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CITY MANAGER



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ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
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CARL ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4
MICHEL NOE, DISTRICT 5
CLAUDIA ORDAZ, DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY NILAND, DISTRICT 8

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
JANUARY 7, 2015**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser, present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Michiel Noe, Claudia Ordaz, Lilia Limón, and Cortney Carlisle Niland.

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1. Presentation, discussion and action on HKS Urban Planning Project for 2012 Quality of Life projects: Multipurpose Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Children's Museum and Hispanic Cultural Center.

Mr. Bryan Crowe, General Manager of Destination El Paso, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Cecil Bakalor, Associate, HKS Urban Design Studio, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Jay Lenhardt, Convention Sports Leisure, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Dale Roger, Convention Sports Leisure, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Ms. Amy F. Ben-Kiki, AMS Planning & Research presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Jim Juarez, CCI Partners presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Leeser and City Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Ordaz, Limón, and Niland commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Dr. Mark Sutter, Chief Financial Officer

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Richard Dayoub, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
2. Mr. Gary Borsch
3. Ms. Lisa Turner
4. Mr. Joe Gudenrath, Downtown Management District
5. Mr. Miguel Fernandez
6. Mr. Peter Swartzbein
7. Ms. Marilyn Guida
8. Ms. Michelle Luevano, Hispanic Chamber

9. Mr. Mike Churchman, Exploreum Children’s Museum

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER** to allow additional speakers to address the Council after the signup period.

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

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EX1. Presentation, discussion and action on HKS Urban Planning Project for 2012 Quality of Life projects: Multipurpose Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Children’s Museum and Hispanic Cultural Center. (551.071 and 551.072)

1st MOTION

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and unanimously carried to **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 12:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

2nd MOTION

Motion made by Representative Romero, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

3rd AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried that the City Manager be directed to assemble appropriate professional support for site acquisition, project costs, design, development, methodology, funding, and operating models for the Multi-purpose Arena, for the Hispanic Cultural Center and for the Children’s Museum.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Lilly

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 3:45 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Robinson

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk