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## **NOTICE OF WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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**April 26, 2021  
3:35 PM**

**Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096  
Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267  
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### **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY**

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on April 26, 2021 at 3:35 P.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

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**The following members of City Council will be present via video conference:**

**Mayor Oscar Leeser and Representatives Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga**

**A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.**

## **AGENDA**

1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [21-479](#)

- 1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
  - a) Financial Focus (Robert Cortinas)
  - b) Quality of Life Reopenings Update (Tracey Jerome)

- 2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
  - a) National Emergency Declaration
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- 3. CFT Operations (Chief Mario D'Agostino)

- 4. Team Lead Reports:
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  - 2. Vaccination Update (Angela Mora)

- 5. City Manager Wrap Up (Tommy Gonzalez)

### **All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

2. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. [21-481](#)

### **All Districts**

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

3. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019156; penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-482](#)

### **All Districts**

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6. [21-468](#)

**All Districts**

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

5. Discussion and presentation by the El Paso Central Appraisal District about the process by which property values are assessed as mandated by state law and about the reasons for the reported approximate average residential property value increase of 13% from 2020 to 2021; and discussion about the fiscal options that the Council has available in order to potentially offset the impact of higher property values during the period of economic hardship and recovery created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to potential consideration of the *no new revenue tax rate* or potential use of the City's Budget Stabilization Fund. [21-461](#)

**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cissy Lizarraga, (915) 212-0008

6. Presentation and discussion providing a report from the following Goal Teams: [21-467](#)
1. Vision Block: Vibrant Regional Economy
    - a. Goal 1 (Economic Development)
    - b. Goal 3 (Visual Image)

**All Districts**

International Bridges, David Coronado, (915) 212-7505

7. Budget Update. [21-462](#)

**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, K. Nicole Cote, (915) 212-1092

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY**

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**Mayor Oscar Leeser and Representatives Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga**

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
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
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.** Moon, Brandon Lee v. J. Dove; Matter: 21-1026-11588; (551.071) [21-486](#)

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

**EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52040, Matter No. 21-1192-001 (551.071) [21-487](#)

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033  
City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

**EX3.** Quarterly Litigation Report. [21-488](#)

City Attorney's Office, Karla M. Nieman, (915) 212-0033

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LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

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**All Districts**

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

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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 Department

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Senior Deputy City Manager, Cary Westin (915) 212-1063

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 6 Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management  
Goal 8 Nurture and Promote a Health Sustainable Community

**SUBGOAL:**

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

**6.5- Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement**

**8.1- Deliver prevention, intervention, and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive, and safe community**

**SUBJECT:**

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

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

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross-Functional Team is comprised of ten 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:**

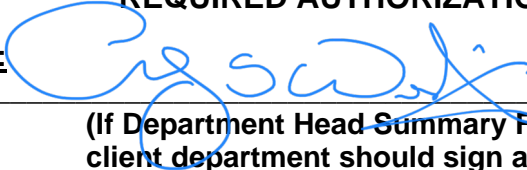
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**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N / A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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### **CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

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##### **All Districts**

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

#### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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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  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** April 26, 2021

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (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. 019155 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on April 28, 2021.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on March 29, 2021.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None.

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?** ☒ YES ☐ NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Health

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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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 extension taking place on March 29, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2021, Governor Abbott similarly renewed the State's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of COVID-19 active cases in El Paso is over 2,282; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Ordinance No. 019155 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on April 28, 2021; and

**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:**

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

20-1052-1069/PL#1067448v2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -  
Extending Disaster Declaration May 2021

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 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, 2021.**

**THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk


**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**



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Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief  
El Paso Fire Department

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

20-1052-1069/PL#1067448v2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -  
Extending Disaster Declaration May 2021



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##### **All Districts**

Fire, Chief Mario D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

#### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019156; penalty as provided in Section 8.

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

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** April 26, 2021

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (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 and amending Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019156; penalty as provided in Section 8.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The City Council desires to re-enact and amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 29, 2021 (Emergency Ordinance No. 019156) 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, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on March 29, 2021.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None.

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?** ☒ YES ☐ NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Health

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
RE-ENACTING AND AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019036,  
AS RE-ENACTED, RESTATED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO.  
019151; AND FURTHER AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019156;  
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 29, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to amend Section 4 Suspension and Modification of Ordinances and Rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to amend Section 4 “Suspension and Modification of Ordinances and Rules”, Subsection 4(a)(iv) to delete and mark as “Reserved” the section regarding City Council meeting times, to no longer suspend the provisions of the Resolution Amending the Rules of Order for the El Paso City Council (the “Rules of Order”) Revised, as effective March 3, 2020, as amended and reiterated on February 2, 2021, as may be amended, regarding meeting start times, so that City Council meetings shall begin no earlier than 9:00am beginning on May 10, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to re-enact and amend Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 29, 2021 (Emergency Ordinance No. 019156) 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.

**Ordinance No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 019156, penalty as provided in Section 8, is hereby re-enacted.
2. That Section 4 (Suspension and Modification of Ordinances and Rules), subsection a, paragraph iv be amended to read as follows:  
  
iv. [Reserved].
3. Except as amended herein, Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019156, penalty as provided in Section 8, shall remain in full force and effect and continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner.
4. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021.**


**THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief  
El Paso Fire Department

**Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**



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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. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; Penalty as provided in Section 6.



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

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A (Work Session)

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Sam Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer, 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. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119; 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. 019091 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 re-enacted 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, and March 29, 2021 El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

Revised 04/09/2021

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**  
N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

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

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

*Samuel Rodriguez*

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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019091, AS AMENDED BY  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019119; 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 monthly basis, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on January 5, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott has similarly renewed the State's COVID- 19 Disaster Declaration, with the most recent extension taking place on January 5, 2021; 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 August 31, 2020, 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. 019091**"); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, each month, with the most recent re-enaction taking place on March 29, 2021 (Ord. No. 019157) ("**Re-enacting Ordinance**"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 its August 31, 2020, Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, as amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019119, which shall take effect immediately, and remain in effect until May 26, 2021, or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted,

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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. 019091, is re-enacted and shall remain in full force and continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 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.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.**

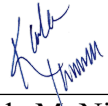
**THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

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Oscar Leaser  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.  
City Engineer

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**LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT, CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**All Districts**

Members of the City Council, Representative Cissy Lizarraga, (915) 212-0008

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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Discussion and presentation by the El Paso Central Appraisal District about the process by which property values are assessed as mandated by state law and about the reasons for the reported approximate average residential property value increase of 13% from 2020 to 2021; and discussion about the fiscal options that the Council has available in order to potentially offset the impact of higher property values during the period of economic hardship and recovery created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to potential consideration of the *no new revenue tax rate* or potential use of the City's Budget Stabilization Fund.

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor and Council

**AGENDA DATE:** 04/26/2021 (Work Session)

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Rep. Cissy Lizarraga, 212-0008

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Goal 5 - Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Amongst All Members of the Community

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

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

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**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?**

The El Paso Central Appraisal District (EPCAD), like all appraisal districts in the State of Texas, is mandated by state law to appraise and certify the *current market value* of properties, and they are not to my understanding permitted to consider personal financial situation, current employment status, etc. of property owners as part of their appraisal process. In posting this item, I am extending an invitation to the leadership of the EPCAD to present for the benefit of the public about their mandate, process, and limitations with regard to conducting property appraisals as well as about the reasons that many assessed property values may have increased. With the budget season approaching and many of our constituents still recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, I think it will also benefit the City Council to have a preliminary discussion about how we might offset the impact of higher property values in our FY2022 budget.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

No.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*



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**All Districts**

International Bridges, David Coronado, (915) 212-7505

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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

1. Vision Block: Vibrant Regional Economy
  - a. Goal 1 (Economic Development)
  - b. Goal 3 (Visual Image)

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

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Department

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Performance Office, Julie Baldwin-Munoz (915) 212-1204

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

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

**SUBGOAL:**

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

**6.5- Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement**

**SUBJECT:**

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1. Vision Block: Vibrant Regional Economy
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International Bridges Director, David Coronado, 915-212-7505

**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 provide an overview on team accomplishments and the status of key deliverables for the current fiscal year as a mid-year operational report.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Strategic Planning Sessions on February 16, 2017 and May 16, 2019.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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City Manager's Office, K. Nicole Cote, (915) 212-1092

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Budget Update.

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

**AGENDA DATE:** April 26, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** K. Nicole Cote, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (915) 212-1092

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

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

**SUBGOAL:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Budget Update

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Budget Update

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?** ☒ YES ☐ NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office - Office of Management and Budget

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** All City

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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City Attorney's Office, Kyle Lasley, (915) 212-0033

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Moon, Brandon Lee v. J. Dove; Matter: 21-1026-11588; (551.071)



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City Attorney's Office, Manuel Arambula, (915) 212-0033

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Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Public Utility  
Commission of Texas Docket No. 52040, Matter No. 21-1192-001 (551.071)



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Quarterly Litigation Report.