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NOTICE OF WORK SESSION OF THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2023 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY 9:05 AM

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The following members of City Council will be present via video conference: Representative Brian Kennedy

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

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	All Dis	tricts	

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

6. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance extending Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 authorizing the City Manager to assign personnel and resources to assist in addressing the humanitarian and public safety crisis resulting from a mass migration through El Paso.

23-573

All Districts

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

7. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams:

23-546

1. Vision Block: Exceptional Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Opportunities:

Goal 4 (Quality of Life)

Deputy City Manager, Dionne Mack

Zoo Director, Joseph Montisano

All Districts

Transformation Office, Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, (915) 212-1204

8. Presentation, discussion, and action on the 88th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature.

23-560

All Districts

Economic and International Development, Lindsey Adams, (915) 212-1622 Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0094

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following members of City Council will be present via video conference: Representative Brian Kennedy

The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act and the Rules of City Council.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
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Section 551.089	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED
	MEETING

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

Discussion and action on the following:

EX1.	Consultation with attorney regarding a petition for charter amendments. Matter No. 22-1065-153, HQ-2023-340 (551.071)	<u>23-553</u>
	City Attorney's Office, Kristen Hamilton-Karam, (915) 212-0033	
EX2.	Cangialosi, Joanna, et al v. City of El Paso. Matter No. 18-1026-9235 (551.071)	<u>23-555</u>
	City Attorney's Office, Matthew Marquez, (915) 212-0033	
EX3.	Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, a federally recognized Indian Tribe vs. City of El Paso, USDC; Cause No. 3:23-cv-001323. (551.071)	<u>23-557</u>
	City Attorney's Office, Evan Reed, (915) 212-0033	
EX4.	Application of El Paso Electric Company for a 10MW Community Solar Expansion and Authority to Modify Schedule No. CS Community Solar Rate, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 54403. Matter No. 22-1008-205 (551.071)	<u>23-559</u>
	City Attorney's Office, Donald C. Davie, (915) 212-0033	
EX5.	Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update Schedule No. COVID-19 in compliance with Docket No. 52195. HQ UTILITY-5 (551.071)	<u>23-562</u>
	City Attorney's Office, Donald C. Davie, (915) 212-0033	
EX6.	Economic Development Incentives for a Convention Center Hotel located in the City of El Paso Matter No. 22-1007-2853 (551.071) (551.087)	<u>23-566</u>
	Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095 City Attorney's Office, Juan Gonzalez, (915) 212-0033	

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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All Districts

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

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Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes.

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Deputy City Manager/Chief Mario M. D'Agostino (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes.

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 Response+ Recovery Cross-Functional Team is comprised of multi-disciplinary teams focused on the continued planning, development and implementation of actions supporting key impact areas. Ongoing updates will be provided to share key information and key upcoming items.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

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City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

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Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager and City Attorney report any and all COVID-19 information, activities, efforts and processes to City Council monthly in written form.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Mario M. D'Agostino, DCM (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager and City Attorney report any and all COVID-19 information, activities, efforts and processes to City Council monthly in written form.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On October 24, 2022 City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council at every other City Council meeting.

Since May 12, 2020, City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council within a reasonable time.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Health

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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RESOLUTION

- **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and
- **WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and
- **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor also signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and
- **WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the City Council also adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and
- **WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the City Council, adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Emergency Ordinance, and Disaster Declaration have both been renewed by City Council each month since adoption; and
- **WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council within a reasonable time; and
- **WHEREAS,** on October 24, 2022, City Council amended the resolution to allow the City Manager and City Attorney to provide updates at every other work session; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Manager and City Attorney have formally provided an update on COVID-19 related information and data accordingly; and
- WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, President Biden signed a bipartisan congressional resolution to end the COVID-19 national emergency; and
- **WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the Public Health Emergency will expire on May 11, 2023; and
- **WHEREAS**, the percentage of persons in the City of El Paso vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus is high, reducing the risk of transmission; and
 - WHEREAS, new COVID-19 cases continue to remain low at this time; and
- WHEREAS, in light of these circumstances, a monthly written report to City Council will suffice to keep the Council informed with regard to COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes, without the need to report at a City Council Work Session.

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

- 1. That the City Manager and City Attorney report any and all COVID-19 information, activities, efforts and processes to City Council in written form on a monthly basis;
- 2. That the City Manager bring stakeholder activities and updates to City Council in written form on a monthly basis.

APPROVED this	day of April 2023.
	THE CITY OF EL PASO:
	Oscar Leeser
ATTEST:	Mayor
Laura D. Prine	
City Clerk	

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos L. Armendariz Assistant City Attorney

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City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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DEPARTMENT	HEAD'S	SUMMARY	FORM

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 24, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: DCM, Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Emergency Ordinance No. 019446 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on April 26, 2023.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 27, 2023.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ⊠ YES □ NO			
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:	Fire Department Department of Public Health		

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

ORDINANCE NO.
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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019035 EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 2.48.020(C), a local state of disaster declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.10 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, despite local COVID-19 cases continuing to decline, the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains and new variants of the virus are expected to arise; and

WHEREAS, as of April 5, 2023, the number of new COVID-19 active cases reported in El Paso is 2656 and the cumulative number is 314,752; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted to continue a Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance No. 019446 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on April 26, 2023;

WHEREAS, the condition necessitating a declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

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

- 1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of El Paso by the Mayor on March 13, 2020, and extended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, is hereby re-enacted and shall continue for thirty (30) days or until the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 expires on May 11, 2023 or until terminated by City Council, whichever is sooner.
- 2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this	day of April 2023.
	THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
ATTEST:	Oscar Leeser Mayor
Laura D. Prine City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
Karla M. Nieman City Attorney	Mario M. D'Agostino Deputy City Manager Public Health & Safety

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 instituting emergency measures, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 and 019284; penalty as provided in Section 8.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA DATE: **April 24, 2023**

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 24, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: DCM, Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 instituting emergency measures, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 and 019284; penalty as provided in section 8.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City Council desires to re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, as further re-enacted and amended on March 29, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019156, as further re-enacted and amended on April 26, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019169, as further re-enacted and amended on May 24, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019191, as further re-enacted and amended on January 31, 2022 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019284, which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Since March 2020, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment, re-statement and amendment taking place on March 16, 2021, and with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 27, 2023.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ⊠ YES □NO		
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:	Fire Department	
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:	Department of Public Health	

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

ORDINANCE NO.	
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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019036 INSTITUTING EMERGENCY MEASURES, AS RE-ENACTED, RESTATED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019151; AND FURTHER RE-ENACTED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NOS. 019156, 019169, 019191 AND 019284; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment, re-statement and amendment taking place on March 16, 2021, and with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted if the emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, a disaster continues to exist and requires that certain emergency measures be taken to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, as further re-enacted and amended on March 29, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019166, as further re-enacted and amended on April 26, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019169, as further re-enacted and amended on May 24, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019191, as further re-enacted and amended on January 31, 2022 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019284, which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

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

- 1. Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, and as further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191, and 019284, penalty as provided in Section 8, is hereby re-enacted.
- 2. Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191, and 019284, penalty as provided in Section 8, shall remain in full force and effect and continue for thirty (30) days or until the federal Public health Emergency for COVID-19 expires on May 11, 2023 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner.

Ordinance No.	•	

	by measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council f the Mayor, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.
PASSED AND ADOPTED, this day o	f April 2023.
	THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
	Oscar Leeser Mayor
ATTEST:	
Laura D. Prine City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
Karla M. Nieman City Attorney	Mario M. D'Agostino Deputy City Manager Public Health & Safety

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All Districts

Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019241; allowing temporary uses on the public right of way and private property by suspending various city ordinances; Penalty as provided in Section 6.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Sam Rodriguez, P.E., 212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management

SUBGOAL: Subgoal 6.5. Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019241; allowing temporary uses on the public right of way and private property by suspending various city ordinances; Penalty as provided in Section 6.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item is to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities. To achieve this, this item would re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019241 for 30 days to continue the suspension of various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and continue the pilot program.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency.

March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City's Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. Also on, March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council reenacted its Emergency Ordinance extending the City's Disaster Declaration monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on August 31, 2020.

August 31, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which suspended various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and established a pilot program.

September 28, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

October 27, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091. Also, City Council approved increasing the fine for all emergency directive violations from \$500 to \$1,000.

November 23, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which included the amendment to increase the fine to \$1,000 (Ordinance No. 019119).

December 14, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 1, 2021, March 1, 2021, March 29, 2021, April 26, 2021, May 24, 2021, June 21, 2021, July 19, 2021, August 16, 2021, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

October 11, 2021, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019241, which suspended various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and established a pilot program.

November 8, 2021, December 6, 2021, January 4, January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 21, July 18, August 28, September 12, October 10, and November 7, December 5, 2022, January 3, January 30, February 2, and March 27, 2023. El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019241.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? _X_ YES ___NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Streets and Maintenance, Planning and Inspections

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DEPAR	TMENT HEAD:

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019241; ALLOWING TEMPORARY USES ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BY SUSPENDING VARIOUS CITY ORDINANCES; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6.

- **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and
- **WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and
- **WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City's Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency; and
- WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on March 27, 2023; and
- **WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott has similarly renewed the State's COVID- 19 Disaster Declaration, with the most recent extension taking place on March 16, 2023; and
- **WHEREAS**, El Paso City Charter Section 3.10 allows City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and
- WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council desires to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, on October 11, 2021, City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Instituting Emergency Measures to Allow Temporary Uses on the Public Right of Way and Private Property by Suspending Various City Ordinances ("Emergency Ordinance No. 019241"); and
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted if the emergency still exists; and
- **WHEREAS**, City Council re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019241, with the most recent re-enaction taking place on March 27, 2023 (Ord. No. 019447) ("Re-enacting Ordinance"); and
- WHEREAS, a disaster continues to exist and requires that certain emergency measures be taken to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to re-enact its October 11, 2021, Emergency Ordinance No. 019241, which shall take effect immediately, and remain in effect and continue for thirty (30) days or until the federal Public health Emergency for COVID-19 expires on May 11, 2023 or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

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

- 1. That Emergency Ordinance No. 019241, is re-enacted and shall remain in full force and continue for thirty (30) days or until the federal Public health Emergency for COVID-19 expires on May 11, 2023 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner;
- 2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

Charter Section 3.10.	
PASSED AND ADOPTED, this day of	of, 2023.
	THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:
ATTEST:	Oscar Leeser Mayor
Laura D. Prine City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
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City Attorney	City Engineer

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT, CONTACT INFORMATION:

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All Districts

City Manager's Office, Chief Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance extending Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 authorizing the City Manager to assign personnel and resources to assist in addressing the humanitarian and public safety crisis resulting from a mass migration through El Paso.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 24, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: DCM, Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 2. Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City **SUBGOAL:** 2.1 Maintain standing as one of the nation's top safest cities

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance extending Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 authorizing the City Manager to assign personnel and resources to assist in addressing the humanitarian and public safety crisis resulting from a mass migration through El Paso.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On December 27, 2022 the United States Supreme Court issued an order allowing the injunction to remain in place until further review of the case can be carried out. The Biden administration has announced the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023, possibly ending all use of Title 42 as a mechanism to control the border. OEM and the City will continue to prepare and evaluate the need for mass emergency sheltering in anticipation of the eventual repeal of Title 42 and other regional migration surges that may impact the El Paso region.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On May 23, 2022, the Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso (the "City") passed an Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 "Authorizing the City Manager to Assign Personnel and Resources to Assist in Addressing the Humanitarian and Public Safety Crisis Resulting from a Mass Migration through the City of El Paso".

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ⊠ YES □NO				
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:	Fire Department			
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:				

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

ORDINANCE	NO.	

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019333 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ASSIGN PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN AND PUBLIC SAFETY CRISIS RESULTING FROM A MASS MIGRATION THROUGH EL PASO

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2022, the Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso (the "City") passed an Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 "Authorizing the City Manager to Assign Personnel and Resources to Assist in Addressing the Humanitarian and Public Safety Crisis Resulting from a Mass Migration through the City of El Paso"; and

WHEREAS, thousands of migrants from Latin America gathered at or near the U.S.-Mexico border in hopes that President Biden will ease immigration restrictions that will make it easier to enter the United States; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") announced the repeal of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. §265 ("Title 42"), which was expected to allow for the inflow of migrants from the southern border; and

WHEREAS, federal litigation ensued to enjoin the CDC from repealing Title 42 on the intended date of May 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, a United States Supreme Court ruling allowed the President to end the Migrant Protection Protocols, which would allow for the inflow of migrants from the southern border; and

WHEREAS, Title 42 was struck down by a federal court with the parties agreeing that the injunction would end on December 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2022 the United States Supreme Court issued an order allowing the injunction to remain in place until further review of the case could be carried out; and

WHEREAS, the Biden administration has announced the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023 possibly ending all use of Title 42 as a mechanism to control the border; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest had 128,877 land border encounters in the month of February, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso sector of CBP had 32,233 land border encounters in the month

of February, 2023 and a total of 224,893 encounters for federal fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, in the month of March 2023, approximately 1,700 migrants have been arriving weekly; and

WHEREAS, when the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's ("CBP") Central Processing Center is over capacity and NGO space is unavailable, that is when the potential for street releases arises; and

WHEREAS, CBP has released many migrants onto downtown streets leaving many migrants without shelter; and

WHEREAS, in response to the street releases, the El Paso City-County Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") reallocated twenty-nine COVID-19 Operations staff to assist as migrant shelter surge staff, and on May 17, 2022, this staff began orientation training at Casa del Refugiado, the NGO's largest hospitality site; and

WHEREAS, OEM has created a job specification, for general disaster operations to include humanitarian relief duties to hire and assign staff to assist with NGO capacity with over 40 staff currently assigned; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Charter Section 3.10, allows for the adoption of one or more emergency ordinances to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.003 of the Texas Health & Safety Code states that a municipality may enforce any law that is reasonably necessary to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Section 122.006 of the Texas Health & Safety Code provides home-rule municipalities express authority to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the municipality, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, OEM continues to provide COVID-19 isolation and quarantine hotel support to migrant shelters, expanding operations when outbreaks occur in congregate shelter facilities; and

WHEREAS, OEM has provided isolation and quarantine services to over 2,708 migrants in close coordination with NGOs since April 2020; and

WHEREAS, beginning in late August 2022, the El Paso sector experienced a surge of over 2,000 migrants presenting themselves daily to CBP, primarily made up of unsponsored single adults from Venezuela, resulting in over 1,000 street releases by CBP; and

WHEREAS, due to this high volume, the number of refugees and asylum seekers released to the NGO and the City's Migrant Welcome Center, was over 1,000 on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, the City and OEM stood up a migrant Welcome Center to assist with transportation assistance providing services to over 19,300 migrants through October 20, 2022, and

WHEREAS, there were over 40,000 community releases to local NGOs and the City during this period; and

WHEREAS, the City's Welcome Center sponsored 294 charter buses with 13,900 unsponsored migrants aboard to New York City and Chicago as final destinations; and

WHEREAS, Sun Metro buses transported upwards of 4,800 migrants to the El Paso International Airport ("EPIA"), bus stations, the Welcome Center, and shelters; and

WHEREAS, the City provided over 39,000 meals to migrants at the local facilities, and for travel aboard the outbound charter buses; and

WHEREAS, the release of mass groups of people without access to potable water, food, or shelter exposes the migrants and El Paso residents to the origination and spread of potential and actual disease; and

WHEREAS, in response to the number of migrants arriving at the border, on January 5, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security created a humanitarian parole program for migrants from Cuba, Haiti, and Nicaragua similar to the program already available to Venezuelans; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2023, President Biden visited the border to assess the situation in part because the number of migrants has gained the attention of the media and national leadership; and

WHEREAS, there are significant public safety and security concerns related to the wave of migration, including but not limited to the risk to injury or loss of life with migrants in El Paso streets with little or no resources on days that reach hot or cold temperatures and the inherent risks that come with increased demand on local shelters; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2023, border officials barricaded and closed down the Paso del Norte bridge due to a breach of public safety involving hundreds of migrants present on the bridge due to rumors about the relaxation of immigration restrictions circulated on social media sites; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City is faced with the imminent threat of widespread injury or loss of life resulting from a surge in transient migrants traveling to the region during an ongoing global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there is the potential for loss of property for both residents and migrants due to those who would take financial advantage of this wave of migrants; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Aviation has the authority, as granted by the El Paso City Council, to manage the day-to-day operation of EPIA and to ensure that those operations are conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations regarding airports under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 22 of the Texas Transportation Code, and Title 14 of the El Paso City Code, as well as federal, state, and local health and safety regulations to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all occupants and travelers making use of EPIA facilities; and

WHEREAS, EPIA in recent past, became saturated with migrants awaiting air travel and could need to take measures to preserve the health and safety of its customers, employees and the public, as well as measures to secure its facilities as the demand for air travel increases exponentially; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is home to 4 international ports of entry between Texas and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, based on mass migration events in the recent past, the City anticipates significant delays at the international ports-of-entry to include trade; and

WHEREAS, the potential encampment of large groups of migrants on City rights of way, parks and other City property poses safety risks to migrants and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, in awaiting the due support of the federal government, the City finds that the expenditure of public funds for staff to coordinate resources and supplies, serve as shelter surge staff and transport migrants released in the City of El Paso accomplishes a valid public purpose of protecting public infrastructure, and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health of persons in the municipality, the City Council wishes to continue to assist the local NGO with surge staff, coordination of resources and supplies, and transportation in light of the continued high number of community releases; and

WHEREAS, OEM and the City will continue to prepare and evaluate the need for mass emergency sheltering in anticipation of the eventual repeal of Title 42 and other regional

migration surges that may impact the El Paso region; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall remain in effect until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, superseded by a conflicting ordinance, El Paso Local Health Authority Ordinance, state or federal law, or repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted unless re-enacted pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

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

- 1. That the Emergency Ordinance No. 019333 passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso on May 23, 2022 is hereby re-enacted and shall continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by City Council, whichever is sooner.
- 2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of April, 2023.

	THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
ATTEST:	Oscar Leeser Mayor
Laura D. Prine City Clerk	-
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
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Karla M. Nieman City Attorney	Mario M. D'Agostino, Deputy City Manager Public Health & Safety



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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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All Districts

Transformation Office, Juliana Baldwin-Munoz, (915) 212-1204

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Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams:

1. Vision Block: Exceptional Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Opportunities:

Goal 4 (Quality of Life)

Deputy City Manager, Dionne Mack

Zoo Director, Joseph Montisano

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Department

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Transformation (Performance) Office, Juliana

Baldwin-Munoz (915) 212-1204

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: AII

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 4 Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life Through Recreational, Cultural & Educational Environments

SUBGOAL:

6.4- Implement leading-edge practices for achieving quality and performance excellence

SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams:

1. Vision Block: Exceptional Recreational, Cultural and Educational Opportunities:

Goal 4 (Quality of Life)

Deputy City Manager, Dionne Mack

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Goal team reporting ensures a systematic approach is sustained for operating departments to share progress made on strategic objectives across the eight goals as outlined and adopted in the Strategic Plan by the City Council. The presentation will highlight key team accomplishments and a current fiscal year, mid-year operations report.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Most recent Strategic Planning Session convened December 1-2, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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Economic and International Development, Lindsey Adams, (915) 212-1622 Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0094

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Presentation, discussion, and action on the 88th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature.

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023 Lindsey Adams, 915-212-1622

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Elizabeth Triggs, 915-212-0094

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Presentation, discussion and action on the 88th regular session of the Texas state legislature.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Prior to the convening of each biennial State legislative session, the City Council of the City of El Paso identifies policy priorities and legislative initiatives that it would like the Texas Legislature to address during its legislative session. These priorities and initiatives are adopted and compiled into the City's Legislative Agenda which is shared with the City's legislative delegation and additionally used to guide staffs' activity during the legislative session. The City's legislative agenda was finalized on November 7, 2022 and the 88th legislative session began on January 10, 2023. This will be the fourth update on the session to go over key items and bills that are of interest to the City.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council adopts a Legislative Agenda for each biennial State legislative session and receives regular updates from City staff on legislative activity during the State's regular and special sessions. City Council received a legislative briefing to initiate this process on May 9, 2022, and received an update on August 16, 2022, where the legislative priorities were approved. On October 25, 2022 City Council approved a majority of the Support/Oppose Section, and on November 7, 2022 the Legislative Agenda was finalized. On January 30th, City Council took action to support and/or oppose three filed bills. On February 27th, Council took action on two filed bills. On March 27th Council took action on three areas of interest.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Economic and International Development

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Elizabeth Triggs

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City Attorney's Office, Kristen Hamilton-Karam, (915) 212-0033

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Consultation with attorney regarding a petition for charter amendments. Matter No. 22-1065-153, HQ-2023-340 (551.071)

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City Attorney's Office, Matthew Marquez, (915) 212-0033

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Cangialosi, Joanna, et al v. City of El Paso. Matter No. 18-1026-9235 (551.071)

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City Attorney's Office, Evan Reed, (915) 212-0033

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Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, a federally recognized Indian Tribe vs. City of El Paso, USDC; Cause No. 3:23-cv-001323. (551.071)

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City Attorney's Office, Donald C. Davie, (915) 212-0033

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Application of El Paso Electric Company for a 10MW Community Solar Expansion and Authority to Modify Schedule No. CS Community Solar Rate, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 54403. Matter No. 22 -1008-205 (551.071)

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City Attorney's Office, Donald C. Davie, (915) 212-0033

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Application of El Paso Electric Company to Update Schedule No. COVID-19 in compliance with Docket No. 52195. HQ UTILITY-5 (551.071)

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Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095 City Attorney's Office, Juan Gonzalez, (915) 212-0033

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Economic Development Incentives for a Convention Center Hotel located in the City of El Paso Matter No. 22-1007-2853 (551.071) (551.087)