

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 29, 2009

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, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke.

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AGENDA

For discussion and action: FY 2010 budget, as presented by the City Manager:

Budget Wrap-Up

Mr. David Almonte, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Cook and the City Representatives questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif, Director of International Bridges
3. Mr. Steve Marshall, Zoo Director
4. Mr. Jay Banasiak, Director of Sun Metro
5. Ms. Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services
6. Mr. William Lilly, Director of Community and Human Development
7. Assistant Police Chief Robert Feidner
8. Ms. Debbie Hamlyn, Deputy Director of Quality of Life
9. Ms. Monica Lombrana, Director of Aviation
10. Mr. Sean McGlynn, Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs
11. Ms. Carol Brey Casiano, Library Director
12. Mr. Daryl Cole, Street Director
13. Ms. Richarda Momsen, Municipal Clerk
14. Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
15. Ms. Sylvia Firth, Senior Assistant City Attorney/Intergovernmental Affairs, gave legal advice.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Mike Breitingner, Central Business Association
2. Mr. Roman Ortiz, Director of Project Arriba
3. Ms. Annalyn Zubia, Project Arriba
4. Mr. Kevin Courtney, lead organizer for EPISO (El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization)
5. Ms. Bea Heist, Heist Disposal

1ST MOTION – PARK FEES

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **SET THE \$25 HOURLY FEE FOR USE OF POOLS BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

2ND MOTION – PARK FEES

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE THE PARK FEE SCHEDULE** as presented.

3RD MOTION – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **ACCEPT CONSTRUCTION BUILDING INSPECTION FEE** as presented.

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

NAYS: Representatives Quintana and Holguin

4TH MOTION – PARK FEES

Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the Park fee schedule.

5TH MOTION – PARK FEES

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd, and carried to **ACCEPT THE PARK FEE SCHEDULE** as presented.

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

NAYS: Representative Holguin

6TH MOTION – BRIDGE FEES

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and carried to **INCREASE THE BRIDGE FEES 15¢ FOR PEDESTRIANS AND 25¢ FOR CARS AND LIGHT TRUCKS.**

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

NAYS: Representatives Quintana and Holguin

7TH MOTION – BRIDGE FEES

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried the **IMPLEMENTATION OF 7 NO BRIDGE FEE DAYS FOR PEDESTRIANS, TO BE DETERMINED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES.**

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

NAYS: Representative Ortega

8TH MOTION – PARKING METER FEES

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd, and carried to **RAISE PARKING METER FEES FROM 50¢ TO 75¢.**

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

NAYS: Representative Holguin

9TH MOTION – ZOO FEES

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **ACCEPT THE ZOO FEE INCREASE** as presented.

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

NAYS: Representatives Acosta and Holguin

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Robinson

10TH MOTION – SUN METRO

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **ELIMINATE EXTERIOR ADVERTISING ON ALL BUSES.**

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

NAYS: Representative Quintana

11TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 11:22 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

12TH MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council.

13TH MOTION – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FEES

Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **INCREASE RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES \$1 PER MONTH, TO STUDY FRANCHIE FEES ONCE THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES IN 2014, TO PURSUE FLOW CONTROL IN 2012, AND TO STUDY THIRD PARTY CONTRACTING.**

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

NAYS: Representative Holguin

14TH MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING

Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Quintana, to **REDUCE PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING BY \$50,000. THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Robinson, Quintana, and Holguin

NAYS: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Ortega, and O'Rourke

ABSTAIN: Representative Acosta

15TH MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd, to **RETURN PROJECT ARRIBA TO THE FY 2009 FUNDING LEVEL. THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representatives Robinson, Quintana, Holguin, and Ortega

ABSTAIN: Representative Acosta

16TH MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Holguin, and carried to **ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING FOR PROJECT ARRIBA.**

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

NAYS: Representative O'Rourke

17TH MOTION – 911 COMMUNICATION CENTER

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 911 COMMUNICATION CENTER.**

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

NAYS: Representative Holguin

18TH MOTION – MUNICIPAL COURT

Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Ortega, to **MOVE THE ARRAIGNMENT COURT TO DOWNTOWN. THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Quintana, Holguin, Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Mayor Cook and Representatives Byrd, Lilly, Acosta, and Robinson

Mayor Cook broke the tie, voting nay.

19TH MOTION – UNION CONCESSIONS

Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING UNION CONCESSIONS.**

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

NAYS: Representatives Ortega and O'Rourke

20TH MOTION – HEALTH

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **RETAIN THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

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

NAYS: Representative Quintana

21ST MOTION – AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd, and carried to **SUNSET THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.**

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

NAYS: Representatives Acosta, Quintana, and Holguin

22ND MOTION – TREE BOARD

Motion made by Representative Quintana, seconded by Representative Holguin, and unanimously carried to **SUNSET THE TREE BOARD MAKING IT A COMMITTEE OF PARKS.**

23RD MOTION – RED LIGHT CAMERA BOARD AND THE EL PASO MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **MERGE THE RED LIGHT CAMERA BOARD AND THE EL PASO MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE INTO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION.**

24TH MOTION – PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION BOARD

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **SUNSET THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION BOARD.**

25TH MOTION – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

Motion made by Representative Quintana, seconded by Representative Byrd, and carried to **COMBINE THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON BORDER RELATIONS.**

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

NAYS: Representatives Robinson, Holguin, and Ortega

26TH MOTION – IT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and unanimously carried to **SUNSET THE IT ADVISORY BOARD.**

27TH MOTION – EL PASO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Quintana, and carried to **TERMINATE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EL PASO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**

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

28TH MOTION – STATE LOBBYIST

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Quintana, and carried to **REMOVE FUNDING FOR THE STATE LOBBYIST FOR FY 2010.**

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

29TH MOTION – STATE LOBBYIST

Motion made by Representative Holguin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the item on the State Lobbyist.

30TH AND FINAL MOTION – STATE LOBBYIST

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Quintana, and carried to **REMOVE FUNDING FOR THE STATE LOBBYIST FOR FY 2010.**

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

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Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 5:36 p.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk