

JOHN F. COOK  
MAYOR



**CITY COUNCIL**  
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1  
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2  
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3  
MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4  
RACHEL QUINTANA, 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  
JULY 16, 2008

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Rachel Quintana, Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrivals: Melina Castro at 9:10 a.m., Eddie Holguin, Jr. at 9:25 a.m., and Ann Morgan Lilly at 9:47 a.m.

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**AGENDA**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN** on the following items:

For discussion and action: FY 2008 budget, as presented by the City Manager:

**Community Development**

Mr. William Lilly, Director of Community and Human Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

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**Museums & Cultural Affairs**

Mr. Michael Tomor, Director of the Museum of Art, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Kathrin Berg Pettit, Executive Director of El Paso Pro Musica
2. Ms. Katherine Brennand, Cultural Affairs Advisory Board
3. Ms. Neysa Hardin
4. Mr. Rene Nevarez, Chairman of the Art Museum Advisory Board
5. Mr. Jeff Litchfield
6. Mr. Gary Williams, History Museum Advisory Board

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Castro, and unanimously carried to **SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER** to allow additional speakers to address the Council after the sign-up period.

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**Library**

Ms. Carol Brey-Casiano, Director of Libraries, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Marsha Labodda, President of Friends of the Main Library
2. Ms. Norma Ziemski, Friends of the Esperanza A. Moreno Regional Branch Library
3. Ms. Stephanie Brown, Friends of Judge Marquez Library
4. Ms. Virginia Caldwell
5. Ms. Jeannette Sessuman
6. Ms. Gretchen Trominski, Friends of the Westside Libraries
7. Mr. Paul Geneson
8. Ms. Neysa Hardin

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The City Council meeting **RECESSED** at 12:50 p.m. and **RECONVENED** at 1:33 p.m.  
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**Zoo**

Mr. Steve Marshall, Zoo Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

Mr. Rick Olivo, El Paso Zoological Society, commented.

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**Parks & Recreation**

Ms. Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

Mr. Samuel E. Calhoun, Parks Superintendent, commented.

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**Convention and Performing Arts**

Mr. Bill Blaziek, General Manager of El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

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The City Council meeting was **RECESSED** at 4:06 p.m. and **RECONVENED** at 11:38 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008.

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susie Byrd, Melina Castro, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrivals: Emma Acosta, at 11:39 a.m., Steve Ortega at 11:39 a.m., and Ann Morgan Lilly at 11:39 a.m.

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**Department of Public Health**

Mr. Michael Hill, Director of Public Health, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and Council commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, and staff answered the questions of Council Members.

Mr. Fred Jackson, El Paso Restaurant Association, commented.

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Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 2:40 p.m.  
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk