

JOE WARDY
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT NO. 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004
9:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 9:15 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Jr., John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power and Anthony Cobos. Late Arrivals: Jose Alejandro Lozano arrived at 9:26 a.m., Paul J. Escobar arrived at 9:36 a.m. and Vivian Rojas arrived at 9:21 a.m. Absent: Robert R. Cushing, Jr.

AGENDA

**FY2005
BUDGET HEARINGS SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT
July 26, 2004	9:00 AM	Human Resources
LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall		Economic Development
		Convention Center
		Information Technology
		Solid Waste Management
		Tax

TAX:
Mr. Juan Sandoval, Tax Assessor/Collector, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Financial and Administrative Services, and Mr. David Almonte, Office of Management and Budget Director, answered questions from and responded to comments made by Council Members.

Mr. Victor Flores, County Tax Assessor, expressed his concerns regarding merging the Tax Office with the Comptroller's Office.

Mayor Joe Wardy and Mr. James Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the change was internal to the organizational chart but will not change any of the services provided to the entities to which the City has interlocal agreements with. It will signify dollar savings and an increase in service efficiencies.

Mr. Sandoval expressed his disagreement of the proposed merge of the Tax Office and the Comptroller Department.

Ms. Carmen Arrieta, Comptroller, explained the proposed organizational chart with the merger.

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HUMAN RESOURCES:

Ms. Terry Bond, Human Resources Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Mr. James Sienkiewicz, Classification and Compensation Manager, expressed his disagreement of cutting positions in the Human Resources Department, one of which was his.

Mr. Bill Ellis, Civil Service Commission Vice Chair, commented on the Civil Service Commission Recorder position and Hearing Officer positions and duties.

Mr. James Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer, provided additional comments regarding the Civil Service Commission Recorder position.

Ms. Bond gave the particulars of the duties of the Civil Service Commission Recorder position as she is the direct supervisor.

Ms. Maricruz Shark, Clerk Typist III for Human Resources Department, expressed her concern regarding her position being abolished.

Ms. Cam Schaefer, Human Resources Department employee, expressed her concern regarding her position being abolished after working for the City for 27½ years.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EL PASO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

Mr. David G. Dobson, Economic Development Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Mayor Joe Wardy and Representative Cook requested that another Goal and Objective to the Economic Development be added to include the Plan Master Development of approximately six acres in the first stage including a Master Plan Retirement Community Development in the Northeast.

Mr. Bill Blaizek, El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Ms. Cindy Ramos-Davidson, El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Representatives Power, Escobar, Rojas and Cobos expressed their support in funding the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives Austin, Lozano and Cook also commented on funding the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Joe Wardy commented that the City has to start moving away from funding Chambers of Commerce especially when the City is running out of money for funding its own operations.

Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Rojas and carried to include \$140,000 in the FY2005 Budget for the City of El Paso to fund the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

AYES: Representatives Cook, Power, Escobar and Cobos

NAYS: Representatives Austin and Lozano

Mayor Wardy stated that he would veto the action approved by Council to fund the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the FY2005 Budget with \$140,000.

The VETO memorandum from Mayor Joe Wardy was filed on July 30, 2004 in the City Clerk's Office.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Mr. Tony Montoya, Information Technology Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Jeffrey A. Belles, Fleet Services Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

Ms. Katherine Palafox, Executive Director for Keep El Paso Beautiful, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions from and responded to comments made by the Council Members.

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Motion made by Representative Austin, seconded by Representative Escobar and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Representatives Cushing and Lozano were not present for the vote.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

for 

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk