

JOHN F. COOK  
MAYOR



JOYCE WILSON  
CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL  
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1  
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2  
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3  
CARL ROBINSON, 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 28, 2010  
1:00 PM

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrival: Rachel Quintana at 1:07 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

For discussion and action: FY 2011 budget, as presented by the City Manager:

**Budget Wrap-Up**

Mr. David Almonte, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, gave an overview for fiscal year 2011 proposed revenue and the proposed tax rates.

Mayor Cook and the City Representatives questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
3. Ms. Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation
4. Ms. Judy Weiss, Assistant Parks Director
5. Mr. Gregory Allen, Chief of Police
6. Mr. Otto Drozd, Fire Chief

The following members of the public commented:

1. Ms. Andrea Garcia, EPISO
2. Mr. Wayne Kendrick, Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church
3. Ms. Veronica Ortiz, Project Arriba Graduate
4. Ms. Kaytia Mercado, Project Arriba Graduate
5. Father Ed Rodan-Lucero, EPISO, Project Arriba Board Member
6. Mr. Richard Fleager, Project Arriba Board Member
7. Ms. Gina Roe-Davis, Rave Marketing & Events, representing Texas vs. The Nation
8. Ms. Lisa Turner
9. Mr. Hector Gutierrez, Texas vs. The Nation Advisory Board Member

**1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Robinson and seconded by Representative Lilly and unanimously approved to suspend the rules of council to allow for additional speakers. Mayor to set time limits.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and carried to **INCREASE GENERAL FUND AMOUNT FROM \$250,000 TO \$300,000 AND TAKE THE \$50,000 INCREASE FROM THE REDCO FUNDING.**

AYES: Mayor Cook and Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Robinson, and Ortega

NAYS: Representatives Acosta, Quintana, Holguin and O'Rourke

The Mayor broke the tie, voting aye.

**3<sup>RD</sup> MOTION – REDCO**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Robinson, and carried to set REDCO Funding at \$150,000.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Robinson, and Ortega

NAYS: Representatives Quintana, Holguin, and O'Rourke

**4<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – FUNDING: TEXAS VS. THE NATION**

Motion made by Representative Oretga, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and unanimously carried to **FUND TEXAS vs. THE NATION OUT OF THE HOTEL / MOTEL TAX REVENUES, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP A PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT WITH A CEILING OF \$200,000 TOTAL FUNDING, WITH CONTRACT RATIFIED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PARKS MAINTENANCE**

Motion made by Representative Ortega seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **TRANSFER MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FULLY INTEGRATING IT BY JANUARY 1, 2011.**

**6<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PARKS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, seconded by Representative Holguin, and carried to **MERGE THE PARKS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS INTO THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.**

AYES: Representatives Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, Holguin, and Ortega

NAYS: Representatives Lilly, Byrd and O'Rourke

**7<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PARKS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the Parks Recreational Programs.

**8<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PARKS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, seconded by Representative Holguin, **TO MERGE PARKS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS INTO ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Acosta, Quintana, Holguin, and Ortega

NAYS: Mayor Cook and Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Robinson, and O'Rourke

The Mayor broke the tie, voting nay.

**9<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PARKS SENIOR AGE FEES**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **SET PARKS SENIOR AGE DISCOUNT AT 60 YEARS OF AGE TO STANDARDIZE WITH OTHER CITY SENIOR DISCOUNT FEES AT ARTS AND MUSEUMS.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representative Holguin

**10<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – POOL OPERATING HOURS**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and carried to **LEAVE POOL OPERATING HOURS WHERE THEY ARE NOW.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representatives Holguin and Ortega

**11<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – TARGET SAVINGS**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **TARGET SAVINGS OF \$250,000 BY CONSOLIDATING POLICE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING ACADEMIES.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Holguin, Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representatives Quintana

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Robinson

**12<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – CITY COUNCIL POLICE OFFICERS**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta and carried to **REDUCE POLICE OFFICERS DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO 1 OFFICER.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Holguin, Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representative Quintana

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Robinson

**13<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – CITE AND RELEASE PROGRAM**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried **TO IMPLEMENT A CITE AND RELEASE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

**14<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – REVENUE PROJECTIONS**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **ACCEPT CHANGED REVENUE PROJECTIONS ON SALES TAXES AND SET AMBULANCE FEES TO BE CHARGED AT 100% OF COSTS.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Robertson, Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representatives Quintana and Holguin

**15<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore, Acosta and unanimously carried **TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO DELETE NONDEPARTMENTAL FUNDS FOR FIRE COLA AND POSTPONE FIRE ACADEMY FOR 3 MONTHS.**

**16<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore, Acosta, and unanimously carried to **FREEZE TWO POSITIONS IN THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE -- ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND LEGAL SECRETARY.**

**17<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – IT DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **FREEZE TWO VACANT IT POSITIONS.**

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Byrd

**18<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – SALES TAX**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore, Acosta, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried **TO ADJUST SALES TAX RELATED TO GENERAL FUND SALES TAX ADJUSTMENTS.**

**19<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – PLASTIC BAG AND BOTTLE FEE**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **BEGIN THE VETTING PROCESS FOR INSTITUTING A PLASTIC BAG FEE AND PLASTIC BOTTLE FEE.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, Ortega and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representative Holguin

**20<sup>TH</sup> MOTION – SALES TAX REVENUE**

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX REVENUE FROM SUN METRO INTO CAPITAL OUTLAY.**

**21<sup>ST</sup> MOTION – MUNICIPAL COURT COLLECTIONS CONTRACT**

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and unanimously carried to **REBID MUNICIPAL COURT COLLECTIONS CONTRACT.**

**22<sup>ND</sup> MOTION – EMPLOYEE PARKING**

Motion made by Representative Quintana, seconded by Representative Holguin, and carried to **KEEP CITY HALL EMPLOYEE PARKING FREE.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Robinson, Quintana, Holguin and Ortega

NAYS: Representatives Byrd and O'Rourke

**23<sup>RD</sup> MOTION – TOWING SERVICES AND VEHICLE FOR HIRE**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT CITY STAFF TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) REGARDING CONTRACTING OUT TOWING SERVICES AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE SERVICES IN THE EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

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Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 5:06 p.m.  
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk