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**AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Special City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas will be held on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM** at City Council Chambers Room, 15001 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, at which time the following will be discussed and considered:

- 1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; Establishment of Quorum**
- 2. Open Forum:**

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member(s) of the City Council requests one or more items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for separate discussion and action prior to the City Council's vote to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA.

- 3. Approval of Minutes from:**

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August 12, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

- 4. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:**

- 5. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

Public Hearing on Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget: For the purpose of allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for your review at the City Clerk's Office at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas between the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday and are available on the City's website.

- 7. Discussion and Action:**

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Mayor/Chief Vargas

This item was tabled at the 8/12/25 Regular City Council Meeting.

On the approval of the FY2026 El Paso County 911 District annual budget.

- 8. Executive Session**

The City Council of the Town of Horizon City reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjournment: _____ 2nd _____

Dated this Friday, 8/22/2025

By: _____
Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the Special City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas is a correct copy of this notice, and that I posted this notice at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Hall Bulletin Boards of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on this Friday, 8/22/2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Removed: _____ Time _____ By _____

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**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas was held on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM**, at City Council Chambers Room, 15001 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, at which time the following was discussed and considered:

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. City Council Member Quiroz was absent. Quorum Established.

2. Open Forum:

The following individuals signed up to speak regarding issues with animal services and the lack of response to loose and stray dogs within Horizon City: Shiloah Warren; Ron Comean; Conrad Guevara and Marisol Sanchez.

CONSENT AGENDA

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3. Approval of Minutes from:

Mayor/City Clerk
August 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting.

4. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

5. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Council Member Ames and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the consent agenda and excuse absent Council Member Quiroz.

Council Member Gardea requested that the motion be amended to include an update to the minutes reflecting Elva Ramos and Josue Mendoza speaking during the budget workshop (Item #7).

Council Members Ames and Mendoza agreed to amend their motion to include that the minutes be updated to include Elva Ramos and Josue Mendoza speaking during the budget workshop. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. PRESENTATION:

Mayor/RIOCOG Executive Director

On a presentation by Annette Guitierrez, Rio Grande Council of Governments Executive Director, on the development of a new five-year Comprehensive Economic Strategy (CEDs).

Rio Grande Council of Gov'ts Executive Director, Annette Gutierrez and City of El Paso International Business and Trade Development Manager, Adriana Pulecio spoke regarding this item.

7. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On the approval of the FY2026 El Paso County 911 District annual budget.

El Paso County 911 District Director, Scott Calderwood was not present at the meeting so staff requested this item be tabled and brought back at a later time.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Gardea to table this item and brought back for discussion at a later time. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On an update on the Capital Improvement Program.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Ames to accept the report as presented. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

That the Mayor be authorized to sign a First Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement for the N. Darrington Road Reconstruction Project with Huitt Zollars to extend the term of the Agreement to May, 2027 and to increase the compensation paid to Huitt Zollars to an amount not to exceed \$44,601.90.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Avila to authorize the Mayor to sign a First Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement for the N. Darrington Road Reconstruction Project with Huitt Zollars to extend the term of the Agreement to May, 2027 and to increase the compensation paid to Huitt Zollars to an amount not to exceed \$44,601.90. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

10. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On a resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign an Interlocal Agreement in form and substance approved by the City Attorney with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for the RMA to provide geotechnical studies and services associated with the N. Darrington Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign an Interlocal Agreement in form and substance approved by the City Attorney with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for the RMA to provide geotechnical studies and services associated with the N. Darrington Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

To ratify the Town of Horizon City Police Department's acceptance of an award from the Texas Facilities Commission to purchase 2 vehicles from the State of Texas, State and Federal Surplus Property Office for the amount of \$1,000.00 each, in accordance with the authority granted to Texas Facilities Commission through HB 229 (84th legislature) Texas Government Code 2175.308.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member R. Ortega and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve ratifying the Town of Horizon City Police Department's acceptance of an award from the Texas Facilities Commission to purchase 2 vehicles from the State of Texas, State and Federal Surplus Property Office for the amount of \$1,000.00 each, in accordance with the authority granted to Texas Facilities Commission through HB 229 (84th legislature) Texas Government Code 2175.308. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

That the Chief of Police is authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and El Paso County, Texas to provide for radio interoperability between the HCPD and the El Paso County Sheriffs Department.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas, Communications Specialist Manager, Elva Ramos and Communications Specialist Asst. Manager, Irlanda Huerta spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to authorize the Chief of Police to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and El Paso County, Texas to provide for radio interoperability between the HCPD and the El Paso County Sheriffs Department. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

13. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase capital equipment in the amount of \$81,166.30 using Public Safety funds from the Police Department.

Asst. Chief, Jose Kluge and IT Specialist Josue Mendoza spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase capital equipment in the amount of \$81,166.30 using Public Safety funds from the Police Department. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

14. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase capital equipment in the amount of \$89,770.00 using Public Safety Communications funds from the Dispatch budget.

Communications Specialist Manager, Elva Ramos and Communications Specialist Asst. Manager, Irlanda Huerta spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase capital equipment in the amount of \$89,770.00 using Public Safety Communications funds from the Dispatch budget. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

15. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On the award of solicitation 2025-124RFP for Emergency Vehicle Equipment and Maintenance f/PD - Re-Bid Project to One Stop Mobile Technology Specialist & Communication, LLC.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas, and Purchasing Agent, Araceli Gonzalez spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the award of solicitation 2025-124RFP for Emergency Vehicle Equipment and Maintenance f/PD - Re-Bid Project to One Stop Mobile Technology Specialist & Communication, LLC. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

16. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

To authorize the Town of Horizon City Police Chief to sign an MOU with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations for the reimbursement of overtime worked for by the Task Force Officer currently assigned there.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to authorize the Town of Horizon City Police Chief to sign an MOU with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations for the reimbursement of overtime worked for by the Task Force Officer currently assigned there. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

17. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Police Chief to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for the use of their incinerator for the safe and proper disposal of seized narcotics by the Horizon City Police Department at a rate of \$1.25 per lb.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas, and Police Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Ames and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and Police Chief to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for the use of their incinerator for the safe and proper disposal of seized narcotics by the Horizon City Police Department at a rate of \$1.25 per lb. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

***The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at 8:49 pm at the request of City Council Member Gardea.
Meeting resumed at 8:53 pm.***

18. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mayor/Finance Director

The Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2025 - 2026 Budget will be conducted on August 26, 2025 and the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate will be conducted on September 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 15001 Darrington Road. The adoption of the FY 2025 Budget and Tax Rate will be on September 9, 2025.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

19. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On a motion to authorize the Finance Director to publish notice of the intent of the City Counsel to adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.535368 for FY 2025-2026.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Ames to authorize the Finance Director to publish notice of the intent of the City Counsel to adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.535368 for FY 2025-2026. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

20. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

1st Reading of Ordinance _____, An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, approving the 2025 ad valorem tax rate and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city; providing for penalties and interest; and providing for the following: findings of fact; severability; savings clause; publication and effective date.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

21. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas enacting the municipal budget for fiscal year 2025-2026; funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

22. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0313 Amendment No. 03, An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the 2025 Storm Water and Streets Department Budget; and providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item. No one from the public spoke.

23. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0313 Amendment No. 03, An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the 2025 Storm Water and Streets Department Budget; and providing for repealer and severability clauses.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve the ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the 2025 Storm Water and Streets Department Budget. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

24. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 0313 Amendment No. 04, An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$55,000.00 from the Police Department Budget to the Administration Budget for the purchase of 2 city vehicles; and providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item and informed council that amount in this budget amendment was incorrect and would be modifying it to reflect a funds transfer of \$58,000 instead of \$55,000.

Items #25 and #26 were taken together.

25. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Planning Director

This item was postponed at the 6/10/25 and 7/8/25 Regular City Council Meetings. On the **Final Subdivision Plat** application for **Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 (Case No. SDO25-0001)** to reaffirm approval and to allow recording of the plat prior to the completion of all required improvements secured by sufficient bond. The subject property is legally described as a Portion of Leigh Clark Survey No. 297, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 21.481 acres ±. Application submitted by TRE & Associates, LLC.

26. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Planning Director

This item was postponed at the 6/10/25 and 7/8/25 Regular City Council Meetings. On a **Resolution for Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 Subdivision Plat** to authorize the issuance of conditional building permits for eleven (11) new residential structures.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item and requested approval on postponing Items #25 and #26 until the next regular city council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to postpone items #25 and #26 as requested by staff. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

Item #27 was taken after Item #15.

27. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Planning Director

On a Resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor the Veterans Day Expo Celebration to be held at Desmond Corcoran Park by waiving the Special Event Permit application fee of \$500.00.

Planning Director, Art Rubio and Horizon City Resident, Fred Lopez spoke regarding this.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor the Veterans Day Expo Celebration to be held at Desmond Corcoran Park by waiving the Special Event Permit application fee of \$500.00. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

Items #28 and #29 were taken after item #12.

28. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor/Planning Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance adopting a Zoning change within the municipal limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; rezoning 66.86 acres. Lots 1 through 11, Blocks 7 and 8, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) and R-2 (Single-Family Dwelling), to Ponding area. Lots 1 through 23, Blocks 8 through 10 and Block 9, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) to T3 (Suburban). Lots 1 through 27, Blocks 4, 5, 6, 11 through 14, and Block 12, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) to T4 (Urban). Lots 1 through 30, Blocks 1 through 3 and Blocks 17 through 22, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, Two, and Three, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) and C-1 Commercial, to T5 (Mixed-Use). Lots 1 through 10, Block 16, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit Two, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling), to be Rezoned to Civic. Authorizing the notation of the change on the official zoning map of the Town; providing for the following: findings of fact; repealer; severability; and proper notice and hearing.

Planning Director, Art Rubio, Abel City Partner, Mario Pena and Abel City Planner, Victoria Chavez spoke regarding this item.

29. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

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A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve the ordinance adopting a Zoning change within the municipal limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; rezoning 66.86 acres. Lots 1 through 11, Blocks 7 and 8, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) and R-2 (Single-Family Dwelling), to Ponding area. Lots 1 through 23, Blocks 8 through 10 and Block 9, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) to T3 (Suburban). Lots 1 through 27, Blocks 4, 5, 6, 11 through 14, and Block 12, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) to T4 (Urban). Lots 1 through 30, Blocks 1 through 3 and Blocks 17 through 22, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit One, Two, and Three, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling) and C-1 Commercial, to T5 (Mixed-Use). Lots 1 through 10, Block 16, Horizon Country Club Estates Unit Two, from R-4 (Single/Two Family Dwelling), to be Rezoned to Civic. Authorizing the notation of the change on the official zoning map of the Town. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

30. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

On a resolution to reject the rate increase proposed by Texas Gas Service.

Asst. City Atty, Sylvia Firth explained that the Resolution for Council's consideration contained two specific actions: (1) deny the rate increase requested by Texas Gas Service; and (2) join the coalition of cities represented by the Herrera Law Firm. The City Council decided to vote on each part separately.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member G. Ortega to deny the increase requested by Texas Gas Service. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

A 2nd motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member G. Ortega to join the coalition of cities represented by the Herrera Law Firm. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: G. ORTEGA – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; R. ORTEGA – Aye; AVILA – Aye; AMES - Aye; GARDEA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed

31. **Executive Session**

The City Council of the Town of Horizon City reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member G. Ortega to adjourn at 9:41 PM.

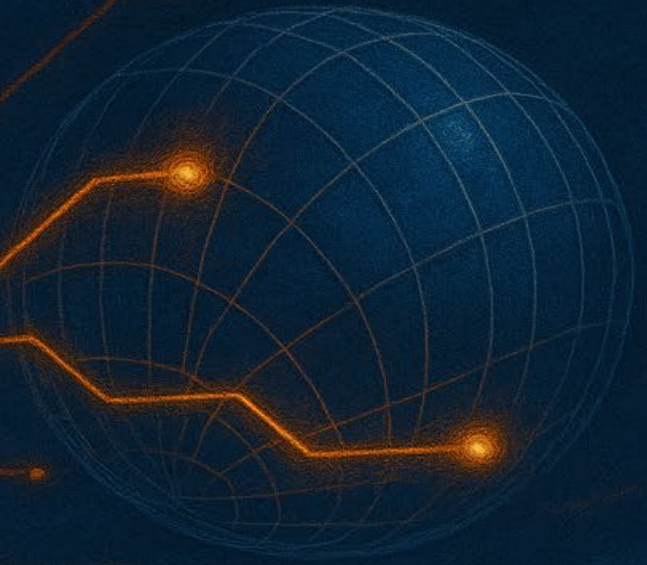
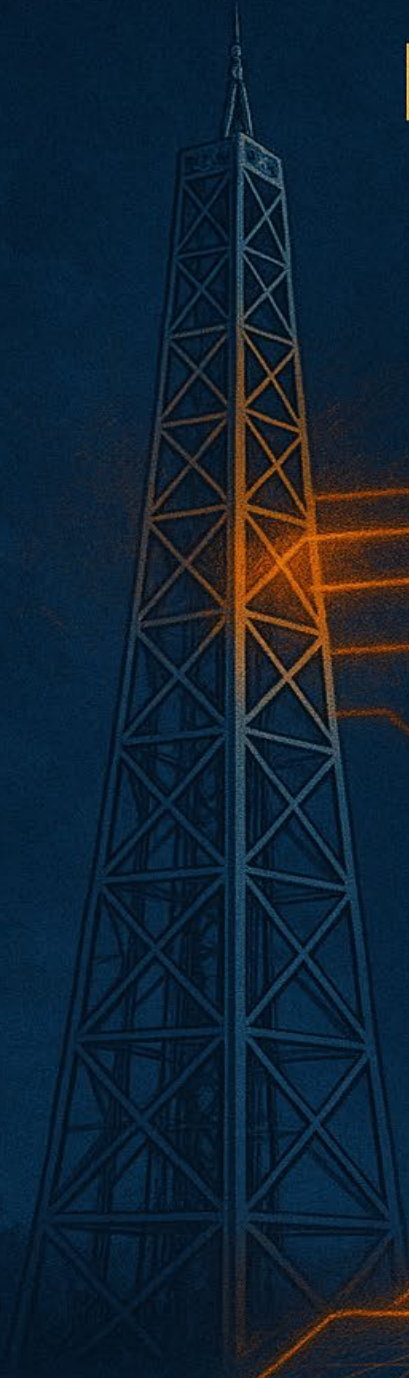
Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor

EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 26



CRITICAL PATHS FORWARD
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE



El Paso County 911 District Budget Plan Fiscal Year 2026

Attached for your review is our proposed budget for FY2026. On July 18, 2025, the El Paso County 911 District Board of Managers approved the proposed budget. Per our governing statute the District must present our budget to all of the participating jurisdictions within El Paso County for their review and approval. The budget will then be formally adopted by the Board of Managers prior to October 1, 2025.

This budget is designed to continue moving the El Paso Region into the next generation of 9-1-1 technology (NG911), interconnecting the community and first responders using the most efficient tools available. As we stand at the intersection of NG911 and the internet of things, the District is committed to unlocking the future of NG911 for El Paso.

We are proud of the excellent service we provide to the El Paso community and look forward to meeting with you to present our FY2026 budget. Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your support of El Paso's 9-1-1 system.

Sincerely,

Scott Calderwood, Executive Director
El Paso County 911 District
6055 Threadgill Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79924
(915) 832 6812
scottc@elpaso911.org

* Should your jurisdiction choose to take no formal action, this budget will be automatically approved by operation of statute on the sixty-first day following your receipt of this document.

EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT

District Mission

The El Paso County 911 District is an emergency communications district, providing 9-1-1 service in El Paso for over 30 years. Our mission is to continuously make a difference by providing outstanding professional services that facilitate the vital connection between our community and emergency services.

District Vision

The El Paso County 911 District will be a leader and innovator bringing the latest and most efficient technology to our 9-1-1 community. We will be a model 9-1-1 center respected by others across the country. We will be a high performing organization powered by motivated professionals that work harmoniously and collaboratively to support our mission.

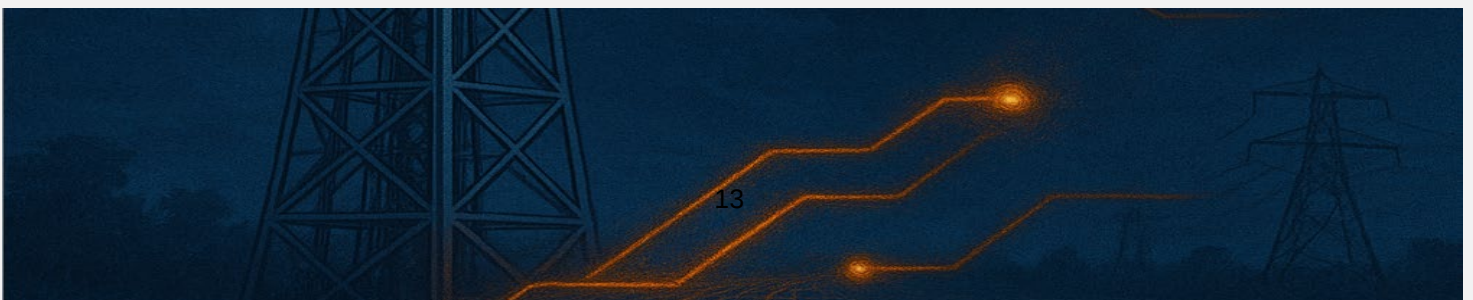
District Governance

The District operates under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 772. It is governed by a Board of Managers appointed by the entities it serves. By statute the Board is made up of one member from the County of El Paso, two members from the most populous city in the County (City of El Paso), one member from the second most populous city in the County (City of Socorro), one member appointed, at large, by the Board of Managers to represent all other entities within the County, and one member from the predominant phone service provider (AT&T).

District Funding

The District is funded by 9-1-1 service fees. Fees are collected monthly from both wireline and wireless phones and remitted to the District. The Board maintains local control of wireline fees and sets the rate each year as a part of the budget process. For FY2026 the Board has maintained the fee from FY2015 of \$1.38 per residential line and \$4.46 per business line.

Wireless fees are set by the State of Texas. For FY2026 the wireless fee is \$.50 per line or 2% of any pre-paid phone service. The fees are collected by the State Comptrollers and distributed to 9-1-1 entities based on population.



2026 BOARD OF MANAGERS

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City of El Paso

Robert Rojas
Socorro Police Department

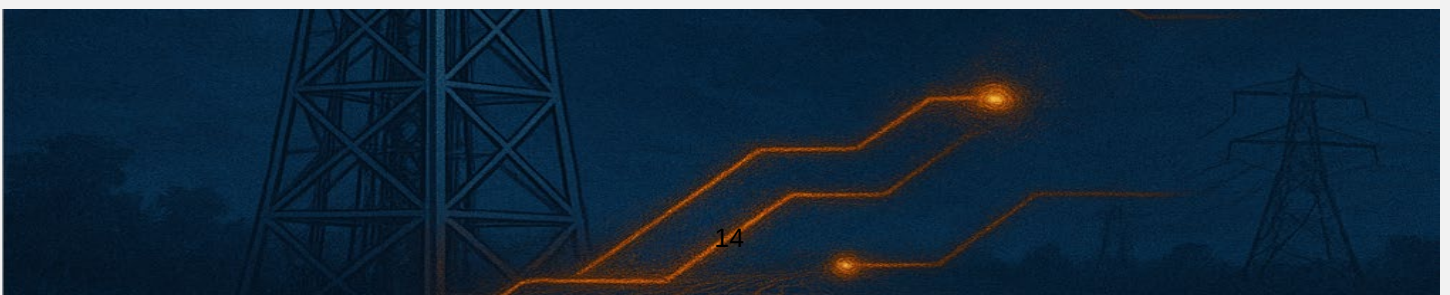
City of Socorro

Mario D'Agostino
El Paso Fire Department

City of El Paso

Monica Ballesteros
AT&T

Primary Phone Service Provider



911 DISTRICT VALUES

"DO THE RIGHT THING"

