

JOHN F. COOK
MAYOR



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CITY MANAGER

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

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 17, 2008

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:40: p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Melina Castro, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke.

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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:

Development Services

Mr. Victor Torres, Development Services 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.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Joe Gomez, Associated General Contractors (AGC) member.
2. Mr. Ray Aduino, El Paso Association of Builders (EPAB) member.

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Economic Development

Ms. Kathryn Dodson, Economic Development 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.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Terri Reed, Senior Vice President of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
2. Ms. Dolores de Avila, Board chair of EPISO.
3. Ms. Edna Ramirez, Project Arriba student.
4. Mr. Roman Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer for Project Arriba.
5. Ms. Crystal Venegas, Project Arriba student.
6. Father Pablo Amata, Priest.
7. Mr. Walt Phillips, citizen.

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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Environmental Services

Ms. Ellen A. Smyth, Environmental services 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.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Norman L. Brown.
2. Mr. Ernie Byers, Numero Uno.

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The City Council meeting was **RECESSED** at 5:12 p.m. and **RECONVENED** at 12:06 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008.

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Melina Castro, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrivals: None

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Information Technology

Mr. Gerald Gordier, Information Technology 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.

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General Services

Mr. Jeffrey Belles, General Services 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.

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Engineering

Mr. R. Alan Shubert, Engineering Services 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.

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Street

Mr. Daryl Cole, Street 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. Amata, citizen commented.

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Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 2:27 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Quintana, Holguin, and Ortega.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Castro and O'Rourke.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk