

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 1.17.24

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

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

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 to approve a resolution that recognizes Lieutenant James "Jay" Nicholson as the newly elected President of the El Paso Association of Firefighters, Local 51.

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?

Lieutenant James "Jay" Nicholson, Sr. Lieutenant Nicholson was elected to the position of trustee with the El Paso Association of Firefighters Local 51, a position to which he was re-elected prior to holding the positions of parliamentarian, first vice-president, and as of January 1, 2024 president.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

Yes, there have been numerous resolutions considered by City Council that recognize individuals for their accomplishments and service to El Paso.

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, Lieutenant James “Jay” Nicholson, Sr. #017996 served five years as a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, prior to entering the El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) Academy in April of 2008 where he, as a trainee, began working with the EPFD Explorers Program; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Fire Academy, Lieutenant Nicholson was assigned to Battalion 5, B-Shift – Northeast El Paso, where he became certified as a paramedic in 2010, while continuing his work with the Explorers, ultimately becoming the lead advisor of the program in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Nicholson, upon promotion to the rank of fire suppression technician, was assigned to the EPFD Community Risk Reduction section in 2015, where he helped to spearhead community outreach and support programs throughout the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Lieutenant Nicholson became certified as a Texas peace officer and was reassigned to the EPFD Investigations section; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Nicholson was assigned to Pumper 5, Battalion 3, B-Shift – Central El Paso prior to being promoted to the rank of lieutenant on Rescue 28, Battalion 5, B-Shift – Northeast El Paso in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Nicholson was elected to the position of trustee with the El Paso Association of Firefighters Local 51, a position to which he was re-elected prior to holding the positions of parliamentarian, first vice-president, and as of January 1, 2024 president; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Nicholson has always shown a kind heart and genuine concern for his fellow firefighters, first responders, and all El Pasoans.

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

That the City of El Paso proudly honors and recognizes the Lieutenant James “Jay” Nicholson as the newly elected President of the El Paso Association of Firefighters, Local 51.

(Signatures begin on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of January, 2024.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Armendariz', is written over a horizontal line.

Carlos L. Armendariz
Assistant City Attorney