BE ACCOUNTABLE

Dependability
Fairness
Transparency

PRACTICE INTEGRITY

Honesty
Professionalism
Trustworthy

COLLABORATE

Build Relationships
Be Creative and Innovate
Teamwork
Effective Communication

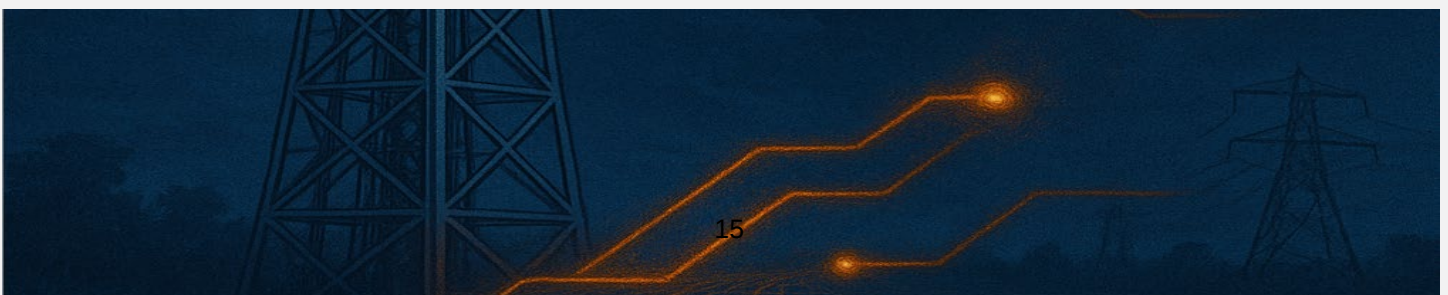
INSPIRE

Self-Motivated
Enthusiastic

KINDNESS

Respect
Compassion
Service to Others

HAVE FUN

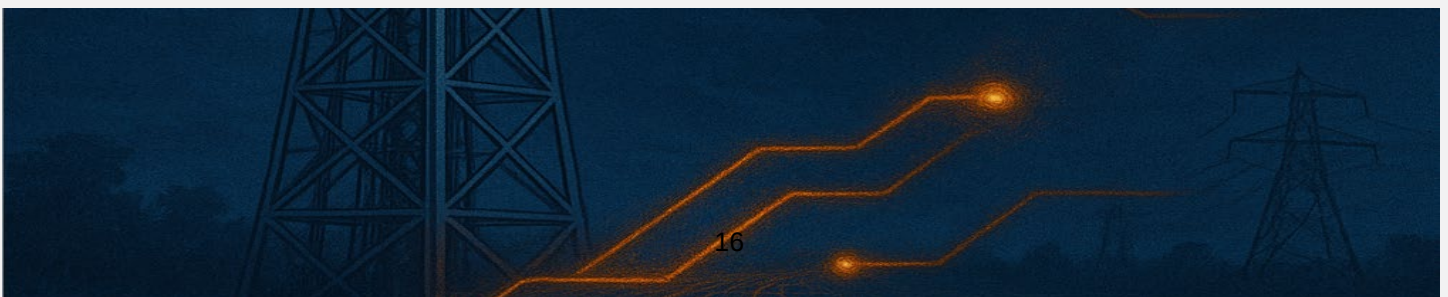


DISPATCH OFFICES SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT

- El Paso County Sheriff's Office
- Canutillo ISD Police Department
- City of El Paso 9-1-1 & 3-1-1 Communications
- City of Socorro Police Department
- Anthony Police Department
- Horizon City Police Department
- Emergency Service Districts (ESD) 1 & 2
- UTEP Police Department
- El Paso Independent School District Police Department
- Socorro Independent School District Police Department
- Ft. Bliss Directorate of Emergency Services
- El Paso Community College Police Department
- Texas Tech University Police Department
- Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

RESPONSE AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT

Anthony Police Department	El Paso ISD Police Department
Clint Fire Department	El Paso Police Department
Clint Police Department	El Paso County Sheriff's Office
El Paso County Precinct 1 Constable's Office	Fabens Fire Department
El Paso County Precinct 2 Constable's Office	Fort Bliss Fire Department
El Paso County Precinct 3 Constable's Office	Fort Bliss Military Police Department
El Paso County Precinct 4 Constable's Office	Horizon City Fire Department
El Paso County Precinct 5 Constable's Office	Horizon City Police Department
El Paso County Precinct 6 Constable's Office	Montana Vista Fire Department
El Paso County Precinct 7 Constable's Office	San Elizario Fire Department
County Fire Marshals (ESD1)	San Elizario Town Marshal
County Fire Marshals (ESD2)	Socorro Fire Department
El Paso 3-1-1	Socorro ISD Police Department
El Paso Animal Control	Socorro Police Department
El Paso Community College Police Department	Texas Tech Police Department
El Paso County Ambulance Service	UT El Paso Police Department
El Paso Fire Department	West Valley Fire Department
El Paso Fire Marshal	YDSP Fire Department

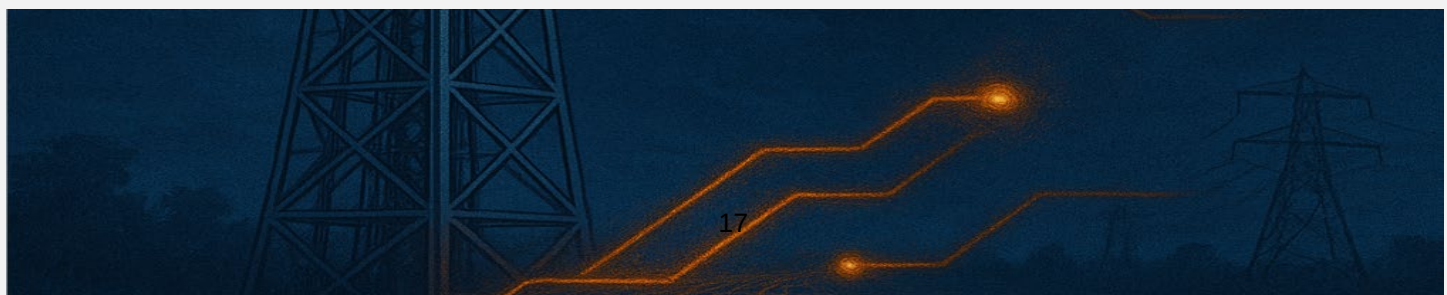


Proposed FY 2026 Budget

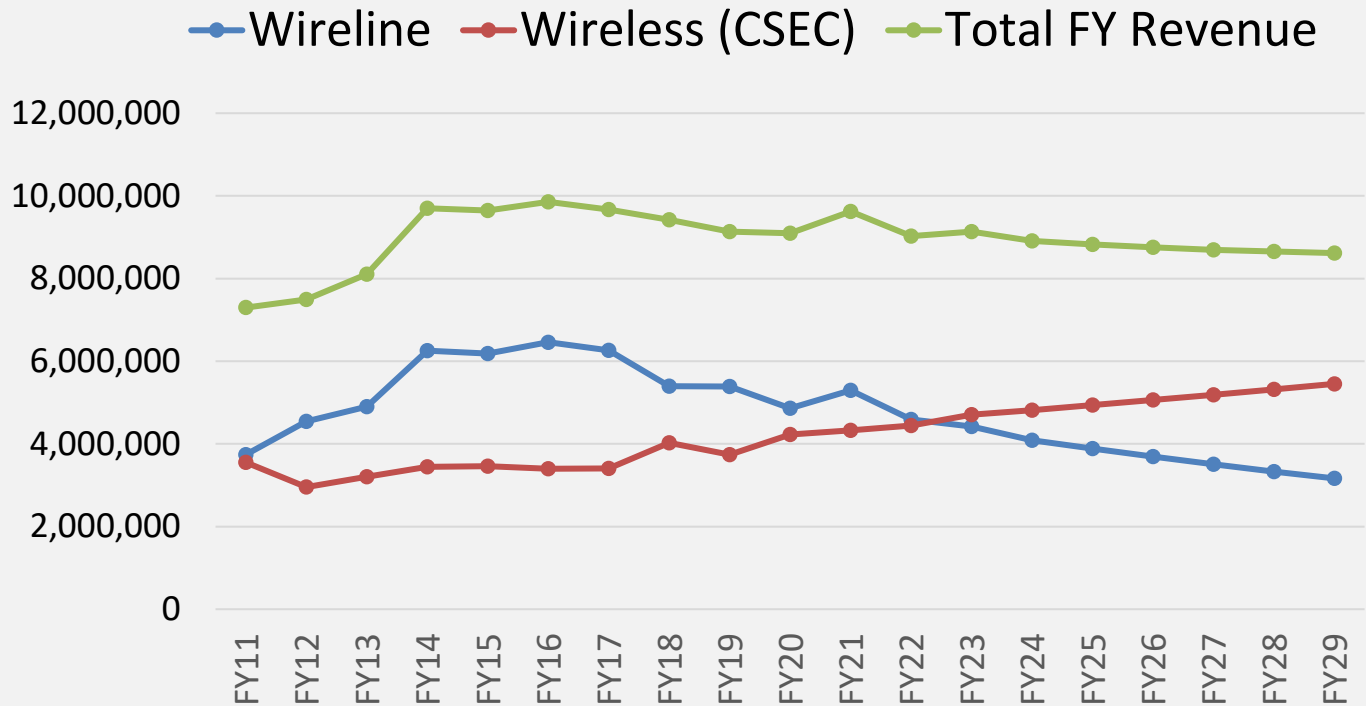
Revenue	FY25 Budget	Proposed FY26 Budget	Percentage +/-
Operating			
District Administration	11,713,112.00	9,422,950.00	-19.55%
Federal Grant			
ESInet NG911	511,372.50	0.00	-100.00%
Total Revenue	12,224,484.50	9,422,950.00	-22.92%

Expenditures	FY25 Budget	Proposed FY26 Budget	Percentage +/-
Operating			
District Administration	2,583,446.81	2,608,840.00	0.98%
911 Network Operations	5,394,851.48	5,637,993.16	4.51%
Facility Operations	960,369.00	746,558.04	-22.26%
Total Operating	8,938,667.29	8,993,391.20	0.61%
Agency Assistance			
Agency Support Programs	987,600.00	239,541.42	-75.75%
Total Agency Assistance	987,600.00	239,541.42	-75.75%
Federal Grant			
ESInet NG911	409,098.00	0.00	-100.00%
Total Federal Grant	409,098.00	0.00	-100.00%
Total Expenses	10,335,365.29	9,232,932.62	-10.67%

