

JOHN F. COOK
MAYOR



JOYCE WILSON
CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2
VACANT, DISTRICT 3
MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4
RACHEL QUINTANA, DISTRICT 5
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
BETO O'ROURKE, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 31, 2008

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Melina Castro, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Early departures: Eddie Holguin, Jr. at 12:14 p.m. and Susie Byrd at 3:07 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Introduction/Purpose/Goals and Objectives for the session with Joe Gonzalez, Facilitator.

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, facilitator, opened the meeting.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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2. Presentation by Economic Development Director Kathryn Dodson on Livability Factors (Research and Results).

Kathryn Dodson, Economic Development Director, presented the Livability Factors Study.

Mayor Cook and Representatives Holguin, Castro, Byrd, Lilly, Quintana, Ortega, and O'Rourke commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Ms. Deborah Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager of Quality of Life Services
3. Mr. William Studer, Deputy City Manager of Financial and Administrative Services
4. Mr. Alan Shubert, City Engineer
5. Ms. Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Chief Financial Officer
6. Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget
7. Ms. Pat Aauto, Deputy City Manager of Development and Infrastructure Services
8. Ms. Leila Melendez, Business First Coordinator for Economic Development
9. Ms. Richarda Duffy-Momsen, Municipal Clerk

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, facilitator, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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3. City finances and short-term strategies to deal with possible economic downturns.

Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Representatives Lilly, O'Rourke, Byrd, Ortega, Quintana, Holguin, and Ortega commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and Mr. Alan Shubert, City Engineer, commented.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Castro, and unanimously carried to **RECESS** the Special City Council Meeting at 12:14 p.m.

2ND AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **RECONVENE** the Special City Council Meeting at 12:59 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Castro and Holguin

NO ACTION, other than the above procedural Motions, was taken on the item.

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4. Priorities for FY 2009.

Mayor Cook and Representatives Quintana, Byrd, Ortega, O'Rourke, Lilly, and Castro commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
- 2. Ms. Pat Aauto, Deputy City Manager of Development and Infrastructure Services
- 3. Ms. Deborah Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager of Quality of Life Services
- 4. Mr. William Studer, Deputy City Manager of Financial and Administrative Services

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, facilitator, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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5. Feedback on customer service satisfaction survey.

Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget, introduced Mr. Carlos Olmedo, the University of Texas at El Paso. Mr. Olmedo presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Institute for Policy and Economic Development's customer satisfaction survey.

Mayor Cook and Representatives O'Rourke, Byrd, Ortega, Quintana, Castro, and Holguin commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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6. The provision of City services.

Mayor Cook and Representatives Ortega, Byrd, Castro, Quintana, Lilly, and O'Rourke commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
- 2. Mr. William Studer, Deputy City Manager of Financial and Administrative Services
- 3. Ms. Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Chief Financial Officer
- 4. Ms. Pat Aauto, Deputy City Manager of Development and Infrastructure Services

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, facilitator, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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7. Wrap Up/Next Steps/Closing Comments.

Mayor and Representatives Lilly, Castro, O'Rourke, Ortega, and Quintana commented.

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
- 2. Mr. Alan Shubert, City Engineer
- 3. Ms. Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Chief Financial Officer
- 4. Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget
- 5. Mr. William Studer, Deputy City Manager of Financial and Administrative Services
- 6. Ms. Deborah Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager of Quality of Life Services
- 7. Ms. Pat Aauto, Deputy City Manager of Development and Infrastructure Services

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, facilitator, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on the item.

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Motion made by Representative Castro, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:16 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Byrd and Holguin
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk