

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1
LARRY ROMERO, DISTRICT 2
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3
CARL L. ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4
MICHEL R. NOE, DISTRICT 5
CLAUDIA ORDAZ, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY CARLISLE NILAND, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 21, 2015

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Emma Acosta, Michiel Noe, Claudia Ordaz, Lilia Limon and Cortney Niland. Late arrivals: Carl Robinson at 9:05 a.m. and Peter Svarzbein at 9:06 a.m. Larry Romero requested to be excused.

AGENDA

1. Designation of Acting City Manager during the temporary absence of City a Manager, Tomas Gonzalez in accordance with Section 5.4 of the El Paso Municipal Charter.

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Robinson, Ordaz, Noe, Niland, and Acosta commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Sylvia Firth, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
2. Mr. Cary Westin, Director of Economic and International Development

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

1st MOTION

Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:07 a.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:

ABSENT: Representative Romero

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATIONS 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 Niland, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council, during which time motions were made.

ABSENT: Representative Romero

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Noe, seconded by Representative Acosta, and carried to **DESIGNATE** Monica Lombrana as Acting City Manager during the absence of Cary Westin and until the return of City Manager Tommy Gonzalez to town on December 23, 2015.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Acosta, Robinson, and Noe

NAYS: Representatives Ordaz and Limón

ABSTAIN: Representative Niland

ABSENT: Representative Romero

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:10 a.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:

ABSENT: Representative Romero

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
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Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Noe, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:28 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council, during which time motions were made.

ABSENT: Representative Romero

EX1. Investigation by Special Counsel, Ross Fischer. (551.071 and 551.074)

NO ACTION taken on this item.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Representative Svarzbein, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ABSENT: Representative Romero

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk