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**TOMMY GONZALEZ**  
CITY MANAGER



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

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
MARCH 19, 2018  
9:05 AM**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Michiel Noe present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Alexandra Annello, Cassandra Hernandez-Brown, Sam Morgan, Claudia Ordaz Perez, and Henry Rivera. Absent: Dee Margo, Peter Svarzbein, and Cissy Lizarraga.

**AGENDA**

**1. FY 2019 Budget: Council and Public Input**

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, gave a brief introduction of the item.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Interim Director of Municipal Finance, presented a PowerPoint presentation, (copy on file in City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Gonzalez explained that July 25 is an important date because that's the date property valuations come in and explained that if they come in lower than projected it results in less revenue. Mr. Gonzalez stated valuations in El Paso compared to appraisal rates are very different.

Representative Perez asked if this is an appraisal year.

Mr. Cortinas confirmed it is.

Representative Perez inquired about the deadline to submit budget requests.

Mr. Cortinas stated it is May 6, 2018.

Mr. Gonzalez explained that the deadline allows staff to prepare.

Representative Hernandez-Brown Annello inquired about the proposed \$4 increase for recycling and if there's a plan to have dedicated revenue source for street maintenance.

Mr. Gonzalez replied that he's asked staff to research street maintenance fees and

explained that it helps take care of on demand requests. He stated that eleven other Texas cities have one, it makes a lot of sense and he's working with Legal on it.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Representative Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Annello, and unanimously carried that the City Council retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 11:02 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 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
Section 551.089	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS;
	CLOSED MEETING

**EX1.** Monthly update from Legal Department regarding pending litigation and claims. (551.071)  
City Attorney's Office, Sylvia Borunda Firth, (915) 212-0033

Motion made by Representative Ordaz, seconded by Representative Rivera, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:59 p.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.**

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**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Representative Rivera, seconded by Representative Morgan and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 11:59 a.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk