

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: ZOO

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Joseph Montisano, 915-212-2800

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: GOAL – Enhances El Paso’s Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments

SUBGOAL: 4.2- Create Innovative recreational, educational and cultural programs.

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.

That the City of El Paso proudly accepts and recognizes the significant contributions from the estate of Ruth Haase for the El Paso Zoo and directs the Interim City Manager to execute the Beneficiary Acknowledgment Form and any other necessary documentation.

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?

Ruth H. Haase Living Trust named the El Paso Zoo as a beneficiary to receive a distribution of 10% of the Trust’s assets, less applicable expense. The El Paso Zoo desires to accept this gift and will greatly benefit from this generous contribution.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

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*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Montisano



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ruth H. Haase Living Trust named the El Paso Zoo as a beneficiary to receive a distribution of 10% of the Trust's assets, less applicable expense; and,

WHEREAS, the initial contribution to the Zoo will be an amount of \$50,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust estimates an additional amount of around \$20,000.00 to be donated to the Zoo after all distributions are finalized; and;

WHEREAS, the El Paso Zoo desires to accept this gift and will greatly benefit from this generous contribution.

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

That the City of El Paso proudly accepts and recognizes the significant contributions from the estate of Ruth Haase for the El Paso Zoo and directs the Interim City Manager to execute the Beneficiary Acknowledgement Form and any other necessary documentation.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Russell T. Abeln

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Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Joe Montisano

Joe Montisano, Managing Director
Zoo Department

BENEFICIARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

TO: Scott A. Hodges, Trustee of the Ruth H. Haase Living Trust

FROM: El Paso Zoo, Beneficiary of the Ruth H. Haase Living Trust

I acknowledge and agree that I have received from Scott A. Hodges, Trustee of the Ruth H. Haase Living Trust (the Trust), a copy of the trust document, a trust accounting through July 14, 2023, and a notification of the Trust's beneficiaries and planned distributions thereto. I have no objections or disputes regarding the information provided, the trust accounting, or the planned distributions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____