



**City Council
Special Meeting
March 16, 2021**



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**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021, AT 1:00 P.M. CST
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL BUILDING,
100 SOUTH MONROE STREET, EAGLE PASS,
MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.125(b);551.127(b)(g); 551.007 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE DECLARATION BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE PASS, TEXAS SHALL BE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA THE FOLLOWING FREE-OF-CHARGE VIDEOCONFERENCE LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialCityEaglePassTexas> AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE AGENDA PACKET FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING URL: <https://www.eaglepasstx.us/AgendaCenter>. IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND URGENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE CDC REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SELF-QUARANTINE.

IF YOU ARE A CITIZEN WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE CALL ON TUESDAY March 16, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM AT 830-773-1111 OR SEND EMAIL TO irodriguez@eaglepasstx.us

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

MOMENT OF REVERENCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

ORDINANCE(S)

1. Third and final reading of an ordinance amending Section 26-183 and Section 26-184, Article VII, Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eagle Pass, Texas, for the setting of new toll rates to be collected for the International Bridges, increasing to the annual transfer for Bridge System Capital Improvements, and restricting certain funding for downtown improvements; finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law; providing a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action on request submitted by Unity Medical Transport, LLC for a Letter of Approval (LOA) by the City Council of the City of Eagle Pass to provide Emergency Medical Services to be located at 1879 South Veterans Boulevard Suite #5, Eagle Pass, Tx 78852.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reserves the right to consider business out of the posted order and the right to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss items which are not listed as Executive Session items, but which qualify to be discussed in closed session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Entrance and parking spaces for disabled persons are available in front of City Hall.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Secretary, do hereby certify that the agenda mentioned above was posted on the Bulletin Board located in the Lobby at City Hall, 100 South Monroe Street, Eagle Pass, Texas, on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 4:50 p.m.

Imelda B. Rodriguez, TRMC, City Secretary

Item

#1

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-183 AND SECTION 26-184, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, FOR THE SETTING OF NEW TOLL RATES TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES, INCREASING TO THE ANNUAL TRANSFER FOR BRIDGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND RESTRICTING CERTAIN FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- WHEREAS,** the City has adopted a Capital Improvement Plan that address projects necessary to accommodate the City growth; and
- WHEREAS,** the Capital Improvement Plan includes major infrastructure improvements to improve commercial and non-commercial traffic at Camino Real International Bridge, and
- WHEREAS,** the Capital Improvement Plan includes major renovation to the facilities at both international bridge along with software and hardware upgrade to improve bridge operations;
- WHEREAS,** the City has deemed the current annual allocation to the Bridge System Capital Improvement Reserve inadequate for future growth and expansion; and
- WHEREAS,** the City is making a commitment to revitalization of the City's Historic Downtown; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Eagle Pass believes it is in the best interest of the City to affect such toll fees in order to accomplish the goals of the Capital Improvement Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, that:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Eagle Pass is hereby amended by amending Section 26-183 and Section 26-184, Article VII, Chapter 26 hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 26-183: Toll Schedules; effective date

The schedule of tolls to be collected by the City for all southbound traffic crossing the International Bridges shall be as follows:

(1) Persons:

Pedestrians (over 36 inches tall).....	\$1.00/pedestrian
Bicycles including rider,.....	\$1.00/bicycle

(2) Non-Commercial Vehicles

Passenger Car or Truck (including dual tires).....	\$2.00/axle or \$4.00/vehicle
Motorcycle or Cart.....	\$2.00/axle or \$4.00/vehicle
Trailer being pulled by either non-commercial class.....	\$2.00/axle
Express Card-Passenger Car or Truck (including dual tires).....	\$1.50/axle or \$3.00/vehicle
Effective October 1, 2021.....	\$1.75/axle or \$3.50/vehicle
Effective October 1, 2022.....	\$2.00/axle or \$4.00/vehicle

(3) Commercial Vehicles- Empty or Loaded

Trucks (including flatbed single/dual tires).....	\$5.00/axle
Buses.....	\$5.00/axle

(4) Special Fee- Weight in excess of 80,000 pounds

Per axle pound.....	\$.85/1,000 pounds
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Axle pound calculation is the number of axles multiplied by five thousand (5,000) plus the total cargo weight in pounds.

(5) Other Fees

Express Card Fee	
Additional Express Card.....	\$5.00
Replacement Express Card.....	\$5.00

Non-Sufficient Funds

Returned Check Fee.....\$30.00

(6) Mexico Peso Currency

For the convenience of customers that choose to pay with Mexican currency, the City shall accept Mexican Pesos to pay the toll fee based on the exchange rate between U.S Dollar and Mexican Peso, as published in the Wall Street Journal, plus a convenience charge of up to three (3) Mexican Pesos per U.S Dollar over the local exchange rate. The City Manager, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for monitoring and adjusting the equivalent value of the exchange rate as necessary, to accommodate fluctuations in the exchange rate on either quarterly, monthly, or daily basis.

Section 26-184: Use of revenue.

The gross revenue generated by the International Bridge shall be deposited in the city's International Bridge Enterprise Fund. Such revenue shall be used in order of priority as listed below:

- (1) Payment of all necessary and reasonable maintenance and operating expenses.
- (2) Payment of International Bridge Debt (principal and interest).
- (3) To maintain an operating reserve equal to thirty (30) percent of the budgeted expenses for the current year.
- (4) To maintain a repair and replacement reserve equal to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).
- (5) To transfer seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) annually to a capital replacement and/or improvement for the International Bridge System.
- (6) To transfer a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually for downtown revitalization.
- (7) Any remaining funds may be transferred to the city's general fund at the discretion of the city manager.

SECTION 2. If any section, part, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then, in that event, it is expressly provided, and it is the intention of the City Council in passing this Ordinance that its parts shall be severable, and all other parts of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING on this 3rd Day of March, A.D., 2021.

ATTEST:

Luis E. Sifuentes
Mayor

Imelda B. Rodriguez
City Secretary

AYES: Sifuentes, Davis, Diaz, Ramon, Salinas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this 9th Day of March , A.D., 2021.

ATTEST:

Luis E. Sifuentes
Mayor

Imelda B. Rodriguez
City Secretary

AYES: Sifuentes, Davis, Diaz, Ramon, Salinas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING this 16th Day of March A.D., 2021.

ATTEST:

Luis E. Sifuentes
Mayor

Imelda B. Rodriguez
City Secretary

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:

Langley & Banack, Inc.
City Attorney