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

January 31, 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 31, 2022 at 9:05 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

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<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-clerk/meetings/city-council-meetings>
and

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

Representative 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. [22-109](#)
 1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
 2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
 - a) State Disaster Declarations
 - b) Emergency Ordinances
 - c) Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso and Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
 - d) Additional Updates
 3. Team Lead Report:
 - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
 - b) Data Analysis (David Coronado)
 - c) Financial Focus (Robert Cortinas)
 - d) Community Vulnerabilities and Human Services (Nicole Ferrini)
 - 1) Discussion and action authorizing the City Manager or his designee to establish appropriations in the amount of \$9,000,000.00, 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 respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.
 4. 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. [22-119](#)

All Districts
Fire, Chief Mario D’Agostino, (915) 212-6505
3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 instituting emergency measures, to include that boards and commissions may meet by videoconference if not required to meet in person under state law, as re-enacted, restated and amended by [22-127](#)

Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 and 019278; penalty as provided in Section 8.

All Districts

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

- 4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019241; allowing temporary uses on the public right of way and private property by suspending various City Ordinances; Penalty as provided in Section 6. [22-97](#)

All Districts

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

- 5. Discussion and action on proposed amendments to the City Charter through a November 2022 Charter Election and to authorize the City Attorney to engage outside counsel to assist with the Charter amendments. [22-108](#)

All Districts

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

- 6. Approve a plan of action for safeguarding the buildings in the Union Plaza Area that are exposed to the elements and continued deterioration due to existing partial demolition. This is following Council directive. [22-126](#)

All Districts

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez (915) 212-7301

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Representative 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.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) [22-138](#)
City Attorney's Office, Frances Engelbaum, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** Discussion regarding the Purchase, Lease, Exchange of Real Property located near Central El Paso, Texas. Matter No. 21-1004-1257 (551.072) [22-139](#)
Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065
- EX3.** Economic Incentives for a Manufacturing Company to be located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 22-1007-2856 (551.087) [22-140](#)
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095
- EX4.** Discussion on a potential waste management opportunity. Matter No. 22-1007-2851 (551.071) (551.087) [22-141](#)
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095
- EX5.** Economic Incentives for a Mixed-Use Development located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1007-2803 (551.087) **22-142**
Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095
- EX6.** Discussion regarding the potential sale/purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Northeast El Paso. Matter No. 22-1009-1131 (551.071) [22-144](#)
Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

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