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STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY NILAND, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 10, 2013

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Michiel Noe, Steve Ortega and Cortney Niland. Late arrivals: Ann Morgan Lilly at 9:13 a.m., Susannah M. Byrd at 9:16 a.m. Not present: Eddie Holguin, Jr.

1. Discussion on and presentation by the City Manager identifying major milestones and accomplishments by the City of El Paso since 2004.
2. Discussion and action on the City of El Paso Strategic Plan in order to identify areas of priority, before June 2013.

Mayor Cook questioned, "What accomplishments have been made?"

Ms. Joyce Wilson stated this is the last opportunity to reflect back to 2005 before the new Council and Mayor are put into office. The current Council has guided the City for the last 8 years and major milestones were accomplished.

The City has not made cuts to the organization from the downfall of the economy.

Major milestones:

1. Fiscal Policy Statement
2. Customer Service
3. Citizen Involvement, Community Policy Goals
4. Transportation Policy – Transportation Infrastructure Investments
5. Community Development
6. Economic Development

Ms. Wilson stated three leaders are not returning after the election. She wanted the individuals to know what their leadership has done for this City, leaving the City in a strong position.

The City has a tight timeline to move forward with other projects.

The strategy is to stay on track, focus on the relocation of departments and try not to take on any new projects.

Representative Byrd commented on the need to highlight growth in walkable areas. El Paso Electric grid is located Downtown. The City needs to come up with reasonable strategy for investors to make sure that businesses have enough capacity.

Representative Ortega thanked Ms. Wilson and staff for their hard work. Results speak for themselves.

Representative Lilly replied, "Incredible job, exciting review."

Ms. Wilson responded, "The importance of vision and plan, sticking to it."

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3. Discussion on presentation of Information Technology project status report.

Mr. Miguel Gamino, Director of Information Technology discussed the accomplishments for FY 2012. The projects in progress have established stable foundation for all future projects.

Mr. Jeff Locketts, consultant, spoke on relocation related to the City's P25 project.

Mr. Gamino stated, "Let's keep up with industry trends that the community is asking for."

Interlocal update to be presented to the County on January 17, 2013 and the City Manager will make appropriate adjustments for discussion.

Mayor Cook questioned, "What is the time frame?"

Mr. Gamino answered, "Within the end of the month."

Ms. Wilson stated that Council probably does not need to meet. Wait for the presentation first and then make the decision.

Representative Acosta asked to get the word out to vendors on projects.

Mr. Gamino replied, "Using current contract that is done through the County."

Representative Acosta questioned the completion of radio towers.

Mr. Gamino answered towers will be completed. The project is currently on schedule.

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Motion made by Representative Niland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lilly, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 10:17 a. m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk