

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
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 30, 2009

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 1:08 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, Rachel Quintana, Eddie Holguin, Jr., and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrival: Steve Ortega at 3:04 p.m.

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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. Ms. Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation
3. Assistant Police Chief Robert Feidner
4. Ms. Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Chief Financial Office of Financial Services
5. Mr. Charlie McNabb, City Attorney, gave legal advice.
6. Ms. Sylvia Firth, Senior Assistant City Attorney/Intergovernmental Affairs, gave legal advice.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Malcolm McGregor III
2. Mr. Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer of El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation

1ST MOTION – 311 SYSTEM

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Robinson, and unanimously carried to **USE THE 541-4000 PHONE NUMBER INSTEAD OF THE 311 SYSTEM, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALL CENTER.**

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

2ND MOTION – DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, to **REMOVE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS FROM THE FY 2010 BUDGET. THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Acosta and Robinson

NAYS; Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Quintana, Holguin, and O'Rourke

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

3RD MOTION – DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **APPROVE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS IN THE FY 2010 BUDGET.**

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

NAYS: Representative Robinson

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

4TH MOTION – SENIOR AGE

Motion made by Representative Quintana, seconded by Representative Holguin, and unanimously carried to **SET THE SENIOR AGE AT 60 FOR ZOO FEES.**

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

5TH MOTION – PARKS

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, seconded by Representative Byrd, and carried to **CREATE A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO STUDY A REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM.**

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

NAYS: Representative Holguin

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

6TH MOTION – HAPPINESS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Motion made by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to **REMOVE HAPPINESS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER FROM THE LIST OF PROPERTIES TO BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY OR TO EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO DIVEST THE CITY OF THESE PROPERTIES.**

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

7TH MOTION – EL PASO MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION (EPMHMR)

Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Acosta, and unanimously carried to **DEFER THE EPMHMR LEASE SPACE AND HPRP AND CABG FUNDING ISSUE UNTIL CONSULTATION CAN BE MADE WITH THE COUNTY.**

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Ortega

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Motion made by Representative Quintana, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:51 p.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk