

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: 9.28.21

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez 212.0003

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 3

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 5 - Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Amongst All Members of the Community

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.

Accept the donations of \$2,500 from Marathon Petroleum, \$2,000 from El Paso Disposal, \$1,000 from El Paso Electric, and \$1,500 from Texas Gas Service for the purpose of funding for a second year, COVID-19 safe holiday events and initiatives in District 3, to include a Halloween Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat to deter door-to-door trick-or-treating during the pandemic, turkeys for families in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for a less-fortunate neighborhood in the district.

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?

The Office of Representative Hernandez is beginning to plan for upcoming COVID-19 safe holidays events for District 3 and the community. The District 3 office held the following events last year, funded through a combination of donations from community partners and with District 3 discretionary funds. The District 3 Office went through an application process to be considered for these donations.

Here are the three main events funds will go towards:

Halloween Candy Drive-Through

We held this event last year at Hidden Valley Park in support of the Health Authority Orders limiting Halloween activities and event, as a deterrent to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Families were able to drive up and we provided candy bags and candies to the children. We also had officers and traffic control to make sure traffic was safe. We will expand to the east side area of our district.

Thanksgiving

For the past two years, we provide around 20 full turkeys to families in need or non-profit organizations who provide meals to less fortunate families. With the donations, we would scale these efforts for this year.

Christmas

Last year, we collaborated with the Cielo Vista and Corbin/Sambrano Neighborhood Associations and held a toy, book and grocery gift card giveaway the Sambrano neighborhood in South Central. We provided for around 25 families and almost 90 children who were all neighbors. For many children and families, the gift we gave was the only present they received that holiday.

We recognize the need and happiness these events bring to our neighborhoods and through the community partners willing to support District 3 initiatives through their donations, we are able to make these events possible.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

Yes. I following items were approved by City Council in 2020 and 2021 for the related events.

City Council Meeting - January 5, 2021:

For Notation Purposes:

-Accept the donation of \$500 from El Paso Firefighters IAFF Local 51 to pay for COVID-19 safe Christmas activities within District 3.

City Council Meeting - November 24, 2020:

For Notation Purposes:

-Accept the donation of \$1,000 from Marathon Petroleum to pay for permitted activities and other COVID-19 safe initiatives within District 3.

City Council Meeting - October 13, 2020:

For Notation Purposes:

-Discussion and action that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from El Paso Disposal to pay for permitted activities for Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos.

-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?

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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