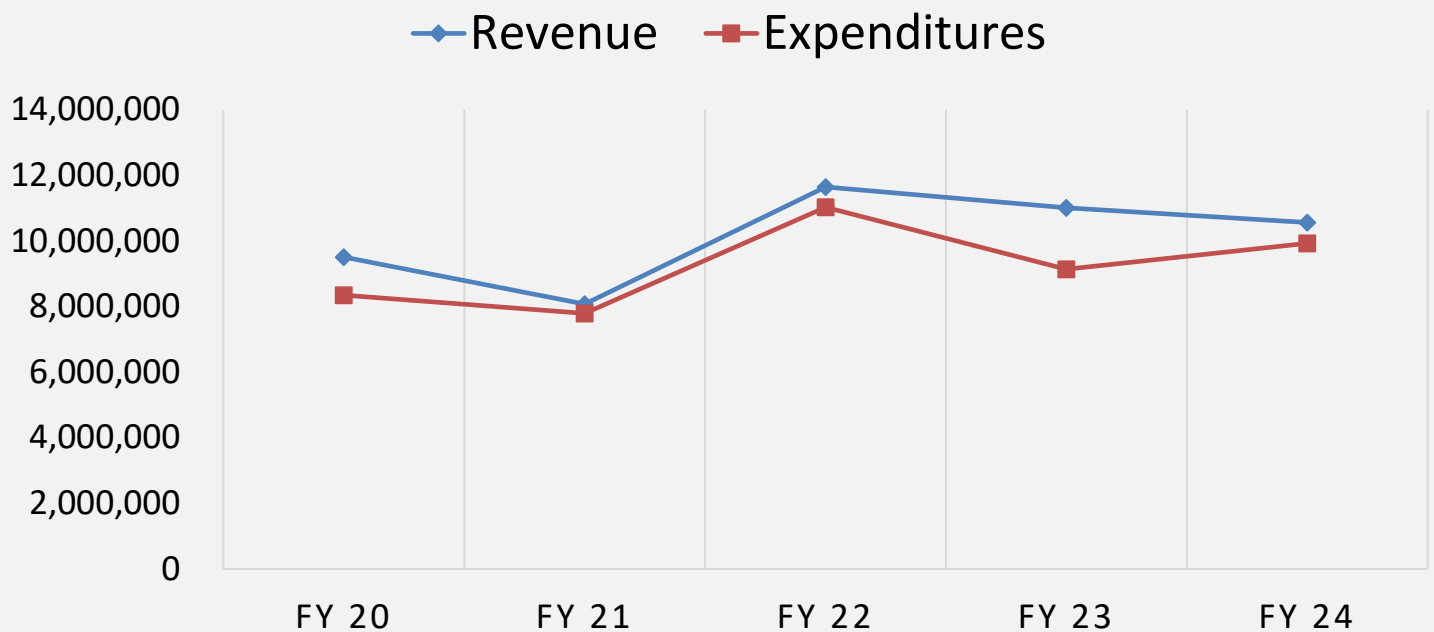
State Appropriations	0.00	1,305,550.00
Total State Appropriation Request	0.00	1,305,550.00



Revenue Analysis: Historical Trends and Future Projections



Yearly Financial Performance Analysis



FY26 Budget Summary

District Administration

\$2,608,840

(28.2% of total budget)

Major Expense Categories

- Salaries & Benefits: \$2,100,000
- Professional Services: \$50,000
- Insurance: \$75,400
- Supplies & Operations: \$385,000

Strategic Highlights

- Primary funding for staff salaries and benefits
- Includes liability insurance and legal/professional memberships
- Slight budget increase (+0.98%) reflects inflation, COLA and additional staffing

911 Network Operations

\$5,637,993

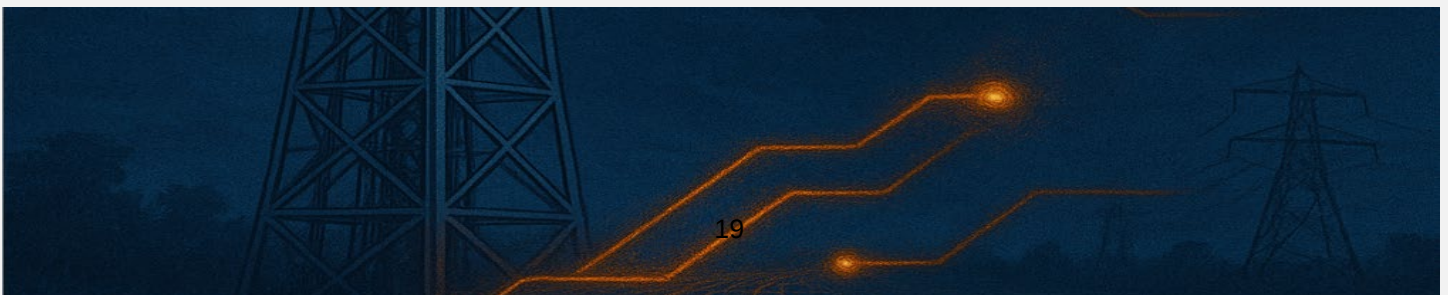
(61.1% of total budget)

Major Expense Categories

- Telephone Connectivity: \$1,485,600
- CAD & Software Maintenance: \$1,717,200
- Network & GIS Subscriptions: \$1,080,000
- Professional & Engineering Services: \$769,329

Strategic Highlights

- Significant investments in telecom infrastructure and CAD systems
- Increased GIS integration and vendor systems support
- Largest cost center; +4.51% from FY25 increase reflects modernization needs



Agency Support Programs

(2.6% of total budget)

\$239,541

Major Expense Categories

- Technology Assistance: \$176,541
- Public Education: \$13,000
- Training & Education: \$50,000

Strategic Highlights

- Support continues for agency partners on a leaner scale
- Training maintained for key staff roles
- 75% decrease from FY25

Facility Operations

(8.1% of total budget)

\$746,558

Major Expense Categories

- Utilities: \$229,000
- Custodial Services: \$245,663
- Maintenance: \$120,000
- Facility Supplies: \$115,695

