

OSCAR LEESER
MAYOR

JOYCE WILSON
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
LARRY ROMERO, DISTRICT 2
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3
CARL L. ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4
MICHIEL R. NOE, DISTRICT 5
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY CARLISLE NILAND, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 30, 2013

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 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 Noe, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Lilia Limón and Cortney Carlisle Niland.

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AGENDA

1. For discussion and action: Budget hearing on the Proposed FY2014 Budget for International Bridges.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, gave a budget overview with OMB Director, Ms. Lynly Leeper.

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International Bridges

Mr. Ted Marquez, Director for Department of Transportation, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Acosta, Robinson, Noe, and Niland questioned City staff.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Ms. Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager, Transportation and Public Works

Mr. Dennis Melonas, Central Business Director, commented.

1st MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and carried to **FILL** the Director's position for International Bridges.

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

NAYS: Representative Lilly

2ND MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and carried to **ASK** the Mayor and the City Manager to work directly with TXDOT and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to implement an infrastructure fee at the Cordova Bridge with the fee going to fund staffing for all lanes at the bridge.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Noe, Limón, and Niland

NAYS: Representatives Robinson and Holguin

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2. Proposed FY 2014 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.

1st MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA

Motion by Representative Holguin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and carried to **DELETE** the funding for Project Arriba.

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

2ND MOTION – PROJECT ARRIBA

Motion by Representative Acosta, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **FUND** Project Arriba at the \$200,000 level out of the Electric Impact fees.

3RD MOTION – GENERAL SERVICES

Motion by Representative Holguin, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **MOVE** Land Management Division from General Services Department back to Parks and Recreation Department. **THE MOTION FAILED.**

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

4TH MOTION – PURCHASING – “HIRE EL PASO FIRST”

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and unanimously carried to **ASK** the Mayor to work with the City Attorney to see why if one City, Houston, can do it, why can’t we do it here “Hire El Paso First” legislation to include bids over \$100,000.

5TH MOTION – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and carried to **INCREASE** environmental fee to \$5 so that the City Manager can redistribute appropriations to increase Parks, Library, and Police. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

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

6TH MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Holguin, and carried to **ADOPT** the City Manager’s \$2.3 million cuts to get to the proposed effective tax rate of 6.2043.

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

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk