

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 28, 2008

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Melina Castro, Rachel Quintana, and Steve Ortega. Late arrivals: Emma Acosta at 1:37 p.m., Beto O'Rourke at 1:40 p.m., and Eddie Holguin, Jr. at 5:06 p.m.

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AGENDA

For discussion and action: FY 2008 budget, as presented by the City Manager – Budget Wrap-up.

Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget, 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.

Ms. Theresa Cullen-Garney, Deputy City Attorney, gave legal advice.

The following member of the public commented:

1. Mr. Roman Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer for Project Arriba
2. Mr. Bob Snow, Project Arriba Board Member
3. Father Ed Roden, Vice Chair of Project Arriba and Co-Chair of the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO)

1ST MOTION – CITY MANAGER

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the City Manager's recommendations on Public Information Officer (PIO) reductions.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

2ND MOTION – MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Representative Acosta, seconded by Representative Castro, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE** the Museum and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) item for the \$100,000 matching grant until July 29, 2008.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

3RD MOTION

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

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

4TH MOTION- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, to **INCREASE** the City's contribution to Project Arriba out of the general fund by \$100,000. **THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representatives Acosta, Castro, Quintana, and Ortega

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

5TH MOTION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT ARRIBA FUNDING

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, and unanimously carried to **INCREASE** the City's contribution to Project Arriba by \$25,000.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

6TH MOTION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the City Manager's recommendation and **REMOVE** the City branding (\$75,000) from the general fund and to have the City Manager negotiate with Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and REDCO for funding.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

7TH MOTION - FIRE

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the City Manager's recommendations listed for a total of \$414,385.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representatives Holguin and O'Rourke

8TH MOTION – MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Representative Ortega, and unanimously carried to **REDUCE** discretionary funds by half to \$5,000 and reprogram \$500,000 (to be set aside for streetlights) to community based capital projects and allow salary savings to rollover up to \$10,000.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

9TH MOTION – NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Motion made by Representative Acosta, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and carried to **REDUCE** fuel reserve by \$500,000 as recommended by staff and the Mayor.

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

NAYS: Representatives Lilly and Ortega

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

10TH MOTION - PARKS

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **INCREASE** funding for club recreation in the Thomas Manor area.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

11TH MOTION - ZOO

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **POSTPONE** funding the Registrar position.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

12TH MOTION – CITY WIDE

Motion made by Representative Lilly, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** staff’s recommendations as presented.

- Reduce travel by 25%
- Reduce office supplies to FY08 level
- Reduce promotional items
- Alternate funding for Capital other than Data Processing

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

13TH MOTION – MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **RECONSIDER** the Museums and Cultural Affairs item.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

14TH MOTION – MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Representative Ortega, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **FUND** \$100,000 grant match from the undesignated reserve for exhibits specific to the History Museum.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

15TH MOTION - AIRPORT

Motion made by Representative O’Rourke, seconded by Representative Ortega, and carried to **ELIMINATE** funding for the Airport branding campaign.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Castro, Quintana, Ortega, and O’Rourke

NAYS: Representative Byrd

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

16TH MOTION – CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB)

Motion made by Representative O’Rourke, seconded by Representative Acosta, and carried to **ACCEPT** staff’s recommendations to remove \$50,000 in CVB funding for branding campaign.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Castro, Quintana, Ortega, and O’Rourke

NAYS: Representative Byrd

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Holguin

17TH AND FINAL MOTION – CITY WIDE

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** staff recommendations to reduce promotional supplies.

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Byrd, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 5:17 p.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk