

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



DEPARTMENT: Strategic and Legislative Affairs

AGENDA DATE: 9/30/25

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Paul Albright, Ian Voglewede

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL:

No. 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

An amendment to the enabling Resolution establishing the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee to amend or remove language that contradicts the City's uniform bylaws to standardize all the city boards that are advisory. Furthermore, the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee wishes to eliminate confusion with the federal agency of a similar name. The name would change to the Veterans Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

May 12, 2025 City Council directed boards and commissions be standardized. On January 16, 2025, the VAAC voted to change its name to the Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC).

On May 18, 2023, VAAC voted to advise City Council to amend the Enabling Resolution a fourth time to revise the name of the VAAC to eliminate confusion with the federal agency of a similar name.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

May 5th, 2015, Council established the Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee.
November 10, 2020, Council voted to extend the VAAC with a new sunset date of December 31, 2028.
November 10th, 2020 Council voted to extend term limits to 4 years for appointed committee members as a part of the adopted resolution.
May 25, 2021, City Council approved a second amendment to, among other changes, revise membership requirements and clarify terms of then-current members.
August 1, 2023 City Council voted to amend the resolution to change the reporting frequency of the VAAC to Council once annually.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephen Ian Voglewede Digitally signed by Stephen Ian Voglewede
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the El Paso City Council (“City Council”) enacted a Resolution establishing a Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee to advise City Council on matters related to veteran affairs; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2025 City Council directed boards and commissions be standardized; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to establish a set of uniform bylaws to be adopted and followed by all city boards that are advisory in nature; and

WHEREAS, City Council agrees the Enabling Resolution needs to be amended to amend or remove language that contradicts the City’s uniform bylaws in order to standardize all the city boards that are advisory in nature, unless otherwise specified by State, Federal, or other applicable law;

WHEREAS, The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee wishes to eliminate confusion with the federal agency of a similar name; and

WHEREAS, certain subcommittees are found to be valuable to the nature of the work of the committee.

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

1. That the name of the committee be amended to Veterans Advisory Committee, (VAC) and all references to Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee be amended to Veterans Advisory Committee.
2. That the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Section 2 be revised to read as follows:

Bylaws and Procedures

 - A. The Veterans Advisory Committee shall adopt and utilize the City of El Paso, Texas Boards and Commissions Uniform Bylaws.
 - B. The Veterans Advisory Committee shall have the following three subcommittees, Employment, Homelessness and Mental Health.
3. That Section 2 Paragraphs B and C be removed in their entirety.
4. Any other clauses needed depending on the board.
5. Except as amended herein, the Enabling Resolution remains in full force and effect.
6. The bylaws shall not take effect until the Uniform Bylaws are adopted by ordinance of the City Council.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Renard U. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Aguinaga Jr

Robert Aguinaga Jr.
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Paul Albright

Paul Albright
Chief Military Officer