



CITY OF EL CENIZO

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COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE EL CENIZO CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 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.*

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.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

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

Background

The City of El Cenizo participates in the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) Workers' Compensation Program, which provides workers' compensation coverage for eligible City employees and approved volunteer classifications.

The renewal documents establish the City's annual contribution based on estimated payroll, employee classifications, and applicable volunteer coverages. The proposed annual net contribution for the 2026–2027 policy period is \$3,626, reflecting the applicable TMLIRP fund discount and an experience modifier of 1.00.

The renewal maintains workers' compensation coverage for eligible City employees and approved volunteer classifications, including elected officials serving on the governing body, in accordance with the City's existing participation in the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Fiscal Impact

Funding Source: General Fund (Workers' Compensation Insurance)

Annual Premium: \$3,626

Legal Authority

The Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool provides workers' compensation coverage through the City's existing Interlocal Agreement. Approval of the annual renewal authorizes the continuation of coverage and payment of the annual contribution.

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.
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.

Background

The City has received a request from the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to participate in a federally funded Carrizo Cane Eradication Project along the Rio Grande. The project is intended to remove invasive Carrizo cane vegetation that obstructs visibility along the river while restoring the area with native vegetation where appropriate. According to CBP, the project is solely for vegetation management purposes and is not associated with border wall construction or land acquisition activities.

The proposed work would occur on City-owned Parcel No. 232953 and generally be limited to a fifty-foot (50') corridor extending inland from the river's edge. Activities may include manual and mechanical removal of Carrizo cane, follow-up treatment of regrowth, erosion control measures, reseeding with native vegetation, and monitoring for approximately one (1) year. The proposed License Agreement authorizes CBP, its employees, contractors, and agents to enter the property to perform these activities.

The agreement may be revoked by the City upon sixty (60) days' written notice.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. CBP will be responsible for all costs associated with the project.

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.

Background

The City of El Cenizo has been served with a civil lawsuit alleging that an unidentified waste collection vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident occurring on March 14, 2025, in the City of Laredo. The Plaintiff has named multiple governmental entities, including the City of El Cenizo, while attempting to determine ownership of the vehicle involved.

City staff has conducted a preliminary review of available fleet records and has found no evidence indicating that the vehicle described in the lawsuit is owned, operated, or controlled by the City of El Cenizo.

The City currently does not employ a City Attorney; therefore, legal representation is necessary to ensure the City's interests are protected and that all required legal deadlines are met.

Fiscal Impact

Legal expenses associated with retaining outside counsel, if approved. Costs may be reimbursable or covered, in whole or in part, through the City's municipal liability insurance or risk pool, subject to the terms of the applicable policy.

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.

Background:

The Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256) requires the governing body of a municipality to adopt a

written investment policy and review the policy and investment strategies at least annually. The proposed Investment Policy establishes the City's objectives for the investment of public funds, emphasizing the preservation of principal, maintenance of adequate liquidity, and optimization of investment returns while ensuring compliance with all applicable state laws.

The policy also establishes standards for authorized investments, collateralization, safekeeping, internal controls, reporting requirements, ethics, training of Investment Officers, and portfolio management practices. Adoption of this policy will strengthen the City's financial governance, improve accountability and transparency, and ensure compliance with state statutes governing municipal investments.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this policy. Implementation of the policy is expected to enhance the prudent management of City funds and maximize investment earnings within statutory guidelines.

Legal Authority:

- Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256 (Public Funds Investment Act)
- Texas Government Code Chapter 2257 (Collateral for Public Funds)
- Texas Local Government Code, as applicable to Type C General Law Municipalities

BUDGET

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

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

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.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

18. 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 17th day of July, 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 17TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

JUANY PEREZ, CITY SECRETARY, EL CENIZO, TEXAS

BY: _____
Juany Perez, City Secretary/Clerk