

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 10.11.22

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez ~ 915.212.0003

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 3

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 2 - Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

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 that declares the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be used towards a COVID-19 safe, inclusive and sensory friendly, Halloween event in District 3, serves a municipal purpose by setting the standard for a safe and secure city, enhancing El Paso's quality of life, promoting transparent and consistent communication among all members of the community, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable 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?

For the past two years, the Office of District 3 has organized COVID-19 safe Halloween events at various locations throughout District 3. These past holiday events have been funded through a combination of donations from community partners and District 3 discretionary funds. The Office of District 3 seeks to continue the holiday tradition, and this year will host a sensory friendly "Trunk-or-Treat" Halloween event in partnership with the Autism Society of El Paso and the Office of JP Judge Josh Herrera. The event strives to create to an inclusive and safe Halloween experience for all including those with sensory sensitivities, food allergies and/or disabilities.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

Yes.

10.13.20 City Council Meeting

Discussion and action that the City Council declares that the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to host permitted Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos activities, serves a municipal purpose by setting the standard for a safe and secure city, promoting the visual image of El Paso, enhancing El Paso's quality of life, promoting transparent and consistent communication among all members of the community, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable 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?

\$1,500 from District 3 Discretionary Funds

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for the past two years, the Office of District 3 has organized COVID-19 safe Halloween events at various locations throughout District 3; and

WHEREAS, these past holiday events have been funded through a combination of donations from community partners and District 3 discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of District 3 seeks to continue the holiday tradition, and this year will host a sensory friendly “Trunk-or-Treat” Halloween event in partnership with the Autism Society of El Paso and the Office of JP Judge Josh Herrera; and

WHEREAS, the office of District 3, City Representative wishes to host this event to create an inclusive and safe Halloween experience for all including those with sensory sensitivities, food allergies and/or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Representative of District 3, Cassandra Hernandez, desires to contribute discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for permitted activities associated with hosting an inclusive and safe Halloween experience; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be used towards a COVID-19 safe, inclusive and sensory friendly, Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event in District 3, serves a municipal purpose by setting the standard for a safe and secure city, enhancing El Paso’s quality of life, promoting transparent and consistent communication among all members of the community, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable community.

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

That the City Council declares the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be used towards a COVID-19 safe, inclusive and sensory friendly, Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event in District 3, serves a municipal purpose by setting the standard for a safe and secure city, enhancing El Paso’s quality of life, promoting transparent and consistent communication among all members of the community, and nurturing and promoting a healthy and sustainable community.

Further, that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers and execute any contracts and/or related documents necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

[Signatures begin on the following page]

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Joyce Garcia
Assistant City Attorney