

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Price on April 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Clerk David Fever, Recreation Director Colton Scott, Attorney Stoller, Public Works Supervisor Casey Jones, Treasurer Linda Haas and Police Chief Montemurro. Also present: Ron Howard, Brandi Montalbano, Matt Kaps, Tabitha and Verity Nowark, Kim Kearney and late Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger. Other name on zoom software was Karen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the April 3, 2023 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Finance Committee Minutes: The minutes of the April 3, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2023 showing investments, revenue and expenses was presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 668,391.62 as of April 24th was presented.

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

Public Comments: Brandi Montalbano asked if the City was budgeting for an informational sign suggested by the El Paso Business Association. She was told yes it is to be in budget FY 2024 but the Mayor proposed maybe 4 indoor message boards. Options will be considered.

Matt Kaps: Questioned if a path around barricades to allow walking past 35 E Front could be created safely without needing to walk in roadway. Casey & Barry to work on a solution.

Kim Kearney: Kim asked about a possible ADA ramp at her and Karen Gubitz businesses on Elm Street. She was told it has and is being looked into, unsure of resolve.

Old Business:

Proposed Ordinance 1061-Amend Zoning Map: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Mool to pass proposed Ordinance 1061, an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of El Paso. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

New Business:

1. Minit Mart, LLC DBA America (BP Gas): Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Minit Mart, LLC for classes E, G & I. Voice call vote taken of all ayes.

2. L. Percy Tucker Post 6026 (VFW): Motion by Mool, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for L. Percy Tucker Post 6026 (VFW) for classes C, F & I. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

3. American Dream Pizza Co. (Monical's): Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for American Dream Pizza Co. (Monical's) for classes A & H. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

4. El Paso Mexican Restaurant: Motion by Mool, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for El Paso Mexican Restaurant for classes C & F. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

5. Gander Inc., DBA Topsy's: Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Gander Inc., DBA Topsy's for classes C, F & I. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

6. Sunshine One LLC DBA Quick Gas: Motion by Mool, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Sunshine One LLC DBA Quick Gas for classes C, F & I. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

7. Local Tap LLC: Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Local Tap LLC for classes C, F & I. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Proposed Nuisances Ordinance 1062: Motion by Mool, seconded by Kilpatrick to pass Proposed Ordinance 1062, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 211, Section 211-2 Regarding Nuisances. Roll call vote taken of Ayes: Mool, Kilpatrick and Brucker. Nays: Moore. Absent: Staulcup and Barker.

Proposed Solid Waste Ordinance 1063: Motion by Mool, seconded Brucker to pass Proposed Ordinance 1063, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 245, Regarding Solid Waste. Roll call vote taken of Ayes: Mool, Kilpatrick and Brucker. Nays: Moore. Absent: Staulcup and Barker.

Operating & Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2024 and Adjustments: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve Operating & Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and Budget Adjustments for Fiscal 2023 as presented. Fiscal 2024 shows expected Revenue and Transfer as \$7,215,900 and expected Expenses and Transfers of \$9,009,285 and adjustments for Fiscal 2023 of Revenue of \$400,000 and Expenses of \$823,000. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Report was presented in written form.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor welcomed Ron Howard who will be sworn in as Alderman on May 15, 2023. He also reported on Heart of Illinois Mayor's Association who had a meeting at South Pointe Park Community Building last Wednesday, April 19th. A tour was given to all of the new Recreation Building.

City Council Comments: None.

Police Chief Report: The Chief presented his written report.

Operations Supervisor: Report presented in written form. Casey also reported the reconstruction of the speaker's stand at Evergreen Cemetery will be completed in the next two weeks.

Parks and Recreation Department: Report presented in written form. Colton reported a Recreation Supervisor was hired and will begin work this week.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk had nothing additional.

Attorney Stoller express concern about making sure any Zoning Map Changes are included on printed maps.

Motion by Brucker seconded by Moore to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk