

DEE MARGO  
MAYOR



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SAM MORGAN, DISTRICT 4  
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HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7  
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

TOMMY GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER

**AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES**  
**June 22, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Due to the temporary suspension of Open Meetings laws due to the COVID-19 emergency this meeting was conducted via telephonic and videoconference platforms.**

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The City Council met via video conference on the above date. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Alessandra Anello, Cassandra Hernandez, Sam Morgan, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, Henry Rivera, and Cissy Lizarraga.

The agenda items for the Regular City Council meeting of June 23, 2020 were reviewed.

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**4.1. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

The El Paso City Council authorizes the submission to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, grant application number 4157701, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program, FY2020" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$1,075,663.00 no cash match is required. Grant period will be from March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021.

Mayor Margo and Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**6.1. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a License Agreement between the City of El Paso ("City") and Border Swimming, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation ("Licensee") to use the Marty Robbins pool facility for its swim teams at a rate of \$48.92 per hour for up to 120 hours a month and not to exceed a total of \$5,870.00.40 per month, the term of this Agreement shall be for a period of six months from the Effective Date, with one (1) six month extension under the same terms and conditions, which may be authorized administratively by the City Manager or designee.

**6.2. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a License Agreement between the City of El Paso ("City") and Border Swimming, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation ("Licensee") to use the Westside Natatorium for its swim teams at a rate of \$106.50 per hour for up to 120 hours a month and not to exceed a total of \$12,780.00 per month, the term of this Agreement shall be for a period of six months from the Effective Date, with one (1) six month extension under the same terms and conditions, which may be authorized administratively by the City Manager or designee.

**6.3. CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a License Agreement between the City of El Paso ("City") and Border Swimming, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation ("Licensee") to use the Pavo Real pool facility for its swim teams at a rate of \$106.50 per hour for up to 120 hours and not to exceed a total amount of \$12,780.00 per month, the term of this Agreement shall be for a period of six months from the Effective Date, with one (1) six month extension under the same terms and conditions, which may be authorized administratively by the City Manager.

Mayor Margo and Representative Lizarraga questioned the following City staff member:

- Mr. Ben Fyffe, Parks and Recreation Interim Director

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager commented.

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**9.1.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Victor Soto to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee by Representative Alexandra Annello, District 2.

**9.2.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Ben Carnevale to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee by City Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, District 6.

**9.3.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Jacob Barde as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment by Mayor Dee Margo.

**9.4.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Sharon Miles-Bonart to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, District 6.

**9.5.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Joe Garibay to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Sam Morgan, District 4.

**9.6.      CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Jose J. Guzman to the City Plan Commission by Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, District 6.

**10.1.     CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Richard C. Bonart to the Bond Overview Advisory Committee by Representative Claudia L. Rodriguez, District 6.

10.2. **CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

David L. Kern to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, informed Council that a study would be conducted on board demographics for comparison on a State and National level to ensure membership is representative of the El Paso community.

18.1. **REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BIDS, CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS**

The linkage to the Strategic Plan is subsection 6.2 - Implement employee benefits and services that promote financial security. This contract will allow City employees, covered by the City’s health insurance, access to routine health maintenance as well as Biometric services in support of the City’s Comprehensive Wellness Program

Award Summary:

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to sign an agreement for the wellness clinics between the City of El Paso and BHS Physicians Network, Inc., (Solicitation No: 2019-1039R) for a contract term of five (5) years from the date this Agreement is approved by the City Council, with two (2) options to extend for two (2) additional years, for the amount of \$4,834,925.00 for the initial term and \$4,254,268.00 if the two options to extend are exercised for a total contract amount of \$9,089,193.00. In addition, it is requested that the City Attorney’s Office review and that the City Manager be authorized to execute any related contract documents and agreements necessary to effectuate this award.

Contract Variance:

The difference in cost based on the comparison to the previous contract, is an increase of 214.53% for a total amount of \$3,297,739.06 for the initial term.

In accordance with this award, the City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise future options if needed.

The Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing and Human Resources Departments recommend award as indicated to BHS Physicians Network, Inc., the highest ranked offeror, and that CareAtc, Inc., and Marathon Health, LLC be deemed non-responsive for taking exceptions to the City’s standard terms and conditions.

Mayor Margo questioned the following City staff members:

- Ms. Paula Salas, Purchasing Agent
- Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

24.1. **REGULAR AGENDA – OTHER BUSINESS**

Presentation and discussion on a report by Moss Adams, LLP on the financial and grants audit for the City of El Paso. The report to the City Council will include the audit opinion regarding the City financial statements and a brief overview of the financial results for the City for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019.

Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, commented that it was the fourth consecutive year without audit findings.

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**26.1. REGULAR AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Discussion and action on a Resolution to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Environmental/Health as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee:

Ivonne Santiago, Ph.D.

Mayor Margo requested that this item be moved to the Consent agenda.

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**26.2. REGULAR AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Discussion and action that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from State Board of Education Representative Georgina Cecilia Perez to rename Robert E. Lee Rd to Buffalo Soldier Rd. and to pay for the street renaming application.

**26.3. REGULAR AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Discussion and action that the City Council directs the City Manager to bring forward the application in accordance with the process as required by applicable City Code provisions related to street renaming, and declares that the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the remaining costs not covered by any and all donations for the street sign replacement and application costs for street renaming by the Valley View Neighborhood Association of Robert E. Lee Rd. to Buffalo Soldier Rd. serves a municipal purpose by setting the standard for a safe and secure city, promoting the visual image of El Paso, enhancing El Paso’s quality of life, promoting transparent and consistent communication among all members of the community, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable community.

Mayor Margo and Representative Hernandez questioned the following City staff member:

- Ms. Karla Nieman, City Attorney

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REVIEWED TOGETHER**

**26.4. REGULAR AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Discussion and action on adoption of the “El Paso Strong” Resolution which seeks to encourage the elimination of racial disparities and improve law enforcement interactions.

26.5. REGULAR AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of District 1 and District 2 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each district to assist the Parks and Recreation Department with expenditures related to goods and services required for opening Scenic Drive Exclusively for pedestrians and bicyclists from July 4th at 5:00 p.m. through the normal hours of Scenic Sunday.

Mayor Margo and Representative Svarbein commented.

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Motion made by Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Lizarraga, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk