

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

**DEPARTMENT:**

**AGENDA DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:**

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

**SUBJECT:**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

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

**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?

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, during the Korean War over 50,000 American soldiers lost their lives and double that amount were wounded. Despite this grueling conflict, the Korean War has been referred to as the "Forgotten War";

**WHEREAS**, efforts to honor the veterans who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War have been under taken by the Korean War Veterans Association in El Paso, the City of El Paso and the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, during the 87 Texas Legislative Session, SB 1704 was authored by State Senator Cesar Blanco to amend the Transportation Code to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 54 in El Paso County as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway;

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2021 City Council approved an item to support SB 1704 by adding the item to the City's State 87th Legislative Session Agenda as a support item and that a letter of support for SB 1704 be provided to the Senator and any committees that will be considering the bill;

**WHEREAS**, on June, 18, 2021 Governor Greg Abbot signed SB 1704 into law designating a portion of U.S. Highway 54 in El Paso County as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway;

**WHEREAS**, SB 1704 requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to design, construct, and erect highway markers naming a specific portion or segment of the state highway;

**WHEREAS**, SB 1704 did not appropriate funds and according to the Texas Transportation Code, Section 225.021(c), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) may not design, construct, or erect a marker under this subchapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made to TxDOT to cover the cost;

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

Approve a resolution authorizing the expenditure of District 3 discretionary funds in an amount of \$500, the expenditure of District 2 discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, and the expenditure of District 4 discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 to go towards the efforts to fund the design, construct, and installation highway markers naming a specific portion or segment the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway and declaring that such expenditure meets a

municipal purpose to promote the visual image of El Paso by improving the visual impression of the community gateways.

Further, the City Council authorizes the expenditure of the funds as described above and, that the City Manager is authorized to effectuate any budget transfers necessary to ensure that the funds are properly expended for such purpose and is authorized to execute any related agreements, amendments to such agreements, and documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022


**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Lesser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Evy A. Sotelo  
Assistant City Attorney