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CITY MANAGER



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BRIAN KENNEDY, DISTRICT 1
ALEXANDRA ANNELLO, DISTRICT 2
CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
JOE MOLINAR, DISTRICT 4
ISABEL SALCIDO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
10:00 A.M.

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Aleksandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Late arrival: Cassandra Hernandez at 10:12 a.m. Isabel Salcido was absent.

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AGENDA

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1. Discussion and Action on the results of Project P2023-06 City Council & City Manager's Office P-Card, Travel, and Fuel Card Review.

Mr. Edmundo Calderon, Chief Internal Auditor, presented the results from his reports and answered questions posed from Council members.

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Annello, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales commented.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented.

The following members of the public commented and statements received were read into the record by the City Clerk:

1. Mr. Max Grossman
2. Ms. Minerva Torres-Shelton
3. Mr. Arnulfo Hernandez
4. Mr. Martin De La Rosa, statement
5. Ms. Theresa Caballero
6. Mr. Phillip Laign
7. Mr. Mike Adjemian, statement
8. Ms. Eileen Karlsruher, statement
9. Mr. Rich Wright
10. Mr. Manny Moreno, statement
11. Mr. Kenneth Bell, statement
12. Ms. Gabriela Marcelo
13. Mr. Sid Searcy, statement
14. Mr. Mario Cenicerros, statement
15. Ms. Lissette Cobos, statement
16. Mr. Chris Yost, statement

17. Mr. James Peinado

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Kennedy, seconded by Representative Molinar, and carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 12:09 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the executive session items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Salcido

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Molinar, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 1:35 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time a motion was made:

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Molinar, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Hernandez and Fierro

ABSENT: Representative Salcido

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Annello, seconded by Representative Fierro and carried to **DIRECT** outside counsel to return with options for an independent investigator to conduct an independent investigation and to **DIRECT** the Chief Internal Auditor to complete his report to include previous years and the current year.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Hernandez

ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Annello seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Salcido

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk