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CITY MANAGER



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CLAUDIA ORDAZ PEREZ, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
January 6, 2020
9:05 AM**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Aleksandra Annelo, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Ordaz Perez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga

AGENDA

- 1. Discussion and action on interviews for the candidates that were selected by city representatives and appointment of Municipal Court Judge No. 4, to fill the unexpired term in accordance with City Code Sub-section 2.44.030(E).**

Ms. Lilia Worrell, Municipal Court Director, provided an overview of the item and introduced the following candidates:

1. Ms. Lauren Ferris
2. Ms. Maria Ramirez
3. Mr. David Rutledge

Each candidate provided an overview of their work experience.

Representatives Svarzbein, Hernandez, Rivera, and Lizarraga briefly questioned the candidates.

1st MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annelo, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:57 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the item.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Morgan, and

unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council during which time a motion was made.

3RD AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Annello and carried to **APPOINT** Ms. Lauren Ferris to the position of Municipal Court Judge No. 4 to fill the unexpired term.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, and Ordaz Perez

NAYS: Representatives Rivera and Lizarraga

2. Presentation on the El Paso Electric merger and franchise agreement.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint Presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Discussion revolved around the franchise agreement, El Paso Electric options for obtaining equity, the public notification of upcoming community meetings, the stipulation agreement, the relationship between IIF, Sun Jupiter and JP Morgan and the board composition.

Mayor Margo and Representatives Svarzbein, Annello and Hernandez commented.

The following members of City staff commented:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney
3. Mr. Sam Rodriguez,
4. Ms. Laura Cruz Acosta, Strategic Communications Director

The following members of the public commented on items 2, EX1 and EX2:

1. Ms. Alejandra Chavirra, El Paso Electric
2. Mr. Steve Ortega, IIF representative
3. Mr. Miguel Angel Escoto
4. Ms. Lisa Turner
5. Ms. Priscilla Munoz

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Ordaz Perez, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera,

and Lizarraga
NAYS: None

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Salcido, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 1:31 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council during which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga
NAYS: None

EX1. Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49849, Joint Report and Application of El Paso Electric Company, Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC, and IIF US Holding 2 LP for Regulatory Approvals under PURA §§ 14.101, 39.262, and 39.915; Matter: 19-1008-126 (551.071) (551.087)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Annello and unanimously carried that the City of El Paso grants the City Attorney broad authority to take any action necessary to finalize the El Paso Electric Company franchise and any related documents for presentation to and action to the City Council. The City Attorney is also authorized to retain outside Counsel and any necessary consultants, including, but not limited to, Focused Advocacy LLC and Kenneth Anderson, in connection with this matter.

EX2. El Paso Electric Company Franchise; Matter: 19-1008-132 & 19-1008-126.001 (551.071) (551.087)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX3. Economic Incentives for a Warehouse Distribution Company to be located in the City of El Paso. (19-1007-2515) (551.087) (551.071)

Motion was made by Representative Morgan, seconded by Representative Ordaz Perez and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga
NAYS: None

EX4. Economic Incentives for a Medical Facility located in the City of El Paso. (14-1007-1014) (551.087) (551.071)

Motion was made by Representative Morgan, seconded by Representative Ordaz Perez and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera, and Lizarraga
NAYS: None

EX5. Ex Parte: City of El Paso; Supreme Court of Texas, Case #19-0022; Matter No. 17-

1001-171.002 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

EX6. Max Grossman v. City of El Paso; 8th Court of Appeals, Case #08-19-00272-CV;
Matter No. 17-1001-171.001.001 (551.071)

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Morgan and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 1:33 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera
and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk