

JOHN F. COOK  
MAYOR



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MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4  
PRESI ORTEGA, JR., DISTRICT 5  
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6  
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7  
BETO O'ROURKE, DISTRICT 8

JOYCE WILSON  
CITY MANAGER

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 4, 2007

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrivals: Eddie Holguin, Jr. at 9:15 a.m., Melina Castro at 9:16 a.m., and Jose Alexandro Lozano at 9:24 a.m. Absent: Presi Ortega, Jr. requested to be excused.

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**AGENDA**

1. Working session on Ordinances introduced on May 15, 2007, and scheduled for public hearing on June 5, 2007. Discussion, review, and direction regarding possible changes relating to the following ordinances:
  - 1A. An Ordinance amending Title 20 (Zoning) of the El Paso City Code by replacing Title 20 in its entirety in order to establish zoning regulations; create use districts in accordance with the comprehensive plan; regulate within such districts the height, bulk, and use of buildings and structures, the size of yards, open spaces, use of land for commercial, industry, residence, and other purposes; adopting a zoning district map; provide for the role and authority of the City Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and City Council; regulate the density of dwellings and other structures and the percentage of lot that may be occupied by structures; provide for site plan approval; provide for nonconforming uses and structures; define certain terms as used within this ordinance; provide for special use permits; specify minimum requirements for off-street parking of motor vehicles and off-street loading areas; provide for overlay districts; provide for development standards for all uses; provide for regulations regarding signage; provide for enforcement including penalties of a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each and every offense; provide for injunctive relief; and provide for the following: findings of fact; repealer; severability; effective date; and proper notice and a hearing.
  - 1B. An Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building and Construction) of the El Paso City Code by creating Chapter 18.46 (Landscape) in order to establish the minimum standards for installation and maintenance of irrigation and landscape within the Corporate Limits of the City; and providing for a criminal penalty, Class C misdemeanor not to exceed \$2,000, and civil penalty up to \$500 for violation of the Code.
  - 1C. An Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.02. (Building and Construction Administrative Code), Section 18.02.109 (Permit Fees), Subsection 18.02.109.2.5 (Plan Deposit) of the El Paso City Code to delete the exception for a deposit for a sign permit, the penalty being as provided in Section 18.02.107 of the El Paso City Code.
  - 1D. An Ordinance amending Title 9, Health and Safety, of the El Paso City Code by deleting Chapter 9.20 (Tree Pest Control) in its entirety.

- 1E. An Ordinance amending Title 9 (Health and Safety) of the El Paso City Code by adding Chapter 9.11, Tree Care, which will define the care, destruction, and planting of trees located on City property and to prevent certain hazards and nuisances created by trees located on private property, the penalty being as provided in Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty) of the El Paso City Code.
- 1F. An Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.30 (Construction Board of Appeals), Section 2.30.060 (Powers) of the El Paso City Code to add additional powers to the Construction Board of Appeals.
- 1G. An Ordinance amending Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulations) of the El Paso City Code by adding Chapter 5.30 (Flea Market Operator Permit), Chapter 5.34 (Home Occupation License) and Chapter 5.94 (Sign Permit Fees, Licenses and Bonds) in order to set forth the requirements for licensing, permits, fees, and revocation of such licenses. Providing for a criminal penalty of a Class C Misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed \$2,000; and a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 per day.

Ms. Pat Aduato, Deputy City Manager of Development and Infrastructure Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

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

The following City staff members commented:

- 1. Ms. Kimberly Forysth, Development Services Senior Planner
- 2. Ms. Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney, gave legal advice.
- 3. Mr. Mark Grissom, Development Services
- 4. Mr. Barry Russell, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff, Heath, Pollan, & Caroom Law Firm, commented.

The following members of the public commented:

- 1. Dr. Rick Bonart
- 2. Ms. Risha Gilbert, Attorney
- 3. Mr. Ray Aduato, El Paso Association of Builders
- 4. Mr. Lane Camfield, Custom Quick Signs
- 5. Mr. Wayne Grinnell, private land planner
- 6. Mr. Wynn Anderson, Member of the Tree Board

Motion made by Representative Steve Ortega, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER** and allow members of the public to address the Council.

**NO ACTION**, other than the above procedural motion, was taken.

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 Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 12:45 p.m.  
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk