

Important Notice

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A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor J.W. Price on January 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Clerk Fever, Recreation Director Colton Scott, Police Chief Montemurro, Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger. Others names from zoom software Kim & Karen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 295,320.21 as of January 17th was presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2021 showing investments, revenue and expenses was presented in written form.

Zoning Board Minutes: The minutes of the January 6, 2022 Zoning Board Meeting were presented in written form.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve items on consent agenda with the correction of Council Minutes are January 3rd not November 1st. Voice call vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Director of Public Service: Barry's report was presented in written form with the addition that the Welcome signs along Route 24 have been repainted and returned to locations.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor spoke that the Local Tap is now open at 201 S Fayette Street.

City Council Comments: Alderman Kilpatrick asked about broken window at City Hall. The Council was informed that the water main contractor had damaged and will have replaced when weather allows.

Police Chief Report: The Chief presented his written report for December activity.

Operations Supervisor: Casey reports was presented in written form.

Parks and Recreation Department: Colton's report was presented in written form. Colton also responded to the Mayor's inquiry of the concession trailer that was purchased.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk spoke briefly about new standards on Statement of Economic Interest.

Attorney Stoller was absent.

Executive Session: Motion by Moore, seconded by Brucker, 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 7:14 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Barry Kauther, Sandee Kessinger and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 15 minutes and will begin at 7:20 PM and will resume in open session at 7:35 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. Roll call vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 7:39 PM and the following motion was made.

Executive Minutes: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Mool to approve the unsealing of the Executive Minutes for the following meetings. February 5, 2018, April 29, 2019, July 1, 2019, August 19, 2019, March 2, 2020, May 18, 2020 and June 15, 2020.

Motion includes the destroying or deleting of sound recordings of all unsealed minutes July 1, 2020 and prior.

Motion continues to leave the Executive Minutes from the following meetings sealed: July 17, 2017, 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, July 6, 2020, July 20, 2020, August 27, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 19, 2020, March 1, 2021, April 5, 2021, July 19, 2021, August 30, 2021 and November 15, 2021.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Brucker to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk