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Notice of Emergency Council Meeting Council to Convene to Discuss COVID-19 Response

Who: City Council

What: City Council to Convene Emergency Meeting

Where: Council Chambers, City 1 at 300 N. Campbell

When: 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2020

The City of El Paso has scheduled an emergency meeting of its City Council for the discussion and action of emergency ordinances related to COVID-19.

The Council will consider the following:

1. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance of the City of El Paso, Texas extending a disaster declaration due to a public health emergency.
2. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance instituting emergency measures due to a public health emergency, penalty as provided in Section 3 of the Ordinance.

The urgency of this item is that on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the Mayor of the City of El Paso issued a local emergency declaration. On March 14, the President of the United States held an additional press conference relating to COVID-19, and on March 15, 2020, the CDC issued additional guidance in relation to the same. Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the disease and emerging federal and state guidance, it is necessary that the City Council of El Paso consider and take action on emergency ordinances.

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