

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023

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

Council Members Present: Kilpatrick, Ragusa, Brucker, Moore, Howard and Mool. Absent: none. It was reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Police Chief Joe Montemurro, Clerk David Fever, Attorney Stoller and Treasurer Linda Haas, Also present: Kim Kearney and Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant, Sandee Kessinger. Other names on zoom software were Karen and Don.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Item A under New Business is being removed from Agenda. Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the July 17, 2023 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

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

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 222,098.23 as of August 7th was presented.

Zoning Board Minutes: The minutes of the July 27, 2023 Zoning Board Meeting were presented in written form.

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: Kim Kearney spoke of what a great success National Night Out was on August 1, 2023.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Proposed Ordinance 1067 (Authorized Expenditure Limits): Motion by Mool, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve Ordinance 1067, An Ordinance increasing the amount of authorized expenditures by the Director of Public Service up to \$10,000. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Proposed Ordinance 1068 (Wind turbines and wind farms): Motion by Brucker, seconded by Howard to approve Ordinance 1068, An Ordinance amending Municipal Code regarding zoning for wind turbines and wind farms. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Proposed Ordinance 1069 (Rezone 570 E Jefferson): Motion by Brucker, seconded by Moore to approve Ordinance 1069, An Ordinance rezoning 570 E Jefferson Street from I-Industrial to C2 - general business district. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Building Permit Fee. Motion by Brucker, seconded by Ragusa to change Building Permit Fee from \$25.00 to \$100.00 effective September 1, 2023. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Report was presented in written form. He also reported that maintenance had been done on Council Room Camera system and this should improve quality of Zoom meeting broadcast.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor commented on a Thank You and compliment from the Mayor of St. Joseph about our Public Work Employees that helped for 2 days of cleaning up after a storm that included major tree damage in their community.

City Council Comments: Alderman Howard commented on Back To School Party and Film Show in South Pointe Park on July 29, 2023.

Alderman Moore spoke of National Night Out and how the Zip Line was a great success.

Police Chief Report: The Chief said he estimated about 2,000 persons attended National Night Out this year and plans are started for next year. Kirby IGA gave out 600 hot dogs this year vs. 400 last. He also spoke of a sting operation in which our police were included that netted a felony arrest.

Operations Supervisor: No report.

Parks and Recreation Department: No report.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk had nothing additional to report.

Attorney Stoller had nothing additional to report.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Ragusa to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, David W. Fever, City Clerk