

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

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Joe Molinar, (915) 212-0004
City Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003
City Representative Henry Rivera, (915) 212-0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

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 to approve a resolution to name the current and new El Paso Police Headquarters after Police Chief Gregory K. Allen.

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?

Former Chief Greg K. Allen served the community for 44 years as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant and lastly, led the force as chief of police, until his passing on January 17, 2023. Over four thousand signatures from police Officers, their family members, and the public have been gathered in favor of this naming proposal to honor and remember the late Chief Allen.

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*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chief Gregory K. Allen #626 was a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen was involved in the study of martial arts for approximately 59 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen joined the City of El Paso in 1978 as a police officer and during Chief Allen's tenure of over 44 years, he rose through the ranks as a Patrol Officer, Training Specialist at the Police Academy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen served in several high-profile units of the Police Department including the Gang Task Force, SWAT, the Tactical Section, Auto Theft Task Force, and Commander of the Dignitary Protection Team; and

WHEREAS, during Chief Allen's tenure in the Tactical Section and SWAT, he served as a field officer as well as a supervisor, serving as the first and only supervisor of a full time SWAT Unit; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen was appointed Chief of Police of the El Paso Police Department of El Paso, Texas on March 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen fully supported the Police Department and its hard-working employees, who continue to provide service to the community, with the sincere belief that the street police officer is the most important person in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, based on this philosophy, it is fitting that under his direction for the first time in the City's history, El Paso was named "The Safest Large City" in the United States for four consecutive years from 2010 to 2013 and one of the top ten safest cities in the United States for several years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen led generations of police officers through countless tragedies and law enforcement emergency responses within our community including the domestic terrorist attack on August 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Texas Governor Abbott appointed Chief Allen to the Domestic Terrorism Task Force in the wake of the El Paso shooting to combat hateful acts and extremism in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Police officers and the City of El Paso mourn the passing of Chief Allen on January 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen is survived by his wife, Rosanne, and children Nicole, Joseph, Monique, and Christopher; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is in receipt of a petition signed by hundreds of El Paso Police Officers, their family members, and the public seeking to name the current and new El Paso Police Headquarters after Police Chief Gregory K. Allen.

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

THAT the El Paso Police Department headquarters be named "Chief Gregory K. Allen El Paso Police Department Headquarters", and that the City Manager is authorized to make all necessary budget transfers for that purpose.

APPROVED this _____ of _____, 2023.

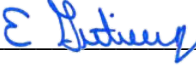
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas
El Paso Police Department