



MAYOR
Renard U. Johnson

CITY MANAGER
Dionne Mack

CITY COUNCIL

District 1
Alejandra Chávez

District 2
Dr. Josh Acevedo

District 3
Deanna M. Rocha

District 4
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

District 5
Ivan Niño

District 6
Art Fierro

District 7
Lily Limón

District 8
Chris Canales

**NEWS
RELEASE**

04/ 27/ 2026

City Council Authorizes Action on Multiple El Paso Electric Filings

City Action Preserves Oversight as Major Utility Proposals Move Forward

EL PASO, Texas—El Paso City Council has authorized the City to take action on several active El Paso Electric (EPE) filings, reinforcing the City’s role in reviewing proposals that could shape future utility costs, infrastructure decisions, and protections for local ratepayers.

These actions position the City to stay actively involved, examine the details more closely, and better understand the issues that could shape future utility cases, while recognizing that final outcomes will be determined through the applicable regulatory process.

Protecting Ratepayers as Large Energy Users Come Online

Council authorized action on EPE’s proposed High Load Factor tariff for very large energy users, including data centers. The City will suspend the proposed rate for additional review and participate in the process to evaluate potential impacts before it takes effect.

The City is taking this step to allow time to fully assess how the rate is structured, how costs are allocated, and whether sufficient protections are in place to prevent cost shifting to residential and small business customers. The review will also focus on long-term infrastructure needs, the terms of associated service agreements, and whether the proposal aligns with prior settlement commitments and ratepayer safeguards.

Testing the Need and Cost of New Battery Storage

Council also authorized the City to intervene in EPE’s filing for a proposed 150-megawatt battery energy storage project in the Fabens area.

The City’s participation is intended to evaluate whether the project meets public necessity requirements, how costs will be recovered, and what the long-term impact may be on ratepayers. Intervention also allows the City to review environmental, infrastructure, and reliability considerations, as well as whether alternative approaches could better serve the community.

Reviewing EV Program Extensions Before Future Costs Emerge

In a third item, Council approved City participation in EPE’s request to extend three electric vehicle pilot programs through 2029.

The City will intervene to review whether the programs have demonstrated sufficient benefit to justify an extension, ensure that any future cost recovery is appropriate, and confirm that the programs continue to include protections for customers who are not participating.

Together, these actions strengthen the City’s ability to monitor EPE proposals, ask the right questions at the right time, and advocate for fair, transparent outcomes.

The City will continue to track these proceedings and provide updates as appropriate.

###



Promoting **Transparent & Consistent Communication**
Among All Members of the Community

Media Contact: Laura Cruz Acosta
Strategic Communications Director
Cruz-AcostaLA@elpasotexas.gov
915.491.0758