

WORK SESSION AGENDA

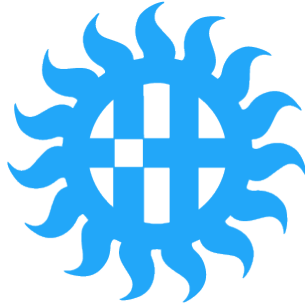
Monday, August 25, 2025 at 1:00 PM

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Aug 25 2025

TITLE: CITY OF LAS CRUCES ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Economic Development Department will present an update of the economic outlook of the City of Las Cruces. The presentation will focus on labor force trends, industry trends, and general business trends of the local economy.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: FY24/FY25 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
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BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

In accordance with the Accountability in Government Ordinance and Internal Audit's Mission and Strategic Business Plan, the FY24 / FY25 Annual Internal Audit Report and the FY24 / FY25 Ethics Surveys were completed. A presentation has been prepared to inform City Council of the Internal Audit Office's FY24 / FY25 activities and the FY24 / FY25 Ethics Survey results.

PLAN(S):

Department Strategic Business Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

Oversight Committee



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TITLE: IMPROVE LAS CRUCES: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS BOND

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☐ Inform/Update ☒ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces recently approved an increase to its gross receipts tax (GRT), raising the rate by 0.325%, from 8.0625% to 8.3875%. This adjustment is expected to generate approximately \$11.5 million in its first year, with a 3% annual increase thereafter. This measure was passed by voters in the November 2024 general election with 55% approval.

The increase will establish a recurring, reliable source of revenue to support capital improvement and maintenance for public safety, streets, parks, and other public facilities and critical infrastructure.

To maximize the number of projects that can be completed, the City plans to leverage this new revenue by issuing bonds. The tentative proposal includes borrowing approximately \$20 million every two years, with GRT revenues used to cover the associated debt service, ensuring the City can meet its financial obligations. Any additional revenue collected could be allocated to support routine maintenance and smaller projects to help maintain the City's aging infrastructure.

City staff will present more detailed information about the GRT increase, including a preliminary list of projects that need prioritization.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None