



**Isela Reyes**  
Mayor

**Maria Covernali**  
Alderson Place 1

**David Cantu**  
Alderson Place 2

**Lorenzo E. Leyva Sr.**  
Alderson Place 3

**Antonio Flores**  
Alderson Place 4

**Thomas Black**  
Alderson Place 5

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

Members Present:

- Alderson Pl. 1. Maria Covernali
- Alderson Pl. 2. David Cantu
- Alderson Pl. 5. Thomas Black

APPROVED 02/06/24

City Clerk

Members Absent:

- Alderson Pl. 3. Lorenzo Leyva
- Alderson Pl. 4. Antonio Flores

**1. Call to order**

**a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**b. Establishment of Quorum:** A roll call was held, and a quorum was established with 3 members present.

**2. Public Comment**

The City Council welcomes public comments regarding topics not listed on the agenda. This segment is limited to thirty (30) minutes. Speakers must sign up to speak before the start of the council meeting and shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes. To remain in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council will not discuss matters presented by members of the public or respond during the Public Comment section of the agenda. If necessary, the item will be placed on a future agenda for deliberation by the City Council.

**5 People spoke during Public Comment**

**3. Consent Agenda**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered by the City Council to be routine. City Council members may remove specific items from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion prior to voting on adoption of the Consent Agenda. Removed items will be considered and acted on after a vote on the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023. **Mayor Reyes**  
**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Thomas Black** **Approved**

**4. Presentation:** On possible projects under the City’s Urban Agricultural Program.

**No Action Taken**

**Extension Specialist, Lorenzo Luevano**

**5. Discussion and Action:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERPERSONS FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS EACH; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **Mayor Reyes**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2402.03**

**Motion – Thomas Black, Second – Maria Covernali**

**Approved**

**6. Discussion and Action:** Regarding a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Joint Election Contract with the County of El Paso for the municipal election to take place on May 4, 2024 to elect alderpersons for positions 4 & 5 and Mayor. **Mayor Reyes**

**Resolution No. 2402R.03**

**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Thomas Black**

**Approved**

**Motion to move item 11 to item #7 – David Cantu, Second – Thomas Black**

**Approved**

**11. Discussion and Action:** To approve the El Paso County Elections office to use the City of San Elizario Council Chambers for the upcoming 2024 Elections.

**Interim City Administrator Michael Medina**

**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Maria Covernali**

**Approved with 2 ayes to 1 nay**

**7. Discussion and Action:** Budget Amendment No.1 for the City of San Elizario FY2023-2024 budget to reallocate the sum of \$139,000.00 From Grant Matches to Street Repairs and \$20,000.00 to Salaries to cover overtime. **Accounting, Adriana Gaucin**

**Ordinance No. 2403.01**

**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Maria Covernali**

**Approved**

**8. Discussion and Action:** Regarding a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Public Service Transit and Contribution Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 and contribute the sum of \$35,700.00 for the City’s annual contribution. **Interim City Administrator Michael Medina**

**Resolution No. 2410R.04**

**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Thomas Black**

**Approved**

**9. Discussion and Action:** Regarding a Resolution authorizing staff to apply for a grant from the Criminal Justice Grant Program to fund the purchase of vehicles to enhance the community policing program in San Elizario. **Aldersperson David Cantu**

**Resolution No. 2403R.06**

**Motion – David Cantu, Second – Maria Covernali**

**Approved**

**10. Discussion and Action:** Regarding a Resolution designating the El Paso Times as the official newspaper for the City of San Elizario. **Mayor Reyes**

**Resolution No. 2402R.07**

**Motion – Thomas Black, Second – Maria Covernali**

**Approved**

**Motion to postpone items 12 through 15 until next City Council meeting – Thomas Black,  
Second – Maria Covernali                            Approved with 2 ayes to 1 nay**

**12. Discussion and action:** regarding City of San Elizario social media policy and statements issued on behalf of the City of San Elizario. **Mayor Isela Reyes**

**13. Discussion and Action:** Regarding proposed policy for placement of items on the agenda by City Council members. **Aldersperson Thomas Black**

**14. Discussion and Action:** Regarding adoption of an anti-discrimination policy by the City Council of the City of San Elizario. **Aldersperson Thomas Black**

**15. Executive Session:** Complaint Received by City of San Elizario from Al Borrego dated January 6, 2024. *Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)*  
**Assistant City Attorney Desiree Duarte**

**16. Reconvene in open session:  
Executive session was not taken**

**17. Adjournment 7:11pm  
Motion – Maria Covernali, Second – Thomas Black                            Approved**