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MAYOR



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EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3  
CARL L. ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4  
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LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7  
CORTNEY CARLISLE NILAND, DISTRICT 8

JOYCE WILSON  
CITY MANAGER

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW MEETING OF THE WHOLE/WORK SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
August 6, 2013  
12:45 P.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Michiel R. Noe, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Lilia Limón, and Cortney Carlisle Niland.

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**AGENDA**

1. Discussion and action on funding and timeline for rollout and implementation of Rapid Transit System Corridor and City's Capital Improvement Program projects.  
[Mayor Oscar Leeser, (915) 541-4145]

**NO DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM.**

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2. For discussion and action: Budget hearing on the Proposed FY2014 Budget Wrap-up for all City Departments.

**Budget Wrap-Up**

Ms. Lynly Leeper, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office), and gave an overview for fiscal year 2014 proposed revenue and the proposed tax rates.

Mayor Leeser and the City Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, Limón, and Niland questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Ms. Lynly Leeper, Office of Management and Budget Director
3. Ms. Sylvia Firth, City Attorney, gave legal advice.

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

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

Motion by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **ELIMINATE** the appropriation of \$1.4 million increases to the General Fund and the additional \$1.1 million in cuts offered by the City Manager, leaving the Police Academy in place.

**THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Acosta, Robinson, Holguin and Limón

NAYS: Mayor Leeser and Representatives Lilly, Romero, Noe, and Niland  
**MAYOR LEESER BROKE THE TIE, VOTING NAY.**

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**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Lilly, and carried to **ACCEPT** the City Manager’s appropriations of the increase in the environmental fee as being appropriate and spread fairly among the districts, and include reduction of PC Refresh (\$300,000) and cut Mayor and Councils discretionary funds by half (\$40,000). **THE MOTION PASSED.**

AYES: Mayor Leeser and Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Noe, and Niland  
NAYS: Representatives Romero, Robinson, Holguin and Limón  
**MAYOR LEESER BROKE THE TIE, VOTING AYE.**

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**3<sup>RD</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **REDUCE** environmental fee increase appropriations: Zoo Operations (\$75,000)

AYES: Representatives Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, and Limón  
NAYS: Representatives Lilly and Niland

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**4<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **REDUCE** environmental fee increase appropriations: Library Book (\$66,300)

AYES: Representatives Romero, Acosta, Noe, Holguin, and Limón  
NAYS: Representatives Lilly, Robinson, and Niland

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**5<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **REDUCE** environmental fee increase appropriations: Parks (\$200,000)

AYES: Representatives Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, and Limón  
NAYS: Representatives Lilly and Niland

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**6<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **REDUCE** environmental fee increase appropriations: Parks and Recreation and Facility maintenance (\$300,000). Savings taken as a roll back to the tax rate.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Noe, Holguin, and Limón  
NAYS: Representatives Robinson and Niland

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**7<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Romero, and carried to **INCREASE** appropriations for Police Department Academy only by \$500,000 instead of \$800,000.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, and Limón  
NAYS: Representative Niland

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**8<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **CUT** remaining \$500,000 in increased appropriation for Police Department Academy. **THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Holguin, and Limón

NAYS: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, and Niland

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**9<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Holguin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and carried to **ELIMINATE** Project Arriba funding period. **THE MOTION FAILED.**

AYES: Representatives Acosta, Holguin, and Niland

NAYS: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, and Limón

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**10<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Robinson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and unanimously carried to **CONSIDER** both items at an LRC in August: 1) Staging and timing of RTS Routes and, 2) Timing of CIP to slow down debt issuance.

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**11<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **REVIEW** PSB structure cost/benefits and pros/cons of dissolving current structure, and moving into organization as city department enterprise fund operation to include debt.

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**12<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **SCHEDULE** an LRC within 30 days to discuss local business preference ordinance, the policy on outstanding legal issues, put emphasis on “Quality of Life Bond projects”, and to develop methodology for El Paso Buy Board – Purchasing to follow up on how to achieve.

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**13<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **ESTABLISH** franchise fees for Commercial Haulers and status of flow control to be schedule for future LRC after September 1.

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**14<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Noe, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to have an LRC on the Police Crime Lab.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Niland

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**15<sup>TH</sup> MOTION**

Motion by Representative Acosta, seconded by Representative Lilly, and unanimously carried to have an LRC to discuss all of these issues:

- Beer Tax for Public Safety – Do we pursue legislative relief and/or adopt formal policy of not responding to beer run calls.
- Policy on response to Walmarks for PD calls for service.
- Real Estate Plan and Recommendations for Property Disposal – Final Draft Pending and LRC to be scheduled by August 20.

- Establish separate Tourism Dept to work strictly with promotion of local heritage tourism; funding only available to promote tourism for out of town visitors.

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 4:37 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Noe

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk