

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor J.W. Price on January 2, 2023 at 7:01 PM.

Council Members Present: Kilpatrick, Staulcup, Brucker, and Moore. Absent: Mool and Barker. On Zoom: None. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Treasurer Linda Haas and Clerk David Fever. Also present: Brandi Montalbano and Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger and other names from zoom software was Kim and Karen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Staulcup to approve agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: Correction of Motion for Ordinance 1056 changed to Brucker from Barker. The minutes of the December 19, 2022 City Council Meeting were presented in written form and corrected as noted.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 401,783.38 as of January 2nd was presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to approve items on consent agenda. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: Brandi Montalbano was present and asked about any progress concerning commercial properties regulations. No new Ordinance but Attorney is working on possible revisions.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Director of Public Service: Written report given.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor spoke of his desire to create a Downtown Business District. More

to follow.

City Council Comments: None

Police Chief Report: The Chief was absent.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported Statement of Economic Interest are required for 2023.

Attorney Stoller was absent.

Executive Session: Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup, to adjourn into an executive session to discuss the minutes and recordings of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act, for the purpose semiannual review of the Minutes as mandated by section 2.06. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:21 P.M. Included in Motion is also for to discuss the appointment, employment, and compensation of employees under 5 ILCS 120/2 Exception C1. Staff members to be present are: Barry Kauther, Sandee Kessinger and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 35 minutes and will begin at 7:25 PM and will resume in open session at 8:00 PM, at which time the City Council may move to continue in executive session if additional discussion is warranted. Action is anticipated following the executive session. Voice vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 8:09 PM and the following motion was made.

Executive Minutes: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to approve the unsealing of the Executive Minutes for the following meetings and to destroying or deleting of sound recordings of all unsealed minutes July 1, 2021 and prior: July 17, 2017, July 6, 2020, July 20, 2020, August 27, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 19, 2020 and March 1, 2021.

Motion continues to leave the Executive Minutes from the following meetings sealed: August 21, 2017, August 28, 2017, August 30, 2017, September 18, 2017, October 16, 2017, November 1, 2017, February 19, 2018, July 2, 2018, August 21, 2018, July 15, 2019, September 16, 2019, April 5, 2021, July 19, 2021, August 30, 2021, November 15, 2021, January 17, 2022, April 4, 2022 and January 2, 2023. Roll Call vote taken of all ayes.

Motion by Brucker, seconded by Staulcup to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk