

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR



TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
LARRY ROMERO, DISTRICT 2
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3
CARL ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4
MICHIEL NOE, DISTRICT 5
CLAUDIA ORDAZ, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY NILAND, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 15, 2014

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser, present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Michiel Noe, Claudia Ordaz, Lilia Limón, and Cortney Carlisle Niland. Late arrivals: Ann Morgan Lilly and Carl Robinson at 9:22 a.m.

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1. Discussion and action regarding proposed 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Ms. Taylor Moreno, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Ted Anderson and Mr. Jeff Markey from McBee Strategic walked through the PowerPoint presentation.

City Representative Lilly questioned City staff.

Motion made by Representative Romero, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and unanimously carried to **ADOPT** the Federal Legislative agenda as presented.

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2. Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to submit project proposals to U.S. Customs and Border Protection as part of the Section 559 legislation that grants CBP donation acceptance authority and authorizing the use of the restricted P3 Fund (3360) for both projects, the READY Lane Paso del Norte project for \$20,000 and the Ysleta Island Cargo Entry Point for another \$85,900, for a total of \$105,900.

City Representatives Niland, Limón, Acosta, Robinson, questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
- 2. Mr. Paul Stresow, Director of International Bridges
- 3. Ms. Taylor Moreno, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and carried to **AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to submit project proposals to U.S Customs and Border Protection as part of the Section 559 legislation that grants CBP donation acceptance authority and authorizing the use of the restricted P3 fund (3360) for both projects, the READY Lane Paso del Norte project and the Ysleta Island Cargo Entry Point for \$185,900 the full funding.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Ordaz, and Niland

NAYS: Representative Limón

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3. Discussion and action on the Final Conceptual Design and Funding Plan for Westside Pool.

Mr. Justin Bass, Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. William Helm and Mr. Hector Lopez, architects from In*Situ Architecture, presented a PowerPoint.

City Representatives Limón, Noe, Niland, Lilly, Ordaz, Acosta, Robinson, and Romero questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
- 2. Mr. Tracy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation
- 3. Ms. Sylvia Firth, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
- 4. Mr. Stanton Wright, Aquatics Director for Parks
- 5. Ms. Irene Ramirez, Interim Director of Engineering and Construction Management
- 6. Dr. Mark Sutter, Chief Financial Officer

The following members of the public commented:

- 1. Mr. Andrew Rosen
- 2. Ms. Emma Carr
- 3. Ms. LeAnn Carr
- 4. Ms. Emma Perez
- 5. Ms. Sarah Garcia
- 6. Ms. Patricia Baca
- 7. Ms. Michele Key

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE** to **January 5, 2015** the item on discussion and action on the Final Conceptual Design and Funding Plan for Westside Pool.

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4. Presentation on status of Capital Improvement Program projects:

- a. San Jacinto Plaza, District 8, Rick Venegas, 212-1843.
- b. 9060 Socorro Road - Animal Clinic, District 6, Yesenia Castro, 212-1842.

Ms. Yesenia Castro, CIP Associate, Engineering and Construction Management, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Rick Venegas, Quality of Life Projects Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

City Representatives Ordaz, Acosta, Limón, and Niland questioned City staff.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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5. Discussion and action on the installation of restroom facilities and cafe building at San Jacinto Plaza; and that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of the restroom facilities.

Mr. Rick Venegas, Quality of Life Projects Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

City Representatives Limón, Niland, Romero, Ordaz, and Acosta questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Ms. Sylvia Firth, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
3. Ms. Jessica Herrera, Redevelopment Manager
4. Mr. Javier Reyes, Engineering Division Manager

The following member of the public commented:

1. Mr. Bernie Sargent, Chair, Bond Overview Advisory Committee

Motion made by Representative Romero, seconded by Representative Noe, and carried to **LEAVE** the project the way it is without any restroom facilities at the time.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Ordaz, and Niland

NAYS: Representative Limón

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6. Presentation and discussion by Project Arriba on their Annual report on status of activities during the fiscal year, use of grant funds and progress in the performance measures required under the agreement executed on August 27, 2013 with the City of El Paso. Presentation and discussion by Project Arriba on their Annual report on status of activities during the fiscal year, use of grant funds and progress in the performance measures required under the agreement executed on August 27, 2013 with the City of El Paso.

Mr. Cary Westin, Director of Economic and International Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s Office).

Mr. Ramon Ortiz, Director of Project Arriba, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the program.

City Representatives Romero, Acosta, and Limón questioned City staff.

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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7. Presentation and discussion by Regional Cyber and Energy Security Center (RCES) on their annual report on status of activities during the second year of operations, use of grant funds and the performance measures required under the agreement with the City of El Paso.

Mr. Cary Westin, Director of Economic and International Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s Office).

Mayor Leeser and City Representatives Niland and Romero questioned City staff.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Dr. Miguel Velez-Reyes, Director of RCES
2. Mr. Andres Perez

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ITEM 7 AND EX1 TAKEN TOGETHER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1st MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and unanimously carried to **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 3:08 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.087 to discuss any of the following:

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
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

2nd MOTION

Motion made by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 3:13 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

NO ACTION, other than the above procedural Motion, was taken on the item.

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EX1. Economic development incentives for local manufacturing concern (Project Texas). (551.087)

NO ACTION, other than the above procedural Motion, was taken on the item.

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 3:14 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk