



CITY OF EL CENIZO

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COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE EL CENIZO CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE EL CENIZO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE EL CENIZO CITY HALL, 507 CADENA ST, EL CENIZO, TEXAS TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA.

1. Call to order by the Honorable Mayor, Carina Hernandez.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Communications.
5. Public Comments.

This section provides the public the opportunity to address the City Council on any item of the Agenda or simply make a public notice to the council. Residents wishing to participate must complete a Speaker's Card specifying which item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three minutes within which to make any/all public comments. *Comentarios Públicos: Esta sección le otorga la palabra a los residentes a que se dirijan a los miembros del cabildo de cualquier punto en la agenda. Residentes que quieran dirigirse al cabildo deberá llenar una forma especificando que punto de la agenda quiere tratar. Cada residente tendrá tres minutos en cual pueden hacer cualquier comentario que quiera sobre el tema.*

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

Notice to the public: Items listed under Presentations, Recognitions and Reports are informative items brought before the council to serve as informative and ceremonial purposes only. No action shall be taken; however, the members of the council can request that action items be presented at the next regularly scheduled city council meeting.

6. Departmental Reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The City Council of El Cenizo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections:

551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property)
551.073 (Deliberation about Gifts and Donations)
551.074 (Personnel Matters)

The City Council will reconvene to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the City Council. The item may subsequently be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.)

7. Approval of minutes, bills and monthly reports.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

MAYOR CARINA HERNANDEZ

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on entering into a WORK EXPERIENCE / SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT WORK SITE AGENCY AGREEMENT with Workforce Solutions for South Texas in connection with Subsidized Employment; and any other matters incident thereto.
9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to authorize the issuance and solicitation of formal Requests for Quotes (RFQs) and/or competitive quotations for the installation and construction of traffic calming devices, including asphalt and cement speed humps, in designated residential and high-traffic areas throughout the City of El Cenizo for the purpose of enhancing public safety, reducing vehicular speeding, and improving pedestrian protection; said procurement to be conducted in accordance with

Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City's adopted purchasing and procurement policies, applicable engineering and public works standards, and any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations; and any other matters incident thereto.

10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to establish and approve a City of El Cenizo Community Scholarship Program for the purpose of promoting educational advancement and supporting local students pursuing higher education, trade schools, vocational training, or other post-secondary educational opportunities; said program to provide either five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each or ten (10) scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each, subject to available funding and final program structure approved by the City Council; establishing eligibility criteria open to all qualifying students residing within the community regardless of citizenship or immigration status, in compliance with applicable federal and state laws, including equal access and non-discrimination provisions; authorizing the development and implementation of application procedures, selection guidelines, scholarship review criteria, administrative oversight, and funding mechanisms for the program; further authorizing the City Manager and/or designated administrative official to explore, negotiate, and, if deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the City, enter into third-party funding agreements, sponsorship agreements, interlocal agreements, memorandums of understanding, fiscal sponsorship arrangements, or partnerships with nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, private entities, or community organizations in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and other applicable state laws for the purpose of supporting or administering the scholarship program; and any other matters incident thereto.
11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to authorize the issuance and solicitation of formal Requests for Quotes (RFQs) and/or competitive quotations for the finishing, repair, installation, and completion of flooring improvements at the City's entrance plaza for the purpose of enhancing public safety, accessibility, structural functionality, and the overall appearance of the public facility; said improvements may include concrete, cement, tile, decorative, stamped, or other appropriate flooring materials and related site preparation work as determined necessary by the City administration; procurement and contracting activities to be conducted in accordance with Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City's adopted purchasing and procurement policies, applicable accessibility standards including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and construction standards; and any other matters incident thereto.
12. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the temporary hiring, engagement, and/or assignment of personnel for the purpose of conducting street cleaning, litter removal, right-of-way maintenance, beautification efforts, and related public works services throughout the City

of El Cenizo in order to promote public health, safety, sanitation, and community appearance; further authorizing the City administration to solicit and obtain quotations, proposals, or service agreements for temporary labor services and workforce support, including the option of entering into agreements with a third-party workforce staffing agency, contractor, temporary employment provider, or similar service entity for the provision of personnel and related services in an effort to reduce administrative burden and potential liability exposure to the City, including matters relating to employment claims, workers' compensation, payroll administration, and insurance obligations; said actions and procurement activities to be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, the City's adopted personnel and procurement policies, and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMISSIONER JUANY VALDEZ

13. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approving the renewal of the City of El Cenizo's annual membership with the South Texas Latino Coalition, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the membership period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, for the purpose of supporting collaborative regional initiatives, community development efforts, educational and economic advancement programs, grant opportunities, nonprofit partnerships, and other services beneficial to the residents and interests of the City of El Cenizo; authorizing the expenditure of available funds and the execution of any necessary membership agreements or related documents in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's adopted financial and procurement policies; and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMISSIONER DAISY PEREZ

14. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on awarding and approving a small construction contract for the purpose of the interior finish-out, improvement, and related construction activities associated with the implementation of the approved \$150,000.00 grant being fiscally administered by the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership for use over a thirty-six (36) month period beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027, in support of library staffing, supplies, digital infrastructure, facility enhancements, and cultural programming at the Bruni Vergara Public Library; said construction contract being for an amount less than \$50,000.00 and therefore exempt from the formal competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, including Section 252.021, while authorizing the City to obtain and evaluate informal quotations, proposals, or estimates in accordance with the City's adopted purchasing and procurement policies and applicable grant requirements; further authorizing the City administration to execute

any necessary agreements, purchase orders, or related documents associated with the project in accordance with the proposal finalized on September 25, 2024; and any other matters incident thereto.

15. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on awarding and approving a small construction contract for the purpose of interior finish-out, facility improvements, repairs, renovations, and related construction activities for municipal property and/or public facilities, including work not otherwise covered under existing grant-funded construction allocations, with the total contract amount to remain below the \$50,000.00 statutory threshold established under Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, including Section 252.021; further authorizing the City administration to solicit and evaluate informal quotations, estimates, or proposals from qualified contractors in accordance with the City's adopted purchasing and procurement policies, budgetary authority, and applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and authorizing the execution of any necessary agreements, work orders, or related project documents associated therewith; and any other matters incident thereto.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

16. Adjournment.

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the City Council of El Cenizo, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 11th day of May, 2026 at _____ a.m. / p.m. and said notice remained so posted continuously for 3 business preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2026.

JUANY PEREZ, CITY SECRETARY, EL CENIZO, TEXAS

BY: _____
Juany Perez, City Secretary/Clerk