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Mayor

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City Manager



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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 25, 2021

9:00 AM

Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096

Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267

Conference ID: 866-359-961#

AND

AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

May 24, 2021

9:00 AM

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Conference ID: 135-331-313#

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 an Agenda Review Meeting will be conducted on May 24, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. and a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on May 25, 2021 at 9:00 A.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>

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**Agenda Review, May 24, 2021, Conference ID: 135-331-313#
Regular Council Meeting, May 25, 2021, Conference ID: 866-359-961#**

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, Alexsandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION BY

El Paso Police Chaplain Joe Maratta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

International Internal Audit Awareness Month

City of El Paso Employees Day

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA, including those on the Addition to the Agenda, will be considered by City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by Council Members. Prior to the vote, members of the audience may ask questions regarding items on the consent agenda. When the vote has been taken, if an item has not been called out for separate discussion, the item has been approved. Council may, however, reconsider any item at any time during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2021, the Agenda Review Meeting of May 10, 2021, the Work Session of May 10, 2021, and the Work Session of November 09, 2020. [21-560](#)

All Districts

City Clerk's Office, Laura D. Prine, (915) 212-0049

CONSENT AGENDA - REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

2. **CONSENT AGENDA - REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development:

3. That the City Manager be authorized to sign a First Amendment to the Temporary Land Use Lease by and between the City of El Paso ("Lessor") and BT-OH, LLC d/b/a United Parcel Service Co. ("Lessee") regarding the following described property: A portion of Lot 9, Block 3, Butterfield Trail Industrial Park, Unit Three, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (approximately 234,840.30 SQ FT), municipally known and numbered as 25 Founders Blvd., El Paso, Texas. [21-572](#)

With a term beginning on September 15, 2020 ("Effective Date"), and ending on April 30, 2022 for a monthly fee of \$4,696.81.

District 2

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

4. This Resolution is to authorize the City Manager to sign a General Aviation Lease between the City of El Paso ("Lessor") and Far West Texas & Southern New Mexico Trauma Regional Advisory Council ("Lessee") for the use of a 9,500 square foot hanger located on a portion of Lot 2A, Block 4, El Paso International Tracts, Unit 10 City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas municipally known and numbered as 1820 American Drive, El Paso, Texas. [21-577](#)

The lease effective date is June 1, 2021. The term is three (3) months with three (3) additional terms of 3 (three) months. The site is 9,500 square feet at \$3.1579 per square foot and the monthly rate is \$2,500 per month. The lease agreement expires August 31, 2021 with option to extend.

District 2

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

5. That the City Manager be authorized to execute an Amendment to the Empowerment Zone Revolving Loan Fund Program Loan Agreement by and among the City of El Paso and Cesar Scott, LLC., to allow notice to be given to 3rd parties in support of a New Market Tax Credit transaction. [21-584](#)

District 8

Community and Human Development, Nicole Ferrini, (915) 212-1659

Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

6. That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of El Paso (“City”) and our Communities of Excellence partner, the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center (“UMC”) for the City to provide certain personnel and routine ambulance vehicle maintenance services for UMC’s Mobile Stroke Unit in exchange for UMC paying the City an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 annually for the City’s staffing services and a separate amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 annually for the City’s routine ambulance vehicle maintenance services, for an initial term of two (2) years beginning on June 1, 2021, subject to three one (1) year renewals.

[21-580](#)

All Districts

Fire, Mario M. D’Agostino, (915) 212-5605

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

7. That the Solid Waste/Demolition liens on the attachment posted with this agenda be approved. (See Attachment A)

[21-561](#)

Districts 2, 3, 7 and 8

Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 212-6000

8. That the Board and Secure liens on the attachment posted with this agenda be approved. (See Attachment B)

[21-575](#)

Districts 2, 6 and 7

Planning and Inspections, Philip Etiwe, (915) 212-1553

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

9. That the Mayor is authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement (“Interlocal”) between the City of El Paso (“City”) and the University of Texas at El Paso (“University”) for the bailment of City equipment to the University. The University will use the equipment for its continued assessment of the health of the University and the El Paso community; for activities designed to detect and mitigate COVID-19; and for the development of related research. Pursuant to the Interlocal, the parties agree that the division of costs and obligations fairly compensates each party and that neither party shall be responsible for monetary payment to the other.

[21-523](#)

All Districts

Public Health, Angela Mora, (915) 212-6502

CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

10. Fabiola Campos-Lopez to the Community Development Steering Committee by Representative Henry Rivera, District 7. [21-594](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development:

11. Cecilia Ochoa Levine to the Committee on Border Relations by Mayor Oscar Leeser. [21-597](#)
Members of the City Council, Mayor Oscar Leeser, (915) 212-0021
12. Isela Castañon-Williams to the Committee on Border Relations by Representative Henry Rivera, District 7. [21-604](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

13. Anibal Olague to the Building and Standards Commission by Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1. [21-554](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Peter Svarzbein, (915) 212-1001
14. Charles Mais to the Historic Landmark Commission by Representative Isabel Salcido, District 5. [21-600](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Isabel Salcido, (915) 212-0005

Goal 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

15. Darby S. Winters to the Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board by Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, District 6. [21-581](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, (915) 212-0006

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

16. Barbara Yancy-Tooks as a Regular Member to the Fair Housing Task Force by Representative Joe Molinar, District 4. [21-598](#)
Members of the City Council, Representative Joe Molinar, (915) 212-0004
17. Raul M. Arizpe as a Regular Member to the Fair Housing Task Force by Representative Isabel Salcido, District 5. [21-599](#)

CONSENT AGENDA - APPLICATIONS FOR TAX REFUNDS:

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

18. That the tax refunds listed on the attachment posted with this agenda be approved. This action would allow us to comply with state law which requires approval by the legislative body of refunds of tax overpayments greater than \$2,500.00. (See Attachment C) [21-567](#)

All Districts

Tax Office, Maria O. Pasillas, (915) 212-1737

CONSENT AGENDA - NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

19. For notation pursuant to Section 2.92.110 of the City Code: receipt of campaign contributions by Representative Peter Svarzbein in the amount of \$1000.00 from Adam Frank; \$2500.00 from Gerald Rubin; \$2500.00 from Richard Aguilar; \$500.00 from James Scherr. [21-602](#)

Members of the City Council, Representative Peter Svarzbein, (915) 212-0001

20. For notation pursuant to Section 2.92.110 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions of five hundred dollars or greater by Representative Cissy Lizarraga in the amounts of \$515.24 from Suzanne Dipp; \$2,500.00 from Woody L. Hunt and Gayle G. Hunt; and \$1,000.00 from Adam Frank. [21-603](#)

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

REGULAR AGENDA - OPERATIONAL FOCUS UPDATES

Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

21. Comprehensive update on the status of the Public Safety Bond Program. [21-583](#)

All Districts

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

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

22. Budget Update. [21-564](#)

All Districts

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

23. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Team: [21-585](#)
1. Vision Block: Exceptional Recreational, Cultural and Educational Opportunities

- a. Goal 4 (Quality of Life)
Managing Director, Ben Fyffe, (915) 212-1766

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Julie Baldwin-Munoz, (915) 212-1204

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Call to the Public will begin at 12:00 p.m. Requests to speak must be received by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. Sixty minutes in total will be devoted for Call to the Public. This time is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council on items that are not on the City Council Agenda.

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REGULAR AGENDA - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.9 OF THE EL PASO CITY CHARTER:

Public comment typically is not taken during the first reading of ordinances. Public comments are invited at the date of the scheduled public hearing.

Public Hearings will be held as part of the regular City Council meeting that begins at approximately 9:00 a.m. All interested persons present shall have an opportunity to be heard at that time. After the public hearings, Council may also delay taking action on Ordinances; no requirement is made by Section 3.9B of the El Paso City Charter to publish any further notice. Copies of all Ordinances are available for review in the City Clerk's office, 300 N. Campbell, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development:

24. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Transportation Commission, for the purchase price of \$2,680,182. Such real property legally described as a 6.6348 acres (289,013 SQ. FT.) parcel of land located in the T.&P.R.R. Co. Survey, Township No. 2, Block No. 80, Section No. 35, Abstract [21-568](#)

No. 2418, El Paso County, Texas, being a Portion of Lot 2, Block 2, Butterfield Trail Aviation Park, Unit Two, A Subdivision recorded in Volume 78, Page 87 and 87A, of the Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas (P.R.E.P.C.TX.), Described in a deed from the United States of America to the City of El Paso, recorded in Volume 407, Page 601, and in Volume 1348, Page 146, of the Deed Records of El Paso County, Texas (D.R.E.P.C.TX.).

All Districts

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

25. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Transportation Commission, for the purchase price of \$3,893,309. Such real property legally described as parcel of land containing 10.452 acres situated in Section No. 34, Abstract No. 3746, (C.M. Newman Survey), Section No. 35, Abstract No. 2418, , Section No. 38, Abstract No. 5426, and Section No. 39, Abstract No. 2406 (C.M. Newman Survey), Block No. 80, Township No. 2, T. & P. R.R. Co. Surveys, El Paso County, Texas, same being out of and a part of Lot 2, Block 1, Butterfield Trail Aviation Park, Unit Two, an addition to the City of El Paso, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 78, Page 87, of the Plat Records Of El Paso County, Texas (P.R.E.P.C.Tx.), and being out of and a part of that certain tract described in deed from the United States Of America to the City Of El Paso, of record in Volume 407, Page 601, and in Volume 1348, Page 146, of the Deed Records Of El Paso County, Texas (D.R. E. P. C. TX).

[21-570](#)

All Districts

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

26. An Ordinance amending The El Paso City Code Title 2 (Administration And Personnel), Chapter 2.44 (City Of El Paso Courts) Section 2.44.010 (Created), Subsection (B); and Section 2.44.030 (Judges), Subsections (C) And (F), in order to allow for specified Sub-Courts under the purview of the Presiding Judge; and Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.44 (City of El Paso Courts) Section 2.44.010 Created, Subsection (D); Section 2.44.030 (Judges), Subsection (E)(1); Section 2.44.040 (Practice And Procedure), Subsection (A); Section 2.44.060 (Summons And Citations-Fee Schedule-Payments); And Section 2.44.080 (Special Expense Fee) to provide updates, corrections and clarification of Municipal Court procedures.

[21-571](#)

All Districts

Municipal Courts, Lilia Worrell, (915) 212-5822

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

27. An Ordinance granting Special Permit No. PZST21-00001, to allow for a 100% reduction in parking on the property described as All of Lots 1-6 & 11-20, Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.14.070.B of the El Paso City Code. The penalty being as provided in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

[21-562](#)

The proposed special permit and detailed site development plan meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 405 Montana Ave.

Applicant: SLI Engineering, c/o Georges Halloul, PZST21-00001

District 8

Planning and Inspections, Philip F. Etiwe, (915) 212-1553

Planning and Inspections, Luis Zamora, (915) 212-1552

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2021

28. An Ordinance changing the zoning of all of Lots 1 through 20, Block 266, and a 20 foot alley out of Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from C-1/c/sp (Commercial/conditions/special permit), A-2 (Apartments), and C-4/sp (Commercial/special permit) to G-MU (General Mixed Use) and approving a Master Zoning Plan. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

[21-563](#)

The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the Future Land Use designation for the property and is in accordance with Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Subject Property: 405 Montana Ave.

Applicant: SLI Engineering c/o Georges Halloul, PZRZ21-00001

District 8

Planning and Inspections, Philip F. Etiwe, (915) 212-1553

Planning and Inspections, Luis Zamora, (915) 212-1552

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2021

Goal 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

29. An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.030 (Schedule III - Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets), of the City Code, to add portions of Cross Street; the penalty being provided in Section 12.84 of the El Paso City Code.

[21-565](#)

District 4

Streets and Maintenance, Richard Bristol, (915) 212-0151

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso’s Infrastructure Network

30. An Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV - Speed limits), to amend Paragraph F (thirty-five miles per hour), by amending Subparagraph 32, to clarify the language in the City Municipal Code regarding the boundary limits of the existing 35 MPH speed limit on Montwood Dr.; the penalty being provided in Chapter 12.84 of the El Paso City Code. [21-566](#)

District 5

Streets and Maintenance, Richard Bristol, (915) 212-0151

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS:

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

31. Discussion and action that the Mayor be authorized to execute an inter-local agreement between the City of El Paso and El Paso County to provide \$850,000 to support continued operation of the Inspira Hotel Temporary Emergency Shelter in order to address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness in El Paso during COVID-19. [21-587](#)

All Districts

Community and Human Development, Nicole Ferrini, (915) 212-1659

REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

32. An Ordinance vacating City right-of-way over a 20 foot alley out of Block 266, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. [21-513](#)

Subject Property: North of Montana Ave. and East of Campbell St.

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of El Paso
SURW21-00002

District 8

Planning and Inspections, Philip F. Etiwe, (915) 212-1553

Planning and Inspections, Luis Zamora, (915) 212-1552

REGULAR AGENDA - OTHER BUSINESS:

Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

33. Discussion and action to adopt the changes to the Resolution establishing the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

[21-574](#)

All Districts

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

34. Discussion and action on a Resolution to approve an 11th amendment to the City's 2019-2020 (45th Year) Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Phase 3 (CDBG-CVIII) to:

[21-579](#)

- a. Delete the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless (\$100,000 CDBG-CVIII); and
- b. Add \$550,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors.

All Districts

Community and Human Development, Nicole Ferrini, (915) 212-1659

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Sign Language interpreters are provided for regular City Council meetings.

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