

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2026 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING.

Let it be remembered that the City Council of El Cenizo, Texas met Thursday July 23, 2026 at the Council Chambers located inside the El Cenizo City Hall at 507 Cadena St., El Cenizo, Texas 78046 at 6:30pm with the following members present to wit:

**Honorable Carina Hernandez, City Mayor
Honorable Juany Valdez, City Commissioner
Honorable Daisy Perez, City Commissioner**

Thus, constituting a quorum, the City Council proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of July 23, 2026.

Item 1. Call to order by the Honorable Mayor, Carina Hernandez.

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and moved to proceed with the meeting in English. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and approved without objection.

Item 2. Roll Call.

Mayor Hernandez called roll. Present were: Mayor Carina Hernandez, City Commissioner Juany Valdez and City Commissioner Daisy Perez. Also present: Raul Reyes, Lesley Gonzalez and Judico Varela.

Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

Item 4. Communications.

No communications were made.

Item 5. Public Comments.

No speaker cards were presented therefore there were no public comments.

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)*

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

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve item 6 and 7 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to ratify the canceling of the July 9, 2026 regularly scheduled city council meeting; and any other matters incident thereto.

Item 7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026 Special Meeting; and any other matters incident thereto.

Item 8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve the renewal of the City's Workers' Compensation coverage through the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) for the coverage period of August 13, 2026, through August 13, 2027, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary renewal documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioner Valdez inquired on whether this was something new or just a renewal. Mr. Reyes responded that this was just a renewal as modifications were made to exclude police reserve officers.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the renewal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to regarding the potential acquisition of approximately 0.4029 acres of real property located at 3602 Espejo Molina Road, El Cenizo, Texas, legally described as Lot 6, Block 8, El Cenizo Unit IV, including consideration of the proposed municipal purpose, fair market value, funding availability, appraisal, survey, title review, environmental and site due diligence, negotiation authority, and related matters; and authorizing an executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, if necessary, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Reyes informed the council that an independent analysis regarding agenda item was sent via email.

Negotiation options were presented to the council by Mr. Reyes.

Commissioner Valdez moved to authorize the administrative staff to start negotiations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to authorize the Mayor to execute a License Agreement between the City of El Cenizo and the United States Customs and Border Protection (U.S. Border Patrol) for the Carrizo Cane Eradication Project on City-owned property identified as Webb County Appraisal District Parcel No. 232953, including authorization for vegetation management activities within approximately fifty (50) feet of the Rio Grande riverbank, subject to any conditions deemed appropriate by the City Council; and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding Cause No. 2026CVA001073D2, Hilda Juana Rodriguez v. Webb County, City of El Cenizo, City of Rio Bravo, and City of Laredo, including acknowledgment of service of the lawsuit, review of preliminary findings, consideration of retaining special legal counsel to represent the City, notification to the City's liability insurance carrier, preservation of relevant records, and authorization for the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to protect the City's legal interests.

Mr. Reyes informed the council that a comprehensive analysis of the case was sent to the members of the council prior to the meeting with recommendations.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 12. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to review, consider, and adopt the City of El Cenizo Investment Policy in accordance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256), including the City's investment strategies for each fund type, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents and the City Secretary to attest thereto.

Mr. Reyes informed the members of the council that this item was routine and needed to be presented and approved on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the item and resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

BUDGET

Item 13. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Schedule; and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 14. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on directing the El Cenizo Solid Waste Department to formulate a detail analysis of all delinquent accounts; formulating, creating and establishing a delinquent roll for solid waste fees; bring back a work plan and recommendation for the collection of said delinquent solid waste fees; establish a percentage collection rate for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 15. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to confirm the designation of the Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, to calculate the no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate and the voter approval rate for the City of El Cenizo taxing entity as per Senate Bill 2, Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019 (Tax Code Section 26.04); and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 16. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to solicit proposals for primary and secondary vendors for the following products and or services for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; and any other matters incident thereto.

- Office Supplies
- Janitorial Supplies
- Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance – General Government Fleet
- Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance – Fire/EMS Department Fleet
- Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance – Solid Waste Department Fleet
- Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance – Parks and Ground Maintenance Fleet
- Computer Repair and Maintenance
- Lubricants/Hydraulic Oil – Solid Waste Department
- Wheel Alignment & Balancing Services – All City Department

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved without objection.

Item 17. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on adopting a resolution of the city council of the City of El Cenizo, Texas, establishing fees for municipal services for the fiscal year 2026–2027; providing for copies, faxes, service account updates and changes, hauling and disposal of debris, rental of

equipment, solid waste collection, and other related services; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Mr. Reyes recommended that the council postpone the item until the next meeting to give members of the council and department heads an opportunity to review the proposed fees and make recommendations.

The Mayor postponed the item and no action was taken.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Item 18. Adjournment.

With no further business to come before the council a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm was made by Mayor Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above minutes are true and correct and were approved by the El Cenizo City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

City Secretary