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DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA, DISTRICT 3
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IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2026
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY
9:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrivals: Chris Canales, at 9:06 a.m. and Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, at 9:54 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Discussion and action on the Streets and Maintenance - Facility Maintenance Audit A2026-08.

Mr. Adrian Serrano, Chief Internal Auditor, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez and Limón commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Mr. Randy Garcia, Streets & Maintenance Director
- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the results of the Streets and Maintenance - Facility Maintenance Audit A2026-08.

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

2. Discussion and action on the El Paso Department of Public Health – Cybersecurity Assessment.

1ST MOTION
Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION,** at 9:26 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 item.

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

2ND MOTION
Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time a motion was made.

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

3RD AND FINAL MOTION
Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the El Paso Department of Public Health - Cybersecurity Assessment.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION,** at 9:26 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 following items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

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

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EX1. Carlos Jaile v. City of El Paso et. al.;3:24-cv-00221; (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney's Office be **AUTHORIZED** to hire and retain the

services of necessary experts and hire and retain outside counsel in the matter of Carlos Jaile v. City of El Paso et al. in Matter Number 3:24-CV-00221, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

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EX2. Josh Dagda v. Laura Prine; Cause No.:2026DCV4089 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX3. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 366 MW Natural Gas Generation Facility - PUC#59076; HQ#UTILITY-74 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to continue settlement negotiations and make a counteroffer that reflects a full hold harmless to ratepayers in the El Paso Electric Company to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 366 MW Natural Gas Generation Facility, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 59076, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-74, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

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EX4. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 100 MW Solar/100 MW Battery Storage Facility; PUC# 57501 - HQ#UTILITY-61 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to continue settlement negotiations and make a counteroffer in the *Application El Paso Electric Company to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 100 MW Solar/100 MW Battery Storage Facility*, under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 57501, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-61, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

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EX5. Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs; PUC# 57149; HQ#UTILITY-55 (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to continue settlement negotiations and make a counteroffer in the *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs,* under the Texas Public Utility Commission, Docket No. 57149, in Matter Number HighQ Utility-55, and to take all steps necessary, including the execution of any required documents, in order to effectuate this authority.

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

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EX6. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, Texas HQ#25-5989 (551.087) (551.071)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the Economic and International Development Department **CONTINUE** economic development negotiations on the project associated with HQ#25-5989, pursuant to City Council's guidance and instructions.

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

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EX7. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, Texas HQ#27-ECON-1310 (551.087)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried that the Economic and International Development Department **CONTINUE** economic development negotiations on the project associated with HQ#27-ECON-1310, pursuant to City Council's guidance and instructions.

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

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EX8. Discussion on economic development opportunities in El Paso, Texas HQ#27-ECON-1298 (551.087)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried to **DENY** the Texas Economic Development Fund application for the project associated with HQ#27-ECON-1298.

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

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:38 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