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SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM  
July 6, 2015

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 8:53 a.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Michiel Noe, Claudia Ordaz, Lilia Limón and Cortney Niland. Late arrivals: Carl Robinson at 8:57 a.m. and Peter Svarzbein at 1:15 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

**NO ACTION** was taken on the following items:

For discussion and action: FY2016 Budget, as presented by the City Manager.

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Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, presented the overview of the FY2016 budget, highlighting the alignment with strategic goals set by Council and the budgeting to fulfill those goals. (PowerPoint presentation on file with City Clerk's Office)

Representative Limón asked about the basketball courts for District 7.

Representative Noe asked about the number of cadets in the Fire Academy and mentioned the need of 15 additional dispatchers.

Representative Acosta had a question on taxes for senior disabled citizens.

Representative Niland asked whether there is a homestead exception at state level to which Mr. Robert Cortinas, Director of Management and Budget, answered "Not for the City. For schools, yes".

Representative Noe asked for a list of benefits City employees get.

Mayor Leeser commented and praised Ms. Nancy Bartlett, Chief Performance Officer.

Representative Robinson asked a question about the discount for disabled home owners and the total number of people who are disabled veteran homeowners. 100% disable veterans, less than 100% broken out and what the impact is and will be on the budget, numbers and dollars?

Representative Limon questioned Ms. Bartlett, "How many City employees are affected by the raise to \$10 per hour?"

Representative Acosta questioned Mr. Cortinas on the number of 100% disabled home owners.

Mayor Leeser wants to talk about savings and the voter approved bond issues 2012 and Fire Union referendum. He thanked Mr. Gonzalez for presenting the budget in a manner that shows the impact of the significant budget drivers on the citizens.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Budget Director continued with the budget presentation and PowerPoint.

Representative Robinson questioned, "How much tax revenue are we getting from Ft. Bliss?"

Mayor Leeser questioned the FY15 revenue/expenditure data.

Representative Niland spoke of the HOT tax and its impact this year.

Representative Niland questioned the cut in Planning and Inspections and the impact on customer service.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Really it was a restructuring, not an actual cut; a reorganization."

Representative Robinson pointed out that some Council members did respond to the red flags in previous years regarding the gap between revenue expenditures.

Mayor Leaser pointed out the absence of operations and maintenance budgets for Quality of Life Bond projects that will need to be budgeted.

Representative Niland stated, "By now budgeting for operations and maintenance for new bond projects, Council is being more responsible stewards of taxpayer's money."

Representative Noe replied, "Some projects and infrastructure may not be able to be supported. They are too old and may need to be phased out."

Representative Acosta asked, "Presentation of debt service as part of the general fund. It is not general fund?"

Mr. Cortinas explained.

Representative Acosta stated, "This is a confusing presentation mixing general fund and debt service fund when they are distinct." She asked: "Why is Capital Improvement Program showing as general fund?"

Representative Limon questioned Mr. Cortinas on Slide 52 and the amount of revenue that has come in from each of these categories

Representative Ordaz questioned what the effective tax rate is and the number of times in the last 5 years that Council has increased it.

Representative Niland questioned the El Paso Electric Franchise Fee.

Mr. Cortinas replied, "4% is the franchise fee, previous Chief Financial Officer negotiated the way that fee is paid."

Representative Niland replied, "We may want to consider this fee in the next year."

Representative Acosta questioned, "The Tax Office is becoming an enterprise fund? 8% is coming from the City's General fund. Why this change?"

Mr. Cortinas explained the rationale.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Because the majority of the money coming into the Tax Department comes from other sources."

CFO Sutter explained the other reasons including direct calculated revenue support and the separation of costs so there are no indirect subsidies.

Dr. Sutter believes it is cleaner and clearer.

Representative Acosta does not want the other entities to think the City is not contributing to support the Tax Department and asked to please identify the intrafund transfer.

Representative Niland commented on Slide 61, Capital Improvement Program formally known as the Engineering Department change in department's title. She wants the public to know the difference between the Street CIP and the new name for the Engineering Department.

Representative Acosta stated, "The new name is confusing."

Representative Niland stated, "I would like to see the CIP and the Engineering Department broken out, not combined. What does the CIP Department encompass?"

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "It has more planning components in it than the solo Engineering Department had."

CFO Sutter stated, "Bigger, more robust department now than when Engineering was stand alone."

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "This is to better service Council's requests."

Representative Noe suggested dropping the word "Program" since it is confusing.

Representative Acosta requested break down of Engineering between how much is funded by general fund and how much by debt service fund.

Representative Ordaz questioned revenue figures and "other services" category.

Representative Acosta questioned, "Page 72 "other uses", is this transfers out? Is the terminology change to confuse Council?"

Mr. Cortinas replied, "It is to be consistent as to what is reported in the CAFR."

Representative Niland questioned Page 73 Capital Projects.

Mr. Cortinas replied, "It is capital within the enterprise funds."

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Capital projects are in 3 year cycles."

Representative Niland stated, "Discussion needs to occur now, in this budget process, on the Capital projects and piggybacking advancing and what impact it will have on debt issuance."

Representative Niland would like a line item that shows return on investment for the voter approved debt.

Mayor Leeser stated, "If projects are moved forward we need to have a timeline, it needs to be shared, and it should not crush the budget."

Representative Limon agreed. She would like to have input on the timeline as Council, not just a presentation. "It is important for constituents. They need to see what is coming on line and when."

Representative Noe questioned page 77 and refinancing of debt and reassurance by CFO Sutter that the terms of the debt are not being extended, just a new percentage rate.

Mayor Leeser answered, "No issuance of new debt."

Representative Acosta questioned page 74 CIP 321k. "Economic Development increase, what is the \$7 million? Mentioned it is a confusing presentation. HR - \$64 million increase, MPO – increase? Non-departmental – increase? Why not call it debt service if that is what it is?"

Ms. Bartlett asked Mr. Cortinas to prepare an additional chart showing the specific increases.

Representative Acosta questioned the Street Department increase.

Mayor Leeser replied, "MPO figures are a wash, in and out and does not affect our budget." He did calculations and figured the MPO figures are included when they really are offset.

Representative Niland questioned Slide 79, "Is there a revised forecast of the debt model?"

Dr. Sutter will give Representative Niland a hard copy forecast that he presented to Council at an earlier meeting.

Mayor Leeser asked, "What percentage of taxpayer?"

Public comment:

Mr. Charles Stapler, Citizen, spoke of promoting tourism and its importance through celebrating our historical elements and creating revenue.

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Goal Team 1 – Economic Development

PowerPoint on file in City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Cary Westin, Economic Development Director  
Monica Lombrana, Director of Aviation  
Bryan Crowe, Destination El Paso General Manager

Representative Niland asked that the departments be identified for each goal.

Representative Ordaz asked all speakers to use the microphones so the public can hear.

Representative Niland questioned plans to recruit the men's bowling tournament.

Mr. Bryan Crowe replied, "Contracts nationally are in place up to 2022-2023."

Representative Niland asked, "Is there something we can do to promote our City for future events?"

Mr. Crowe replied, "As opportunities present themselves, staff will come forward to ask Council for assistance if additional resources are needed."

Representative Noe questioned attempts to bring women's bowling tournament back to El Paso.

Mr. Crowe explained the league has now changed its strategy, changing their bid cycle to a longer term commitment.

Representative Noe questioned, "Event/convention hotel – tax rebate for funding of hotel?"

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "It depends upon the pro forma." In one he has done before, it was about 25%.

Mr. Crowe stated, "Downtown arena will attract more local area events such as concerts."

Representative Noe asked, "Is there a small market out there that prefers an arena format?"

Mr. Crowe replied, "Yes."

Mr. Gonzalez stated, "A convention center hotel is a draw that makes a key contribution to attracting conventions."

Representative Noe asked if an arena's floor space could help us.

Mr. Crowe replied, "Yes, it is an additional attraction to our portfolio."

Mayor Leeser stated, "Incentives are provided by the State. There are eight nights available for Southwest University Ballpark. What can we use them for to maximize revenues for the City and to offset costs?"

Representative Niland asked Ms. Firth on the use by some nonprofits of the ballpark stadium and the rental amount that cut into the success of their events.

Ms. Firth replied, "If we co-sponsor the event, we can use some of the City's days."

Mayor Leeser wants to see an actual game plan for the City's 8 nights at the stadium to general revenue.

Representative Limon thanked the Mayor for his recommendation. She wants to see the City taking advantage of our revenue opportunity for the stadium. She pointed out that state and national conferences often do not want to come here due to the distance from large population centers in Texas.

Mr. Crowe conceded the distance does result in increased travel costs for participants. They try to counter that with lower overhead costs for the organization here in El Paso as compared to in other Texas cities. This allows them to lower their registration costs. Also, there is an appeal for us as a new venue for participants to visit.

Mayor Leeser asked Mr. Westin to address Ft. Bliss as an operational testing site. Testing and evaluation capability is being ramped up at Ft. Bliss with a joint training component, training sessions with our international allied partners.

Mr. Westin stated, "Once there is better viability with the Army's budget, we will see more opportunities to grow Ft. Bliss and the science and technology park on Airport property."

Representative Robinson mentioned "A major concert is coming to Cohen Stadium in August. This is an asset we could use to draw additional concerts."

Representative Acosta questioned Slide 7, Expansion of Foreign Trade Zone activations. "Does this increase revenue? Does it create jobs?"

Ms. Lombrana stated, "We do track revenue and increased jobs. We will forward information."

Mr. Westin added "If a business activates in the FTZ it can have a beneficial and strategic effect."

Representative Acosta questioned economic development incentives for Hawkins Regency Fountains, what exactly sales tax/property tax? Don Quixote? Montecillo?

Mr. Westin explained valuations came in lower than anticipated.

Mayor Leeser asked, "How does the Montecillo Management District factor into that? We voted on cut this year."

Representative Acosta stated, "Worksheet for incentive does not make sense."

Ms. Christine Cobos explained the worksheets.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Enough was set aside last year for Montecillo to remove the need for any this year."

Representative Acosta questioned UTEP 380 agreement and the new outlet mall coming in to far-east El Paso.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Project is in District 6."

Representative Acosta asked what the update of the incentive policy will be.

Mr. Westin will talk to City Manager in two weeks and then to Council.

Representative Acosta questioned LIFT fund and would like a status.

Mr. Westin is expecting administration information from LIFT fund for a memorandum of understanding.

Representative Acosta asked, "Will Borderplex present the report to Council?"

Mr. Westin replied, "Yes, maybe third week in July."

Representative Limon questioned the two worksheets distributed on the economic incentives, noting they are confusing.

Two years ago Representative Limon requested an allocation be set aside to set up a tourism department within Destination El Paso to focus on marketing our historical attributes such as the missions.

Mr. Crowe mentioned they do market historical tourism assets to people outside the City. They only can use HOT funds to market outside the City, not to people inside the City.

Representative Limon asked, "What are the messages on the billboards for heritage tourism and how much is spent on that?"

Mr. Crowe mentioned there are various messages. He will show them to Representative Limon. They are targeted to drive viewers to the website for more information on heritage tourism.

Mr. Westin stated, "Team will address nexus between tourism and economic development."

Mr. Gonzalez added, "Also, we want consistency of message with other entities who are marketing El Paso."

Representative Ordaz spoke of the Ysleta missions and a plan that was developed to promote a Mission Trail and form partnerships with adjacent municipalities. On Slide 13, she would like to see a broader labor picture to include jobs lost.

Representative Niland would like to know the status of some of the larger economic development projects. For example, when does the HUB term expire and when will Artisan Hotel open?

Mr. Westin asked, "A compliance schedule or report?"

Representative Niland answered, "Yes, activity briefing before ribbon cutting occurs."

Mayor Leeser would like an opportunity to see the progress on incentives granted.

Representative Niland asked for HUB quarterly reports and terms.

Mr. Westin will go back and check the HUB agreement.

Representative Niland told Mr. Gonzalez she would like a quarterly update on the advancement of incentive programs for accountability.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "We have brought some programs to Council that were not complying."

Representative Limon questioned, "Is there funding for the HUB in FY16?"

Mr. Westin replied, "Yes, \$300,000 in the impact fund for now and \$250,000 that the HUB is seeking for 6 years if Council decides to move it forward."

Representative Niland asked, "Why would you budget it if Council has not yet approved it? Why the assumption?"

Mayor Leeser replied, "Mr. Westin did not assume. It was just a set aside."

Representative Niland replied, "It is confusing to place it in the FY16 budget request in this manner."

Representative Limon agreed. She does not like it embedded in the budget, as opposed to presented to Council, as an individual project.

Recess until 12:45 p.m.

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Goal 2: Public Safety

Fire Chief Sam Pena and Assistant Police Chief Michelle Gardner presented PowerPoint presentation, on file with City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Leeser questioned savings for fuel costs and an anticipated rise in the next 12 months.

Robert Cortinas explained.

Representative Robinson questioned fuel costs for Fire and when both an ambulance and a truck go to each dispatch.

Chief Pena explained that only 25 ambulances are available and to keep response times down for medical calls, the first response vehicle is dispatched to assist the person in need.

Representative Niland questioned Chief Gardner on response time for EPPD and why the goal is not achieved. What resources are needed to achieve the goal?

Chief Gardner replied, "Part of it is staffing."

Police Chief Greg Allen added, "Staffing is the primary driver right now. Also, the way response times are calculated."

Representative Niland asked, "Is there a plan in place to achieve the response time target?"

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Adding 80 Officers to Academy for a net increase of 30 Officers and adding 15 dispatchers. Also, paying attention in the budget to equipment replacement needs."

Representative Niland asked, "So we are adding EPPD personnel to try to reach the response time goal?"

Chief Pena replied, "For Fire and EPPD it is not just one thing that will address the response time. Dispatchers increase will help; vehicle replacement with a dependable fleet will help. Increase in demand for service on far east and far west sides does affect response time."

Representative Noe asked, "Is far east affecting these numbers? Will planned far east command center improve this?"

Chief Allen replied, "Predominance of crime is located eastside and in central areas of town."

Representative Noe asked, "Is far eastside affecting response time?"

Chief Allen replied, "Yes, sir. EPPD is dropping the ball on responses to the lower priority calls."

Representative Noe asked about location of far-east command center.

Chief Allen replied, "May have to consider 2 new command locations."

Representative Ordaz questioned downtown police presence on weekends referenced in the budget message as compared to eastside entertainment area. "How is the Police presence being determined?"

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "Based on Police Department recommendations." He does want a crime analysis report to determine the greatest need.

Mr. Gonzalez believes that where the crime is most prevalent, teams devoted to that can be effective. Data driver to shift resources according to need. Also, technology can be beneficial.

Representative Ordaz questioned 73% response times, would like data by regional command sharing areas below that 73% response time.

Chief Gardner replied, "EPPD is compiling an analysis for the full year, a workload analysis that is due December 2015."

Representative Robinson stated, "Once more, we are robbing Peter to pay Paul, taking assets to cover the ballpark from other areas. 14 Officers that on a normal duty day would be on patrol in other neighborhood areas." He asked "How long does it take to put academy cadets on the street?"

Chief Allen replied, "On probation for 12 months, could be on own after 6 months depending on the individual."

What is the turnover rate for call takers?

Chief Pena replied, "About 15% turnover rate."

How long does it take to deploy a new call taker?

Chief Pena replied, "11 months from recruitment, but it could be reduced, through a green belt project, to four months in the future."

Also, Fire is going to need additional fire stations.

Chief Pena stated, "Using data to make operational decisions to meet demand."

Chief Gardner stated, "If dispatcher positions are not staffed, radio channels have to be combined and frustrating traffic occurs."

Representative Acosta questioned City Manager on EPPD starting in the staffing table. EPPD has 105 few positions than in 2014. 2014 – 811 officers, 54 trainees. 2015 – 774 officers, 12 trainees. 2016 – 774 officers, 3 trainees.

Chief Pena explained the way academy FTES are shown.

Representative Acosta commented on inconsistencies in the staffing table among the years.

Ms. Isaura Valdez, EPPD, explained that they changed the way they show the academy figures to match the way Fire does it.

Representative Acosta questioned breakdown dollar amounts of increases for the Fire Department.

Chief Pena responded. "Attrition rate for EPPD Officers."

Chief Gardener responded with stats from 2011.

Who pays 911 staffing?

Chief Pena replied, "City does. 911 covers equipment and facilities."

Representative Limon questioned Response times on Slide 14. She would like a breakdown per priority level.

Chief Gardner explained there are 9 priority levels right now, exploring reducing the levels. Chief Allen stated, "Calls 5-9 are informational and are put on the back burner. Priority 1 – 4, have a much better response. Averaging the response times of the various priority levels in misrepresenting the true picture."

Representative Limon commented, "Trying to understand attrition rates. City is expanding, but our officers are fewer. Trying to understand how 5 additional officers from the academy will address the attrition."

Chief Allen replied, "It will not. It will plug in some staffing holes."

Representative Limon mentioned she is worried about the weakening of the regional command concept when officers are pulled out of their assigned area to special duty.

Chief Allen spoke of staffing Central Regional Command so as to reduce the need to pull from other areas. The academy will help, but the funding of academies needs to continue for the next several years to see how it affects the staff time responsiveness.

Mayor Leeser stated, "We need to come up with a game plan for EPPD staffing, but it cannot be done all in one day. Continue to grow at a pace that allows us to prevent losing more officers than we gain."

Mr. Gonzales stated, "We need to ease into growth so we do not have too many young officers in the field at once, straining the capacity of the academy to prepare them."

Representative Limon questioned vehicle replacement.

Chief Allen replied, "29 vehicles."

Mr. Cortinas stated, "In budget we have a vehicle replacement schedule for EPPD and Fire."

Mayor Leeser questioned paying off improved lot.

Ms. Valdez, EPPD, replied, "Loan should be paid off this year. The proceeds will be used to fund some capital issues."

Chief Pena explained a more organized schedule for replacing fire vehicles, a more evenly paced replacement.

Mr. Cortinas provided budget numbers for Fire and Police vehicle replacement.

Mr. Gonzalez spoke of importance of a solid vehicle replacement schedule.

Representative Limon asked for the numbers on status of the EPPD fleet.

Chief Gardner gave the stats.

Mayor Leeser stated, "The figures show that as the City Manager noted, in the past, we had no plan for vehicle replacement."

Mr. Gonzalez spoke of the intense wear on these vehicles.

Chief Allen replied, "We are paying the price for the 1990s when vehicles were not purchased for 3 years."

Representative Limon questioned the 2015 and 2016 staffing tables since 7 departments have exact same numbers.

Mr. Cortinas replied, "Overall City has cut 42.6 FTEs."

Representative Acosta would like to consider an MOU with other law enforcement agencies to assist our Police Officers, such as traffic enforcement around schools.

Mayor Leeser stated, "Biggest concern would be training, quality and consistency of training."

Chief Allen mentioned EPISD does policing around their campus. At a certain distance, EPPD's jurisdiction takes over.

Representative Acosta stated, "95% of the school officers are former EPPD officers."

Chief Allen stated, "Their training is State mandated, not as stringent as EPPD's training. No traffic enforcement."

Mr. Gonzalez asked Chief Allen to show how EPPD works with campus police today.

Representative Acosta would like school campus police to do more in the way of traffic and allow EPPD to do more in higher priority policing.

Representative Romero thanked Mr. Gonzalez for listening to Council to consolidate positions and save the City money and getting public safety more staff and more equipment.

Representative Romero would like to address older fire stations in a future bond issue.

Chief Pena replied, "It is part of the CIP presented to Engineering."

Representative Noe questioned the ballpark police presence inside and outside. "Do we keep records of arrests made inside and outside?"

Chief Allen replied, "No known major problems. The police presence does suppress crime, including property crime. Public venues do attract a criminal element. Now the police response should be staffed solely by Central Regional Command, in my opinion."

Representative Noe commented on police officers at crosswalks and directing traffic.

Chief Allen replied, "Arrest power can be persuasive in encouraging orderly behavior."

Mayor Leeser stated, "It is proven that a police presence prevents crime."

Representative Noe commented, "If there is a way to get more efficiency, we should explore it."

Representative Robinson stated, "If you give up responsibility to someone else, it will cost you something. No one does it for free. The number of school police officers do not match the number of schools, lower number of officers."

Representative Robinson asked what the wash out rate for each academy is.

Chief Gardner gave the stats.

Mayor Leeser replied, "Graduation rate is 93%. EPPD is not just looking for 80 people, but for 80 people they wait on the force.

Representative Limon asked, "Can retired police officers do some of the duties at the ballpark?"

Chief Allen replied, "EPPD looked at that before, but the compensation was not enough to attract retired officers."

Representative Limon asked, "Do you have vehicles for the new 80 officers?"

Chief Allen replied, "No, but they are initially paired with another officer."

Representative Limon asked, "Is vehicle replacement based on mileage or age?"

Chief Gardner replied, "Mileage, mechanical status, condition, fleet services has criteria."

Representative Noe asked, "What is the capacity at the academy?"

Chief Allen replied, "If we staggered academies with start dates, more can be handled."

Chief Pena added, "Also, the ratio of instructors to cadets is important."

Mr. Gonzalez stated, "The number of available vehicles also has to be considered."

Representative Svarzbein asked, "What model of vehicle is being purchased for Police?"

Chief Allen replied, "6 cylinder vehicles. Dodge Charger is the go-to police vehicle."

Chief Pena stated, "For Fire it is more mechanically beneficial to stick to certain models to allow for mechanics to develop greater knowledge."

Representative Ordaz questioned the staffing table for EPPD, and adopted and adjusted numbers.

Mr. Gonzalez replied, "2012 numbers reflect grant funded officers."

Representative Acosta stated, "2015 numbers show adopted figures, not the adjusted figures." She would like to see the adjusted figures.

Representative Niland questioned when new vacant building ordinance will come forward.

Chief Pena replied, "Council had directed staff to go to the neighborhood associations, business community, other stakeholders, and then come back."

Mayor Leeser commented on matrix that shows El Paso as the safest city over 500,000 population and thanked the department.

Representative Limon asked, "Is it a self-imposed honor?"

Mayor Leeser replied, "Yes, this year they did not make awards. But his matrix shows El Paso would have won it."

Chief Gardner replied, "EPPD is not self-proclaiming El Paso as the safest city. But, out of curiosity they ran the stats to see where they would have ranked."

Mayor Leeser pointed out the alignment of budget with strategic goals.

Representative Limon stated, "911 call takers not required to be bilingual."

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Recess at 3:19 p.m.

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Reconvene at 3:35 p.m.

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Goal Team 4 – Quality of Life

Mr. Bryan Crowe presented the budget presentation and PowerPoint.

Representative Svarzbein questioned grant funding breakdown, how it affects the department and asked if it does affect programs.

Ms. Tracey Jerome, Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs, replied, "Grant writing has been very successful, must not plan on funds until they arrive so it will not negatively affect the programs."

Representative Noe asked, "How is target satisfaction measures tracked?"

Mr. Steve Marshall replied, "National average benchmark."

Mr. Gonzalez stated more point-of-service customer surveys for departments, all tracks back to customer.

Representative Svarzbein asked about the poll of individuals asked.

Mr. Crowe replied, "Survey done through UTEP citywide."

Ms. Bartlett stated survey will be done again next year.

Representative Acosta asked if MCAD grants are awarded or received.

Ms. Jerome replied, "Received. This is the adjustments in budget."

Representative Acosta questioned, "Projects coming on-line in 2016."

Mr. Crowe replied, "Can get you that information at later time. Departments have anticipated start dates built into budget."

Ms. Dionne Mack, Director of Libraries, replied, "Projects funded late 2015 included in anticipation for FY2016 budget."

Public comment:  
Ms. Marilyn Guida

Representative Robinson asked about the damage due to flooding at the Archeology Museum.

Mr. Crowe commented on the immediate plans to reopen trails.

Mr. Tracy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation stated, "Coming up with plan, getting public input with community meetings. We are trying to relocate some exhibits to higher ground, work is already being done."

Ms. Jerome stated, "Property must be respectful due to fact that it is City, Fort Bliss and stated owned. It is a work in progress, not a short term problem."

Representative Robinson stated, "Cooperation between all involved."

Representative Ordaz questioned page 16 FY2016, fee developers on art projects, please list.

Ms. Jerome read off list for 16 projects.

Mr. Bryan Crowe will send complete list.

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Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting on July 6, 2015, at 4:08 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk