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

**February 28, 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 February 28, 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 recognition of the El Paso Fire Department who on Friday, February 4, 2022, worked to extinguish the blaze that engulfed the De Soto Hotel. [22-265](#)

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Tommy Gonzalez, (915) 212-0023

2. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [22-243](#)

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 & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation
 - d) Additional Updates
3. Team Lead Report:
 - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
 - b) Financial Focus (Robert Cortinas)

4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

All Districts

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

3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. [22-248](#)

All Districts

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

4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 and 019284; penalty as provided in Section 8. [22-249](#)

All Districts

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

5. 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. [22-238](#)

All Districts

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

6. Budget Update - 5 Year Financial Forecast. [22-232](#)

All Districts

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

7. Presentation and update by Texas Gas Service on current customer and operations investments in its gas distribution system, and any related regulatory applications to be filed with or currently before the Railroad Commission of Texas. [22-235](#)

All Districts

Economic and International Development, Karina Brascgalla, (915) 212-1570

Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

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.** Claim of Noel Life. Matter No. 21-1018-400 (551.071) [22-253](#)
City Attorney's Office, Kyle Lasley, (915) 212-0033
- EX2.** National Opioid Lawsuit. Matter No. 19-1043-554 (551.071) [22-257](#)
City Attorney's Office, Evan Reed, (915) 212-0033
- EX3.** Michael Aguirre, et al v. City of El Paso, Texas. Matter No. 17-1043-429 (551.071) [22-255](#)
City Attorney's Office, Nicole Anchondo, (915) 212-0033
- EX4.** Celia Sanchez, et al v. City of El Paso, Texas. Matter No. 17-1026-8443 (551.071) [22-256](#)
City Attorney's Office, Nicole Anchondo, (915) 212-0033
- EX5.** Max Grossman v. City of El Paso; Texas Supreme Court, Case No. 21-1105. Matter No. 17-1001-171.001 (551.071) [22-250](#)
City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033
- EX6.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) [22-258](#)
City Attorney's Office, Frances Engelbaum, (915) 212-0033
- EX7** Petition of El Paso Electric Company for Authority to Revise its Fixed Fuel Factor, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 53229. Matter No. 22-1008-185 (551.071) [22-259](#)
City Attorney's Office, Donald Davie, (915) 212-0033

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