

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Wednesday, June 22, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

City Representative Aleksandra Annelo, District 2- 915.212.0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 3 - Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a resolution recognizing the month of June 2022 as Pride Month and accepting a donation of a Progress Pride flag from EP Sun City Pride and to have City Hall fly the Progress Pride flag every year in June in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ Community.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Recognition of Pride Month 2022 and upgrading from the Pride flag to the Progress Pride flag to be inclusive and stand in solidarity with the entire LGBTQIA+ community.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? Yes, on June 9, 2020, Council approved a resolution to accept the donation of a Pride flag from EP Sun City Pride and to have City Hall fly the Pride flag every year in June in solidarity with LGBTQ+ Community.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer? N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, El Paso is home to thousands of LGBTQIA+ people; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the City Council of the City of El Paso accepted the donation of a Pride flag from EP Sun City Pride and has since then, displayed the Pride flag at City Hall in support of El Paso's LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQIA+ people in society; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQIA+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQIA+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the City of El Paso calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for El Paso's LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to act and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the month of June 2022 shall be recognized as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

That the City of El Paso recognizes all LGBTQIA+ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make the City of El Paso a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit.

That the City Council accepts the donation of a Progress Pride Flag from EP Sun City Pride; and
That on June 22, 2022, the City of El Paso will fly the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall in recognition of EP Sun City Pride; and

That every year, for the month of June, the City will fly the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall in support of El Paso's LGBTQIA+ community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ramona Frazier

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Assistant City Attorney