Strategic Highlights

- Stable operating budget maintaining readiness of EPRCC facilities
- Sustained service levels with leaner resource use
- 22.26% decrease from FY25 due to operational efficiencies



State Appropriation Funding

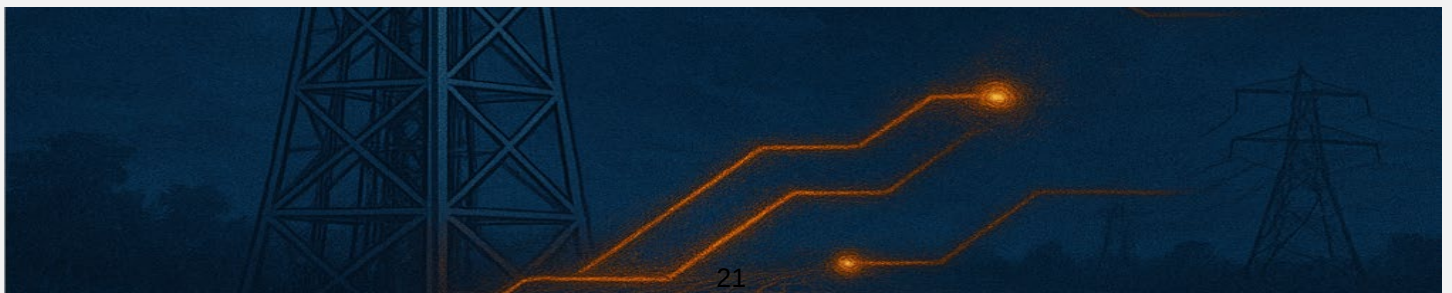
\$1,305,550

Major Expense Categories

- Maintenance Software & Subscriptions: \$262,500
- Equipment: \$400,000
- Furniture: \$150,000
- Professional Services: \$250,000
- Network Hardware & Software: \$230,000

Strategic Highlights

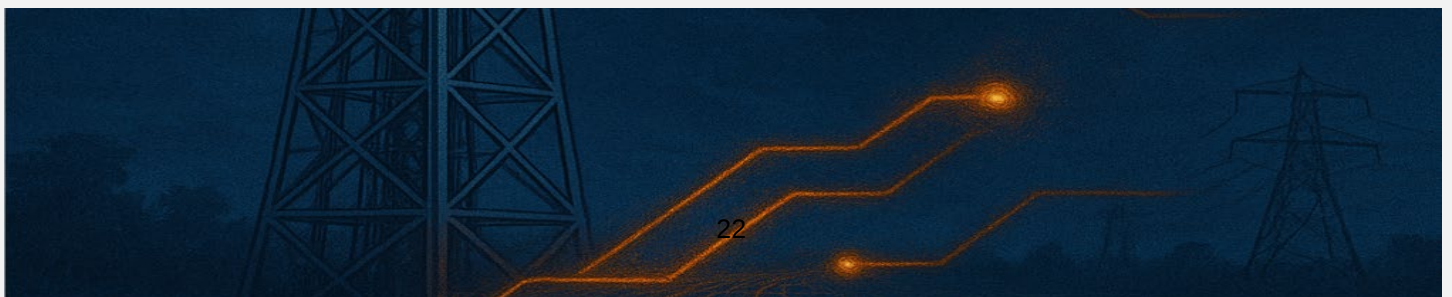
- Focus on hardware and software upgrades
- Audio Visual Replacement Equipment
- Facility upgrades
- 15.72% decrease from FY25



El Paso County 911 District Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Summary

	FY24 Adopted	FY24 Actual	
Revenue			
Operating			
District Administration	9,447,940.00	13,831,427.68	146.40%
Federal Grant			
Fed Grant Reimbursement	1,227,294.00	1,227,294.00	100.00%
Total Revenue	10,675,234.00	15,058,721.68	141.06%

	Budget	Expenditures	Percentage Used
Expenses			
Operating			
District Administration	2,921,573.54	2,873,412.70	98.35%
911 Network Operations	4,500,306.68	3,442,468.82	103.59%
Facility Operations	948,369.00	731,317.05	77.11%
Total Operating	8,370,249.22	7,047,198.57	84.19%
Agency Assistance			
Agency Support Programs	835,600.00	508,964.97	60.91%
Total Agency Assistance	835,600.00	508,964.97	60.91%
Capital Improvements			
Capital Items	0.00	1,023,815.00	0.00%
Total Capital Improvements	0.00	1,023,815.00	0.00%
Federal Grant Reimbursement			
ESInet NG911 Maint Reimb	1,227,294.00	1,227,294.00	100.00%
Total Federal Grant Reimbursement	1,227,294.00	1,227,294.00	100.00%
Total Expenses	10,433,143.22	9,807,272.54	94.00%





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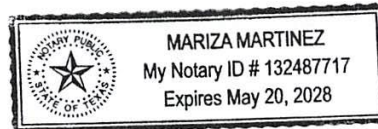
Sworn Statement

I, Scott Calderwood, Director of the El Paso County 911 District, swear that these Audited Financial Statements of the El Paso County 911 District are a true and correct report of the funds received and spent by the District during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2024.

Scott Calderwood
Director
El Paso County 911 District

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of January 2025.

Mariza Martinez
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: 5/20/28





"Our commitment to live by our
shared values is our strategy for
success."

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