



**Press Release**

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## ***City Clarifies Council Item on Tuesday Agenda Related to Ballpark Project***

### **Increases tied to supplemental work surrounding the project and contingency for related railroad safety requirements**

**El Paso, Texas** – City Officials will ask City Council on Tuesday to approve several actions relative to the ballpark project. They include:

1. Authorization to issue debt not to exceed \$57M. That amount covers all design, site prep and construction of the ballpark project, and public art, cost of issuance and related litigation costs, and a 10% contingency to address any unforeseen costs associated with railroad requirements and site development.
2. Authorization to increase the construction manager at risk contract to allow for contingency, related street work that abuts the ballpark and pedestrian pathways. These additional projects were approved as part of the 2012 Quality of Life Bond and 2010 downtown authorization, but will be overseen by one general contractor for better coordination, as it would have been very difficult logistically for multiple contractors to perform these tasks independently.
3. Design services increase for additional structural features of the ballpark and design requirements of the railroad, along with additional construction administration due to the schedule. ***This change only increased the contract value but is within the project budget.***

The City is proceeding to issue debt now because of most favorable interest rates even though less than half of the project has been formally bid at this point, hence the need for a larger contingency. It is not unusual to have 10% percent contingency for a project of this size.

Additional details regarding the items above can be found at [http://www.elpasotexas.gov/muni\\_clerk/city\\_council.asp](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/muni_clerk/city_council.asp).

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