



## CITY OF EL CENIZO

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### COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE EL CENIZO CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 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 – INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

## **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

**MAYOR CARINA HERNANDEZ**

**COMMISSIONER JUANY VALDEZ**

**COMMISSIONER DAISY PEREZ**

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on authorizing staff to Implement Parking Enforcement Measures at the El Cenizo Public Library, Including the Installation of Warning Signage and Execution of a Towing Services Agreement.

### **Background:**

The El Cenizo Public Library has experienced frequent incidents of unauthorized vehicle parking that interfere with access to library services, library events, and pedestrian safety. To ensure proper use of public parking spaces and preserve public access to library facilities, the City Management Team recommends implementing a parking enforcement procedure.

### **Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Management Team to:

- Coordinate the installation of “Library Parking Only” and “Unauthorized Vehicles Will Be Towed” signage in compliance with Texas law;
- Enter into a professional services agreement with a licensed towing service to remove unauthorized vehicles from the library parking area;
- Develop and execute a written internal procedure for monitoring and reporting violations.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Minimal costs related to signage; no cost to the City for towing services.

**Legal Reference:**

Texas Occupations Code § 2308.301 – Requirements for signage and authority to tow from private/public property.

**BUDGET**

7. 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.
8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to review and approve the 2025 Certified Values and appraisal roll data for the City of El Cenizo, Texas; and any other matters incident thereto.
9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Schedule; and any other matters incident thereto.
10. 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 2025-2026 Fiscal Year; and any other matters incident thereto.
11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to solicit proposals for primary and secondary vendors for the following products and or services for the 2025-2026 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 – Police Department 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

12. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on directing department heads to maintain and file an accurate list of their department's personnel/volunteers; and any other matters incident thereto.

### **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

13. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the continued operation of the City of El Cenizo Police Department in accordance with Title 37, Part 7, Chapter 211, Rule 211.16 of the Texas Administrative Code; including the option to proceed with compliance requirements or temporarily deactivate the department's license.

#### **Background & Summary:**

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), through Rule 211.16 of the Texas Administrative Code, outlines the minimum standards for the continued operation of a law enforcement agency. The El Cenizo Police Department, which currently operates as a reserve-based department, is subject to these requirements.

The Interim Chief of Police met with a TCOLE Field Agent, Mr. Derry Minor, who provided notice that the City must address several compliance deficiencies no later than September 1, 2025. Failure to comply may result in penalties of \$1,000 per day and/or enforcement action, including license suspension.

#### **Key compliance issues identified include:**

- Establishing a standalone police facility that includes a secure evidence room and storage;
- Ensuring 24/7 response coverage by licensed peace officers (not reserves only);
- Demonstrating sustainable funding and salaries for full-time law enforcement operations;
- Adopting and enforcing required policies and procedures as outlined by TCOLE.

In response, the City Manager has prepared a Continued Operations Plan that outlines actionable steps to bring the department into full compliance. However, implementation will require additional financial commitments, facility improvements, and long-term funding not currently available in the FY 2024–2025 adopted budget.

#### **Options for Council Consideration:**

1. Proceed with the Compliance Plan
  - Authorize the City Manager to implement the continued operations plan;
  - Approve initiation of efforts to secure a compliant facility, pursue funding and grants, and reallocate budget priorities to support a full-time police operation;

- Direct staff to provide monthly progress reports to ensure timely compliance before the September 1 deadline.
- 2. Temporarily Deactivate the Department
  - Instruct the Police Chief to notify TCOLE of the City's decision to place the department in a dormant/inactive status until funding and infrastructure become sufficient;
  - Direct the City Manager to explore alternative law enforcement coverage with Webb County or nearby municipalities during the dormancy period;
  - Revisit the status of the Police Department by January 31, 2026 for reevaluation and possible reactivation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Potential funding impacts to be determined based on Council direction. Moving forward with compliance will require budget amendments and potential capital investment.

14. 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

**DATED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

**JUANY PEREZ, CITY SECRETARY, EL CENIZO, TEXAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juany Perez, Interim City Secretary/Clerk