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

January 18, 2022

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 AM**

**THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE USE OF
MASKS IN ALL CITY FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACES**

Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096

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Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on January 18, 2022 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>

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

Representatives Alexsandra Annello and Cassandra Hernandez

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. [22-71](#)

1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
 - a) Emergency Measures Ordinance Amendment
 - b) Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso and Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
 - c) Federal Vaccine Mandate
3. Team Lead Report:
 - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

All Districts

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

2. Presentation, discussion and action related to: [22-50](#)

- a) FY 2022 - First Quarter Financial Report
- b) Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to establish appropriations in the amount of \$7,821,018, whereas the City of El Paso is the recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") grant funds in the amount of \$154,365,135, the City Council approves the appropriation of the grant funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act and federal guidelines in the Final Rule to cover expenses incurred to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

All Districts

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

3. Discussion and action on proposed amendments to the City Charter through a November 2022 Charter Election. [22-78](#)

All Districts

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

City Attorney's Office, Kristen Hamilton-Karam, (915) 212-0033

4. Discussion and action on activating the City of El Paso Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee for the purpose of a City Charter Amendment Special Election to be held in November 2022. [22-61](#)

All Districts

Communications and Public Affairs, Laura Cruz-Acosta, (915) 212-1061

5. For discussion and action, the Capital Improvement Department will provide a plan to further secure the Union Plaza area from winter weather. [22-81](#)

All Districts

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-1845

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Representatives Alexsandra Annello and Cassandra Hernandez

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.** Max Grossman v. City of El Paso; Texas Supreme Court, Case No. 21-1105. Matter No. 17-1001-171.001.001 (551.071) [22-72](#)

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- EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) [22-73](#)

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- EX3.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates to Open Access Transmission Tariff, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Docket No. ER22-282-000. Matter No. 21-1008-183 (551.071) [22-74](#)

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- EX4.** Supplemental Compliance Filing Re: Order 864 of El Paso Electric Company, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Docket No. ER22-392-000. Matter No. 21-1008-183.001 (551.071) [22-75](#)

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- EX5.** City of Dallas v. Oxley Leasing North Loop, LLC, Case No. 05-21-00241-CV. Matter No. 22-1003-1253 (551.071) [22-87](#)

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