RENARD U. JOHNSON
MAYOR

DIONNE MACK
CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL
ALEJANDRA CHÁVEZ, DISTRICT 1
JOSH ACEVEDO, DISTRICT 2
DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA, DISTRICT 3
CYNTHIA BOYAR TREJO, DISTRICT 4
IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 AM

9:00 A.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Harmony Science Academy and Harmony School of Excellence at the Invitation of City Representative Lily Limón

Draven Williams
Dexter Williams
Serena Williams

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION

AUGUST 3RD REMEMBRANCE

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

SuperCity AI Day – District 7

FirstLight Community Foundation - 11th Anniversary Celebration

Raiz Federal Credit Union: 90th Anniversary

10:00 AM ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above time and date. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Renard U. Johnson was present and presiding, and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Late arrival: Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 10:04 a.m.

INVOCATION BY EL PASO POLICE SENIOR CHAPLAIN DAVID MAYFIELD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The following members of the public commented on agenda items, as denoted:

1. Ms. Sherry Medellin – Item 19
2. Mr. John Martin – Item 20

3. Mr. Michael Flores – Item 20

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CITY-RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

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The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
2. Ms. Victoria Quiniola
3. Mr. Ron Comeau
4. Ms. Barbara Valencia
5. Mr. Pierre Andre Euzarraga
6. Ms. Claudia Contreras Siller
7. Ms. Sherry Medellin
8. Mr. Jesse R. Romero

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** all matters listed under the Consent Agenda unless otherwise noted. (Items approved, postponed, or deleted pursuant to the vote on the Consent Agenda will be shown with an asterisk {*}.)

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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1. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 21, 2026, and the Work Session of July 20, 2026.

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CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST TO EXCUSE ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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2. ***NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS:

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3. ***R E S O L U T I O N**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center (UMC) of El Paso for providing governmental services for the advancement of public health and welfare by providing personnel to UMC to assist with possible stroke emergency incidents for a two-year- term (2) with the option to renew for additional term of two (2) years.

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4. ***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, the City Council of the City of El Paso approved a resolution authorizing the Neighborhood Improvement Program ("NIP") project recommendations funded through the 2022 Community Progress Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Improvement Program provides funding for public improvement projects requested by recognized neighborhood and civic associations to enhance neighborhood quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association in District 1 originally submitted an NIP application requesting a playground shade canopy and landscaping improvements at Little River Park; and

WHEREAS, the project received a partial recommendation consisting of landscaping improvements with an estimated project cost of $27,000.00; and

WHEREAS, following City Council approval, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association requested that their approved project recommendation be amended to replace the landscaping improvements with gaming table amenities at Little River Park, citing greater anticipated community benefit and utilization for park users; and

WHEREAS, as part of the NIP application process, applicants are required to demonstrate community support, and consistent with the NIP process, the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association conducted additional outreach and obtained the required signatures in support of gaming table amenities at Little River Park; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the proposed amendment and determined that the gaming table amenities are feasible, consistent with the goals of the NIP, and can be completed within the originally approved project budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment reflects the preferences of the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association and maintains the NIP's objective of funding public improvements that enhance neighborhood quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That Exhibit "A" to the Neighborhood Improvement Program 2022 Community Progress Bond Resolution, approved on August 19, 2025, is hereby amended for the Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association project in District 1 as follows:

Project:
Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association – Little River Park: Gaming Table Amenities – $27,000.00.

District 1 Amended Exhibit A
Community Progress Bond | Neighborhood Improvement Program
Recommended Projects

District	Neighborhood Association	Project Recommendation	Cost Estimate
	Mary Frances Keisling	*Mary Frances Keisling Park:* Pickleball court with fence	$85,000
	Enchanted Hills	*Enchanted Hills Park:* Playground	$345,000

	Coronado Hills	Streets: Raised Pavement Markers (RPM) *Broadmoor, Thunderbird, Pinehurst, Singing Hills, Cherry Hill*	$79,000
1	Franklin Hills	*Linda Daw Hudson Park:* Ping Pong Tables Qty 2	$10,000
	Montoya Heights	*Montoya Heights Park:* Exercise Equipment (6 Machines)	$19,000
	Montoya Gardens	*Little River Park:* Gaming table amenities	$27,000
	La Puesta NA	*La Puesta Park:* Chess Table Leftover Recommendation: Picnic Tables W/O Canopy Qty 2	$55,300
	District Project Total: 7	**District Estimate Total**	**$620,300**
	Central NA	*Grandview Park:* Landscaping	$395,000
	Five Points	*Austin Park:* Covered picnic table Qty 1, Benches Qty 1	$103,000
2	Val Verde	*Modesto Gomez Park:* Concrete Park Sign	$44,000
	Mountain Side	Walking trail: Striping on the streetside Alabama and extending to Stoney Hills Dr.	$77,000
	District Project Total: 4	**District Estimate Total**	**$619,000**
	Eastwood	*Album Park:* Toddler playground Canopy over playground Leftover Recommendation: Bench Qty 1	$289,000
	Cielo Vista	*Vista del Valle Park:* Solar Park Lights Qty 2	$234,000
3	Ralph T Cloud	*Lionel Forti Park:* Canopies over existing picnic tables Qty 2	$71,000
	El Paso Lower Valley	*Valle Bajo Rec Center:* Security Camera Qty 1	$24,000
	District Project Total: 4	**District Estimate Total**	**$618,000**
4	North Hills	*Check Heinrich Park:* Metal Shade Pavilion Cornhole Set Trash Receptacles Qty:2	$313,000
	SW Mesquite Hills	*Mesquite Hills Park:* Hybrid Basketball/Pickleball Court	$290,000
	Castner Heights	*Todd Ware Park*: Canopy over existing bench Qty:1	$15,000
	District Project Total: 3	**District Estimate Total**	**$618,000**

	Tierra Bella Estates	Streets: Colored Stamped Concrete: *Parkway sidewalk Tierra Berlin to Tierra Lisboa*	$152,000
	Upper East	*Miners Park:* Basketball Court Covered Picnic Tables Qty 2 Leftover Recommendation: Benches Qty 2	$471,000
	District Project Total: 2	**District Estimate Total**	**$623,000**
6	Paseos Del Este	*Burning Mesquite Park:* Metal Shade Canopy over playground Picnic Table with Metal Shelter Leftover Recommendation: Exercise Equipment (4 machines) Benches Qty 5	$624,000
	District Project Total: 1	**District Estimate Total**	**$624,000**
	Las Palmas NA	*Argal Park:* Pickleball Courts Qty 2 Leftover Recommendations: Trash Receptacle Qty 1 Bench Qty 1	$176,000
7	Playa	*Playa Drain Trail* Bollard Lighting (Knights Dr. to Independence Dr.)	$172,000
	Ralph T Cloud	*Ralph T Cloud:* Pickleball Courts Qty:2	$215,000
	Sunnyfields	*Shawver Park*: Canopy over bleacher Qty: 1	$56,000
	District Project Total: 4	**District Estimate Total**	**$619,000**
8	Kern Place	*Madeline & Alethea Park:* Multi-purpose park signs with event display and game equipment storage	$115,700
	Sunrise Civic	1) Chokers at *405 Rim*. 2) Chokers at *925/929 Rim* 3) Curb Extension/Choker at *Ange & Rim*	$375,000
	Sunset Heights	*Mundy Park:* Picnic Tables Qty: 2 Leftover Recommendation: Picnic Table Qty 1 Bench Qty 1	$134,000
	District Project Total: 3	**District Estimate Total**	**$624,700**

All Districts	**Project Total: 28**	**Cost Estimate Total**	**$4,966,000**

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***R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.0ll(a)(l) of the Texas Tax Code ("Tax Code"), the governing body of a taxing unit shall waive penalties and may provide for the waiver of interest on a delinquent tax if an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.01 l(d) a request for waiver of penalties and interest pursuant to Section 33.01 l(a)(l) must be made before the 181st day after the delinquency date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.01 l(d) of the Tax Code, taxpayer, TODD MARIBEL J & LUIS A J ("Taxpayer") requested a waiver of penalties and interest on June 26, 2026, before the 181st day after the delinquency date, in the amount of $623.79 for the 2025 delinquent taxes for the property with the following legal description:

PUEBLO CONDOMINIUMS BUILDING E #E-2 & 2.29% UND INT IN COMMON AREA

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that an act or omission of an officer, employee, or agent of the taxing unit or the appraisal district caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the before delinquency date and if the tax is paid not later than the 21st day after the taxpayer knows or should know of the delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Taxpayer, TODD MARIBEL J & LUIS A J, has met the requirements of Section 33.011 of the Tax Code for the request of waiver of penalties and interest, and the City waives the penalty and interest amount on the 2025 delinquent taxes, pursuant to Section 33.011 of the Tax Code, in the amount of $623.79 for the property with the following legal description:

PUEBLO CONDOMINIUMS BUILDING E #E-2 & 2.29% UND INT IN COMMON AREA

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

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6. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to **RE-APPOINT** Elvira Stephanie Grossman to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee by Representative Chris Canales, District 8.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

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7. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to **APPOINT** Jose Angel Ramirez to the Building and Standards Commission by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.

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8. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to **APPOINT** Marcus A. Taylor to the Greater El Paso Civic, Convention, and Tourism Advisory Board by Representative Cynthia Boyar Trejo, District 4.

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CONSENT AGENDA - NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:

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9. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions of five hundred dollars or greater by Arturo

R. Alluin, candidate for District 8, in the amounts of $1,000 from Paul Dipp and $1,000 from Raul Ricardo Marin.

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10. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **NOTE** pursuant to Section 2.92.080 of the City Code, receipt of campaign contributions of five hundred dollars or greater by Pedro D. Fernandez, Jr., Candidate for District 6, in the amount of $500 from Angel F. Diaz.

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CONSENT AGENDA – BEST VALUE PROCUREMENTS:

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11. *Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **AWARD** Solicitation 2026-0269 Field Training (Re-Bid) to Amy Perrenot dba Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers for an initial term of three (3) years for an estimated amount of $154,350.00. The award also includes a two (2) year option for an estimated amount of $102,900.00. The total contract time is for five (5) years for a total estimated amount of $257,250.00.

Department:	Animal Services
Award to:	Amy Perrenot dba Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers
City & State:	Seguin, TX
Item(s):	All
Initial Term:	3 Years
Option Term:	2 Years
Total Contract Time:	5 Years
Annual Estimated Award:	$51,450.00
Initial Term Estimated Award:	$154,350.00
Option Term Estimated Award:	$102,900.00
Total Estimated Award:	$257,250.00
Account(s):	225-2580-25140-544120
Funding Source(s):	Special Fund
District(s):	All

This was a Low Bid Procurement for a replacement contract.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Animal Services Departments recommend award as indicated to Amy Perrenot dba Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this award.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

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REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried that the following Ordinances, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing:

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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12. An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real property owned by the City of El Paso to Dolores H. Garcia de Silva, for the purchase price of $18,228; such real property legally described as Tract 16C, Block 36, Ysleta Grant, in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

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13. An Ordinance amending El Paso City Code Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.110 (City Organizational Structure) to amend section 2.111.040 (Office of Management and Budget function) to remove language placing the Risk Management function from under the Department of Human Resources and create section 2.110.090 (Enterprise Risk and Safety Office) relating to the creation and purpose of the department of Risk Management.

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14. An Ordinance amending El Paso City Code Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places), Chapter 13.38 (Special Events) Section 13.38.40 (Permit Application) to amend subsection E (Insurance and Indemnification Agreement) to amend language referencing the Risk Management Office by replacing with Enterprise Risk and Safety Office, the penalty being as provided in Section 13.38.110 (Violation - Penalty) of the El Paso City Code.

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15. An Ordinance amending El Paso City Code Title 15 (Public Services), Chapter 15.24 (Acquisition, Use, and Disposition City Property) Section 15.24.010 (General Provisions) to amend Subsection D (Insurance) to amend language referencing the Risk Management Division by replacing with Enterprise Risk and Safety Office.

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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2026, FOR ITEMS 12 THROUGH 15

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16. An Ordinance changing the zoning of a portion of Tract 5C-8, Block 2, Ascarate, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from C-2/sp (Commercial/special permit) to C-4/sp (Commercial/special permit). The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code.

Subject Property: 6375 Montana Avenue
Applicant: River Oaks Properties LTD.
Case Number: PZRZ26-00011

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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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17. An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.78 (International Bridges), of the El Paso City Code, to amend Section 12.78.010 (Tolls for International Bridges); and an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.78 (International Bridges), of the El Paso City Code, to amend Section 12.78.020 (Toll Collection for Pickup Trucks or Any Other Vehicle). The penalty as provided in Section 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code.

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PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2026

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REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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18. ORDINANCE 019898

The City Clerk read an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO TO CARLOS SILVEYRA PADILLA, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF $80,300.00; SUCH REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 25, PARKDALE ADDITION UNIT FOUR, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY,**

TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 26, PAGE 14, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

Ms. Mary Lou Espinoza, Capital Assets Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion duly made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried that the Ordinance be **ADOPTED.**

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that a vote be taken on the passage and adoption of the Ordinance, which when so done resulted as follows:

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Fierro

Whereupon the Mayor ordered that the vote having been cast in favor of the Ordinance, the same be, and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

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REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READING AND OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO THE FY2027 BUDGET AND 2027 TAX LEVY:

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19. Presentation and submission of appraisal roll, certified anticipated collection rate for the current year, the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for FY 2026-2027 taxes.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Canales commented.

Mr. Sam Armijo, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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20. Presentation, discussion, and action on the FY 2026 - 2027 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, and Canales commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Ms. Adela Alonso, Community Development Program Manager
- Mr. Michael Wachsmann, Animal Services Deputy Director

Mr. John Martin, Opportunity Center for the Homeless Director, commented.

Mr. Sam Armijo, citizen, commented.

1ST MOTION
Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **ALLOCATE** $380,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Investment Interest to fund the Welcome Center and maintain it as a 24/7 access point within the El Paso Helps system for six months.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

2ND MOTION
Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and unanimously carried to **ALLOCATE** the remaining balance of $50,000 in ARPA investment interest plus an additional $78,000 from the $8 million in proposed contingency funds for a total of $128,000 to fund additional public spay/neuter services, as recommended to the City Council by the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

3RD AND FINAL MOTION
Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried to **APPROVE, AS REVISED,** the action requested on Slide 24 of the presentation as follows:

1. Introduce the tax rate of .809487
2. Allocate the additional $9.7 million as follows:

    - $0.7 million for Streetlight and Park Light Illumination Program
    - $1.0 million for fleet replacement (Animal Services)
    - $8.0 million for Contingency (fund balance, public safety, collective bargaining impacts, public spay/neuter services, or other Council priorities).

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, and Canales
NAYS: Representative Limón

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INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.9 AND SECTION 7.12 OF THE EL PASO CITY CHARTER:

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21. Introduction of an Ordinance levying FY 2026 - 2027 taxes.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Acevedo commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, and carried that the Ordinance, having been introduced pursuant to Section 3.9 and Section 7.12 of the El Paso City Charter, be **ADVERTISED** for public hearing setting the tax rate of $0.809487 per $100.00 of taxable value.

AYES: Representatives Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Fierro, and Canales
NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Niño, and Limón

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2026

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Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RECESS** the Regular City Council meeting at 1:10 p.m. in order to convene the Mass Transit Department Board Meeting and take a lunch break.

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **RECONVENE** the Regular City Council meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA – MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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22. **R E S O L U T I O N**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT, the City Council declares that the expenditure of District 2 discretionary funds, in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00 for costs related to generators, lighting, entertainment, refreshments, street closures and other allowable expenses associated with the annual fall events held in District 2, including the Seville Block Party on September 18, 2026, and the Fall Festival at Sunrise Park on October 10, 2026 and the Fall Festival at Memorial Park on October 24, 2026, serves the municipal purpose of fostering cultural enrichment and enhancing community identity and pride; and

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers and execute any contracts and/or related documents necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended for the municipal purpose; and

THAT the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to return any unspent funds authorized this Resolution to the District 2 Discretionary Fund Account, with all such funds to be returned no later than December 31, 2026.

Representative Acevedo commented.

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Boyar Trejo

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REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS:

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23. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF EL PASO, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO FILL THE EXPIRED TERMS OF FOUR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES' NOS 1, 5, 6 AND 8, MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EL PASO COUNTY TO FURNISH ELECTION SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, as amended, and the City of El Paso Charter, an election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in the City of El Paso, Texas for the purpose of electing the following officers of the City of El Paso: four District Representatives from Single-Member District Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 8; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the El Paso City Council to adopt all requirements of this election order in accordance with state law, and to authorize a contract with El Paso County for election services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

SECTION 1 - OFFICIAL POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

A general election of the City of El Paso is hereby called to elect one City Council Representative for, respectively, District Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 8. Such election shall take place on the November 3, 2026, uniform election day.

Such election shall be held in the manner and form prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas. At such election all qualified voters of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election, and shall vote at the polling place designated for the election precinct in which they reside. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each position shall be declared elected to such office.

Such election shall be held at the precincts and the polling places designated in Exhibit "A" or such other locations as may be designated prior to the election by the El Paso County Elections Administrator or City Clerk, attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes, and said polling places shall open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m. on the day of the election or as prescribed by law.

SECTION 2 - ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COUNTY

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary contract(s) and agreements, joint or otherwise, with the El Paso County Elections Administrator, or any other public entity, for the purpose of having El Paso County furnish all or any portion of the election services and equipment needed by the City Clerk to conduct the election. The contract document and election services provided therein shall conform to Chapter 31, Subchapter D, of the Texas Election Code and all other applicable statutes and laws.

The election services contract with the County shall provide (a) the type of electronic voting equipment to be used for early voting by personal appearance and on election day, (b) notification and training for election judges and clerks, (c) an estimate and final payment terms for the election services provided, (d) agreements for early voting equipment and voting machine rental, and (e) other procedures necessary to conduct the election.

SECTION 3 - EARLY VOTING CLERK

Lisa Wise, El Paso County Elections Administrator, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 314, El Paso, Texas, 79901, is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2026, sent to this address.

SECTION 4 - EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the El Paso County Courthouse, located at 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas 79901. In addition, early voting may also occur at such branch early voting polling places as are designated herein or otherwise designated by the El Paso County Elections Administrator and posted at City Hall by the City Clerk. The locations and hours for early voting by personal appearance shall be authorized for such election as set forth in Exhibit "A."
In addition, mobile voting stations may be authorized and used for early voting at publicly owned buildings in the City as established by the El Paso County Elections Administrator. The City Clerk is authorized to make corrections or revisions to the list of these mobile stations, including the respective hours for early voting by personal appearance at these stations. The City Clerk is further authorized to make corrections or revisions to the list of early voting stations as set forth above, including the respective hours for early voting by personal appearance at these stations, and revise and correct all election notices regarding the early voting locations and the mobile voting stations, and the dates and times for such voting.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the election agreement with El Paso County.

SECTION 5 - FILING FOR PLACE ON BALLOT

Applications for candidacy to the offices set forth in Section 1 shall be made to the City Clerk of the City of El Paso beginning on July 18, 2026 and ending on August 17, 2026, in the manner and form as prescribed by law.

The names of eligible and qualified candidates for such offices shall be placed on the ballots for such election by the City Clerk at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 6 – VOTING MACHINES AND ELECTION RESULTS

Voting machines used for the conduct of the election, shall be procured, maintained, operated, sealed and the votes therefrom tabulated pursuant to procedures established and authorized by the laws of the State of Texas.

The results of the election shall be certified, canvassed, and returned in the form and manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 7 – NOTICE OF ELECTION

The notice of the election hereby ordered and called shall be promulgated, published and posted in keeping with the state and local laws. A substantial copy of this resolution shall serve as proper notice of said election.
The City Clerk shall give notice of such election by posting a notice of such election in English and Spanish in the Office of the City/Municipal Clerk as provided by law and by publishing a copy of said notice in both English and Spanish in a newspaper in the City as required by law.

The City Clerk shall deliver notice of this election to the county clerk and voter registrar of El Paso County, as required by law.

SECTION 8 - RUNOFF ELECTION

Any runoff election required for the election of the named official City positions, following the general election of November 3, 2026, shall be held on December 12, 2026, a date as designated by the secretary of state by and in accordance with Section 2.025 Election Code of the State of Texas. Such election, if any, shall be called by the City Council. Early voting dates and sites will be identified if such runoff election shall be held.

SECTION 9 - COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

The City Manager and the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of federal and state law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Motion made by Representative Niño, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha and Boyar Trejo

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24. **ITEM**: Discussion and action on a motion from City Council on June 9, 2026, directing the City Manager and City Attorney to develop a policy that will safeguard taxpayers from covering public safety and venue costs when candidates choose to visit the city while on the campaign trail. The policy should include an upfront deposit that will cover the projected cost of the event. It is requested that this policy be brought to the council within 60 days.

Mr. Tony De La Cruz, Building Permits and Inspections Assistant Director, and Assistant Police Chief Juan Briones presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Fierro, and Limón commented.

Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager, commented.

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the next steps listed on Slide 8 of the presentation as follows:

- Staff will initiate drafting the ordinance
- Coordinate with El Paso Police Department and City Attorney's Office
- Brief City Council on the proposed amendments
- Return to Council for formal adoption

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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25. **R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 7.3D of the City of El Paso municipal code, the City Council approved the FY2026 City budget by resolution ("Budget Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution authorizes the City Manager or designee to make budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise funds or reprogram funds within an enterprise department, not to exceed $100,000, to the extent permitted by law and budget transfers between departments and/or non-enterprise department funds exceeding $100,000 requiring City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department requires a budget transfer in excess of $100,000, which in accordance with Section 6 of the FY2026 Budget Resolution requires City Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate a budget transfer of $510,000 from Information Technology Department Support Licenses plus P&I Salary and Benefits Savings to support the Accela Optimization Project, respectively listed and referenced below:

BT Number	Fund	Project	Increase /(Decrease)
2026-1016	1000	Support Licenses	(290,000.00)
2026-1016	1000	Salary and Benefits Savings	(220,000.00)
2026-1016	4930	P25ITINFRASTUPG	510,000.00

Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Management and Budget Director, and Ms. Carolyn Patrick, Chief Information Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Resolution.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION,** at 2:54 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 EX1:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 5:12 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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EX1. Legal consultation regarding employment, evaluation and duties for City Council appointed employees, City Manager, and City Attorney. HQ#23-1161 (551.071) (551.074)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 5:13 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk