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IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 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 Pro Tempore Alejandra Chávez was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Cynthia Boyar Trejo, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, and Lily Limón. Late arrivals: Josh Acevedo (virtually) at 9:02 a.m., Chris Canales at 9:06 a.m., and Deanna Maldonado-Rocha at 9:07 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson requested to be excused. Early Departure: Josh Acevedo at 10:23 a.m.

AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE EL PASO MUSEUM OF ART'S "FRONTERA FORWARD: BRIDGING ART & COMMUNITY AT THE BORDER" STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2027–FY 2031; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PERIODIC ADJUSTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the El Paso Museum of Art ("EPMA") is a division of the City of El Paso's Museums and Cultural Affairs Department ("MCAD") and serves as a cultural and educational resource for El Paso and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the EPMA Strategic Plan, entitled "Frontera Forward: Bridging Art & Community at the Border," ("Strategic Plan") dated September 9, 2026, establishes an institutional roadmap for FY 2027 through FY 2031, with periodic adjustments, and was developed through community input, professional knowledge, and City management; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan is aligned with the City of El Paso's Comprehensive Plan and its Quality of Life and Good Governance strategic pillars, including strategies concerning welcoming spaces, community offerings, discovery, enjoyment, connection, community input, and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan advances the Museum's mission to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit works of art that support and illuminate its permanent collection of American, European, and Mexican art, and its vision that the El Paso Museum of Art bridges borders through art; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan identifies four desired outcomes: "An Institution that Embodies El Paso," "Expanded Frontiers through Art," "A Destination for All to Enjoy," and "Juntos, Adelante /

Moving Forward Together"; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan identifies initiatives including strengthening community partnerships; enhancing the Museum's role within the Downtown Arts District; expanding institutional loans and exhibitions; supporting local, emerging, established, international, and experimental artists; enriching collections; expanding arts education; improving visitor experiences; strengthening bilingual communications; increasing fundraising capacity; assessing facility needs; cultivating collectors; engaging visitors across demographics; supporting professional development; and developing satellite projects to promote accessibility to the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board and the El Paso Museum of Art have reviewed and recommend that City Council approve and adopt the Strategic Plan as a guiding document for the Museum's activities and institutional priorities for FY 2027 through FY 2031 as required for reaccreditation.

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

1. The City Council hereby adopts and approves the El Paso Museum of Art's "Frontera Forward: Bridging Art & Community at the Border" Strategic Plan for FY 2027 through FY 2031, dated September 9, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

2. EPMA shall monitor implementation and may make periodic administrative or operational adjustments consistent with the adopted Strategic Plan, applicable law, City policies, and available resources. Any substantive amendment requiring City Council approval shall be presented to the City Council for consideration.

3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute documents and take administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution and the Strategic Plan, provided such actions are consistent with this Resolution, applicable law, and the City's adopted budget.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Ben Fyffe, Museums and Cultural Affairs Managing Director, and Edward Hayes, El Paso Museum of Art Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, 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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2. RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE COLLECTIONS CARE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 12, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, Texas (the "City"), through its Museums and Cultural Affairs Department ("MCAD"), is responsible for the stewardship, preservation, protection, documentation, management, and appropriate use of the City's museum collections; and

WHEREAS, the care and protection of the City's museum collections which significant cultural, historical, artistic, and constitute a significant public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Collections Care and Management Policy (the "Policy"), attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, establishes guidelines for the professional stewardship and management of the City's museum collections and is intended to support the City's mission to preserve and make accessible its cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board have both reviewed and recommended the adoption of the Policy;

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

THAT the City Council of El Paso, Texas hereby approves and adopts the Collections Care and Management Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, as the policy governing the care and management of the City's museum collections; and

THAT the Director of the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, or designee, is authorized to administer and implement the Policy and to take such administrative actions as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the Policy, provided such actions are consistent with applicable law and the authority granted by the City Council.

Mr. Edward Hayes, El Paso Museum of Art Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representative Chávez and Canales commented.

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, 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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3. Presentation, discussion, and action on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF).

Ms. Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, and Mr. Sasho Andonoski, Office of Budget and Management Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Limón commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager
- Chief Jonathan P. Killings, Fire Chief

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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4. Discussion regarding the presentation of the 2026 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (ASAC) Annual Report to City Council.

Representative Chris Canales, Committee Chair, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño commented.

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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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 10:23 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 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

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

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

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EX1. Patricia Alvarez and Padel Ranch Health and Wellness (551.071)

Mr. Kyle Elliot a citizen, commented

Motion made by Representative Fierro, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Manager, be **AUTHORIZED** to file suit against Padel Ranch Health and Wellness Center, and Patricia Alvarez in HQ Matter Number 5684, to gain compliance with Title 20 of the City Code of El Paso, 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, Limón, and Canales
NAYS: None
NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Acevedo

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EX2. Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo v. City of El Paso; Cause No:EP-23-CV-132-DCG (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX3. Real Estate Division Update, HQ#25-5035 (551.072)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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EX4. Legal advice regarding the grant application to Meta Platforms, Inc. through the Future is for everyone Fund requesting $4,000,000.00 in grant funds, with no match required from the City of El Paso, for the El Paso Climate Action Implementation Program (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Niño, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk