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

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**May 23, 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**

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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 May 23, 2022 at 9:05 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

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**A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.**

## AGENDA

1. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance of the City of El Paso, Texas extending a Disaster Declaration due to a humanitarian, security, and economic crisis resulting from a mass migration through El Paso. [22-639](#)  
City Manager's Office, Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605
  
2. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [22-634](#)
  1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
  2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
    - a) State Disaster Declaration
    - 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.)
  4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

**All Districts**  
City Manager's Office, Carey 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. [22-637](#)  

**All Districts**  
City Manager's Office, Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605
  
4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance no. 019036 instituting emergency measures, 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. [22-638](#)  

**All Districts**  
City Manager's Office, 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 [22-635](#)

Section 6.

**All Districts**

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

6. Discussion and action to override the Mayor’s Veto of the May 16, 2022 motion of City Council authorizing the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the City of El Paso and Tomas Gonzalez, which lists the amended terms. [22-650](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003

7. Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee Update. [22-648](#)

**All Districts**

Strategic Communications Office, Laura Cruz-Acosta, (915) 212-1071

8. Discussion and action to review and amend the employment agreement for the City Attorney in alignment with the City’s Strategic Plan goal of setting the standard for sound governance and fiscal management. [22-649](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007  
Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003

9. Discussion and action to review and amend the employment agreement for City Manager in alignment with the City’s Strategic Plan Goal of Setting the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management. [22-641](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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.** City Attorney and City Manager annual performance evaluations. Matter No. 21-1043-688 (551.071) (551.074)

[22-652](#)

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

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