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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 16, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 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 9:18 a.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Alexsandra Anello, was present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Brian Kennedy, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Art Fierro, Henry Rivera, and Chris Canales. Mayor Oscar Leeser requested to be excused.
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AGENDA

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1. Presentation and discussion providing an additional preview of the upcoming Strategic Planning Session, and operation updates focused on Economic Development and Public Safety.
 1. Economic Development Update
 2. Public Safety Update
 3. Final Strategic Planning Session Preview

Ms. Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, Chief Transformation Officer, introduced the item and participated in the presentation.

The following City staff members presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

- Ms. Karina Braggalla, Economic and International Development Interim Director
- Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Redd
- Executive Assistant Police Chief Zina Silva

Representatives Anello, Molinar, and Fierro commented.

Mr. Cary Westin, Interim City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 10:41 a.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
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Kennedy, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:28 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, and Rivera
NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Canales

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EX1. Application of El Paso Electric to Update Schedule No. COVID-19 in Compliance with Docket No. 52195 - PUC#54812; HQ#UTILITY-5 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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EX2. Ruben Aldaz, et al v. City of El Paso, Texas, Cause No. 2019DCV2807; PL#19-1005-1793 (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Rivera and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain outside counsel and any other necessary consultants, in *Ruben Aldaz, et al v. City of El Paso*, Case No. 2019DCV2807, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Kennedy, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Fierro, Rivera, and Canales
NAYS: None

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EX3. Claim of Jeremiah McNezar; Claim-125 (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Kennedy, and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** the claim of Jeremiah McNezar, in HighQ Matter No. Claim-125, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

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EX4. Reyes, Eduardo Daniel v. Anthony Paul Greer, et. al. (The City of El Paso, Texas); In the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division; Cause 3:22-CV-000367; (551.071)

Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Molinar, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office be **AUTHORIZED** to engage in settlement negotiations and/or settle the matter of Reyes, Eduardo Daniel v. Anthony Paul Greer, et. al. (the City of El Paso Texas) #3:22-cv-000367; to hire and retain outside counsel in the matter; and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

NAYS: None

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EX5. Discussion regarding the value, purchase, or sale of real property located in Central El Paso, HQ#23-1102 (551.071) (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk