

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 2 - Set the Standard for A Safe & 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.

Recognition of EPFD Firefighter Armando Lopez for being the only first responder from El Paso to receive the 2022 Star of Texas Award from Governor Abbott.

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? N/A

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*****

Governor Abbott Presents 2022 Star Of Texas Awards

September 9, 2022 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today recognized peace officers, fire fighters, and first responders who demonstrated heroism and sacrifice in service to their communities and to the Lone Star State at the 2022 Star of Texas Awards Ceremony in Austin. The Governor was joined by First Lady Cecilia Abbott in presenting the awards to Star of Texas recipients.

"The remarkable men and women receiving the Star of Texas Awards today represent the very best of Texas, and this award is a token of our gratitude for their immense service to the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "It is an honor to recognize the 36 individuals today in this room who have sacrificed so much and acted selflessly for others. I want to thank them on behalf of the entire State of Texas for the risks they have taken and continue to take to protect Texans across our state every single day. Our law enforcement officers, first responders, and their families will always have support from their Governor and the State of Texas."

The Star of Texas Awards were created in 2003 by House Bill 1937 to honor and commemorate individuals who made profound commitments while performing their duties as peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders. HB 1937 also designated September 11th of every year as Texas First Responders Day. Today's ceremony honored and recognized 36 Texans for their remarkable courage and tremendous sacrifice in the line of duty, including some who gave their lives.

The 2022 recipients of the Star of Texas Awards are:

Kreyton Paschall, Arlington Police Department

Jon F. Riordan, Austin Police Department

Lewis Andrew Traylor, Austin Police Department

Charles Edward Patterson, Bowie Rural Volunteer Fire Department

Timothy Pierce, Burnet Fire Department

Manuel Dominguez, Corpus Christi Police Department

Christopher Gadomski, Dallas Fire Rescue Department

Ronald Hall, Dallas Fire Rescue Department

Pauline Angelique Perez, Dallas Fire Rescue Department

Juan Barron, Dallas Police Department

Barbara Ann Fenley, Eastland County Sheriff's Office

Armando Lopez, El Paso Fire Department

Adam Matthew Earls, Fannin County Sheriff's Office

Keith Laughlin, Georgetown Police Department

Ashley Wall, Georgetown Police Department

Ross Duncan Koonce, Harris County Constable Precinct 1

Kareem Anthony Atkins, Harris County Constable Precinct 4

Juqaim Sheldean Barthen, Harris County Constable Precinct 4

Darryl Wayne Garrett, Harris County Constable Precinct 4

Chris Hendrix, Harris County Constable Precinct 4

Darren Almendarez, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Samuel Cleveland, Houston Police Department

Chase Elliott Cormier, Houston Police Department

William J. Jeffrey, Houston Police Department

Harold Lloyd Preston, Houston Police Department

Sean Sebastian Rios, Houston Police Department

Jarrid Sallee, Houston Police Department

Michael Wylie Vance, Houston Police Department

Courtney T. Waller, Houston Police Department

Sherman Otto Benys, Jr., Kingsville Police Department

Richard Lee Houston II, Mesquite Police Department

Alejandro Munoz, Odessa Police Department

Jaden Maizie Bender, San Antonio Police Department

Ralph P. Delgado, Jr., San Antonio Police Department

Seth D. Hudson, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Department

Michael Cardenas, Val Verde County Sheriff's Office