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MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2
J. ALEXANDRO LOZANO, 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
(JOINTLY WITH A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO)
EL PASO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 E. SAN ANTONIO STREET IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S
CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 301, EL PASO, TEXAS
AUGUST 13, 2007

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Jose Alejandro Lozano, Melina Castro, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrival: Rachel Quintana at 1:15 p.m. Also present: County Judge Anthony Cobos and County Commissioners Veronica Escobar, Luis Sarinana, and Dan Haggerty and Mayors Dale T. Reinhardt (Clint), Walter Miller (Horizon), and Trini Lopez (Socorro).

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AGENDA

ITEMS TAKEN TOGETHER:

1. Discussion and action relating to the pending dissolution of the City-County Health District and transition issues resulting from the City's notice of termination of the Cooperative Agreement.
2. Briefing and discussion on transition strategy for the creation of a City Health Department and timelines as proposed by City Staff.
3. Discussion regarding options for contracts for services by jurisdictions outside of the City limits.
4. Discussion of other options and alternatives for the provision of public health services outside of the status quo or present structure.
5. Discussion and action regarding District funding responsibilities and requirements for remainder of FY 2007 and First Quarter of FY 2008, up until the Cooperative Agreement is terminated on December 31, 2007, and the District budget.

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 Representatives Byrd, Lozano, Quintana, and Castro commented.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, commented.

County Judge Cobos and Commissioners Sarinana, Escobar, and Haggerty commented.

Mr. Wally Hardgrove, County Auditor, commented.

Horizon City Mayor Miller and Socorro Mayor Lopez commented.

Dr. Robert Galvan, Interim Director of the City-County Health District, commented.

Mr. Ed Sosa, Thomason Board of Directors, commented.

Ms. Heather McMurray, citizen, commented.

Motion made by Representative Lozano, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **SUPPORT** the transition of the City-County Health District to the City of El Paso Public Health Department and remain committed to providing public health services county-wide.

Representative Holguin was not present for the vote.

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Motion made by Representative Lozano, seconded by Representative Byrd, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 2:10 p.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk