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

**August 02, 2021
9:05 AM**

**Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267
Conference ID: 905-134-989#**

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 August 2, 2021 at 9:05 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>

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-Monday-Work-Session.php

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

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

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [21-863](#)
 1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
 2. Team Lead Report:
 - a. Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
 3. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

2. Discussion and action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a resolution requesting the El Paso Water Utilities/Public Service Board & PSB staff provide quarterly updates to the City Council regarding customer service, capital improvement projects, sale of property held in trust by PSB, open space land management and plans, and prepare a presentation on the creation and governance structure of the water utility. [21-887](#)

All Districts

Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003
Members of the City Council, Representative Aleksandra Annelo, (915) 212-0002
Members of the City Council, Representative Peter Svarzbein, (915) 212-0001

3. Presentation and submission of the No-New Revenue Tax Rate, Voter-Approval Tax Rate for FY 2021-2022. [21-844](#)

All Districts

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

4. Discussion and action on the FY 2021 - 2022 Budget. [21-845](#)

All Districts

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REGULAR AGENDA - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

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

5. Introduction of an Ordinance levying FY 2021 - 2022 taxes.

[21-828](#)

All Districts

Office of Management and Budget, K. Nicole Cote, (915) 212-1092

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Presentation and update by Texas Gas Service on current customer and operations investments in its gas distribution system, and related regulatory application to be filed with or currently before the Railroad Commission of Texas.

[21-877](#)

All Districts

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

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.** Claim by Antoinette Kennedy. Matter No. 21-1036-3445 (551.071) [21-868](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Evan D. Reed, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** Claim by Keith Shannon. Matter No. 21-1001-298 (551.071) [21-869](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Evan D. Reed, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Claim by Brian Aguirre. Matter No. 21-1026-11610 (551.071) [21-870](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Ivan Martinez, (915) 212-0033
- EX4.** Discussion on purchase or exchange of real property located in Central El Paso, Texas. Matter No. 21-1004-1257 (551.072) [21-865](#)
Capital Improvement Department, Samuel Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065
- EX5.** Discussion on the value and purchase/sale of real property located in the West side of the City of El Paso, Texas. Matter No. 21-1008-165 (551.072) [21-867](#)
Capital Improvement Department, Samuel Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065
- EX6.** Economic Incentives for a Manufacturing Company to be located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1007-2740 (551.071) (551.072) (551.087) [21-864](#)
Economic and International Development, Jessica Herrera, (915) 212-0094
- EX7.** Update - Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) [21-872](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033
- EX8.** Update - Application of El Paso Electric Company for approval to revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) and to request to establish revised cost caps. Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52081. Matter No. 21-1008-172 (551.071) [21-873](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033
- EX9.** Update - Request by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas, Inc., for Written Approval for Continued Use of Financial Instruments for Hedging Gas Costs for the 2021-2022 Heating Season. Matter No. 20-1008-147 (551.071) [21-874](#)

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EX10. HB1520 and Anticipated Request by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas, Inc., for Recovery of Extraordinary Costs Incurred during the 2021 Winter storm and Mitigate Future Costs. Matter No. 20-1008-147 (551.071)

[21-875](#)

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