quarterly Litigation Report. [21-488](#)  
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033

### **ADJOURN**

#### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:**

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