

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 April 5, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Moore, Barker, Kearney and Kilpatrick. Absent: Staulcup. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Treasurer Linda Haas, Clerk Fever, Police Chief Joe Montemurro, Officers Wilkey, Henderson, Maxison and Hoefling, Thad Mool, Clint Barker and Kim Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger. Others names from zoom software Karen, Lisa Hocker, and Topsy's Bar.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Moore to approve agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 62,299.28 as of April 5th and were presented.

Finance Committee Minutes: The minutes of the March 31, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting were presented in written form.

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes: The minutes of the March 31, 2021 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting were presented in written form.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Kearney to approve items on consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Police Officers: Clerk Fever then swore in Police Officers Janeen Henderson, Antonne Maxison and Nicholas Hoefling.

Proposed Ordinance 1041: Motion by Barker seconded by Moore pass Proposed Ordinance 1041, an Ordinance Amending Municipal Code to Change The Time of Regular Council Meetings. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Parks & Recreation Committee Recommendations: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Brucker to approve the recommendations of Parks & Recreation Committee on a new fee schedule for the swim team. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Finance Committee Recommendations: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Kearney to approve the recommendations of Finance Committee on covering \$500 deductible for ESDA members if in an accident while on active duty. Roll call vote taken of ayes: Kilpatrick, Kearney, Moore and Brucker. Nays: Barker.

Liquor License Renewals;

1. American Dream: Motion by Kilpatrick ,seconded by Kearney to approve renewal of liquor licenses for American Dream (Monical's Pizza) for classes A & H Roll call vote taken of all ayes.
2. El Paso Antique Mall LLC : Motion by Moore, seconded by Kearney to approve renewal of liquor licenses for El Paso Antique Mall LLC for classes B, H & I. Roll call vote taken of all ayes. Abstain Barker.
3. Freedom Oil Company: Motion by Moore ,seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Freedom Oil Company for classes C, F & I. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.
4. Casey's Retail Company: Motion by Kearney, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Casey's Retail Company E & G Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Barry reported he is still in discussions about power lines proposed by South Pointe. Screens in Council Room are in and waiting on computer. The \$135,000 grant has yet to be reviewed by State. Farnsworth and Midwest have been in town concerning Front Street projects.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reminded all to vote tomorrow. He also spoke of upcoming EDC Zoom meeting tomorrow and Covid shots by Johnson & Johnson will be every Wednesday at Lincoln Hospital.

City Council Comments: Alderman Kearney spoke of Ace Hardware and Ward lines.

Police Chief Report: Chief distributed March activity report and reported April has started being busy.

Operations Supervisor: Casey was absent.

Parks and Recreation Department: Colton was absent.

Clerk's Report: Nothing additional to report.

Attorney Stoller was absent.

Executive Session: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Moore, to adjourn into an executive session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:36 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Barry Kauther, Police Chief Joe Montemurro, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 30 minutes and will begin at 8:41 PM and will resume in open session at 9:40 PM, at which time the City Council may move to continue in

executive session if additional discussion is warranted. No action is anticipated following the executive session. Voice vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 9:49 PM.

Motion by Kearney, seconded by Brucker to adjourn. Roll call vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk