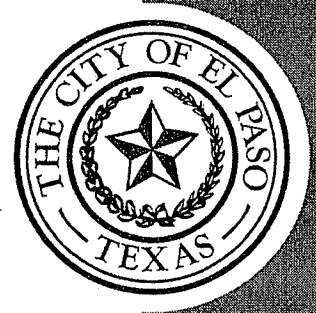


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**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
(RCA)**



DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

AGENDA DATE: Introduction – September 15, 2009
Public Hearing – September 22, 2009

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Leila Melendez, (915) 541-4859

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance to abolish the El Paso Mountain Committee and to assign the duties held by the Committee to the City Plan Commission, by repealing Ordinance No. 14790 (Establishing the El Paso Mountain Committee); and amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) Chapter 2.08 (City Plan Commission), Section 2.08.110 (City Planning-Duty to Keep Informed On, Study and Recommended Improvements) of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

As part of the FY 2010 budget process for the City of El Paso, the Mayor and Council undertook an extensive review of all city boards and commissions and made a series of decisions to sunset and/or merge existing boards with other similar likeness. This board is one approved by Council to be sunset completely and its duties transferred to the City Plan Commission. Board members were notified of this impending action by the City Manager and they were encouraged to contact their District Representative or this office if they had interest in serving on another active board.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SCOPE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ FINANCE: (if required) _____

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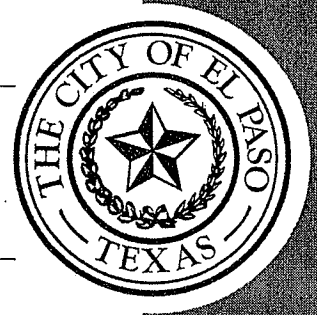
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OTHER: _____

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE EL PASO MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE AND TO ASSIGN THE DUTIES HELD BY THE COMMITTEE TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 14790 (ESTABLISHING THE EL PASO MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE); AND AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) CHAPTER 2.08 (CITY PLAN COMMISSION), SECTION 2.08.110 (CITY PLANNING—DUTY TO KEEP INFORMED ON, STUDY AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the El Paso Mountain Committee (“Committee”) was initially created as the Citizen’s Advisory Impact Study Committee on March 8, 1973 to oversee development of the mountain area, and on July 10, 1975, the committee name was changed to the El Paso Mountain Committee; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Mountain Committee was re-established on June 25, 1985 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 8392, which was subsequently amended by Ordinances Nos. 8720 on July 8, 1986, 11526 on August 24, 1993, and 14790 on March 13, 2001, at which time all prior ordinances were repealed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso determines that the duties assigned to the El Paso Mountain Committee should be carried out by the City Plan Commission and that sunsetting the El Paso Mountain Committee and assigning these duties to the City Plan Commission is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of El Paso.

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

Section 1. That the El Paso Mountain Committee, as most recently established and governed by Ordinance No. 14790, adopted on March 13, 2001, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Section 2.08.110 of the El Paso City Code is amended, for the purpose of assigning the duties previously held by the El Paso Mountain Committee to the City Plan Commission, as follows:

Section 2.08.110 City planning--Duty to keep informed on, study and recommend improvements.

A. It shall be the duty of the city plan commission to keep itself informed as to the progress of city planning in this and other countries, and to make studies and recommendations for the improvement of the sanitation, recreation and general welfare of the public, and to improve traffic, transportation and the general convenience of the public, and the economic development of the city, and it shall submit to the city council, from time to time, plans, reports and recommendations concerning the development of facilities for public recreation, the

development and improvement of public parks, boulevards, highways and other grounds, the improvement of the river front and the extension and opening of streets and highways.

B. It shall be the duty of the city plan commission to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Council on the following matters relating to the Mountain Development Area, as defined in Title 19 of the El Paso City Code, and as requested by the City Council:

1. When performing any duty or function that requires only the giving of a recommendation to the City Council regarding property located within the Mountain Development Area, to give special attention to drainage and flood control, open space requirements, grading impacts, and developmental controls when making such recommendation;
2. To review and make recommendations for change, when appropriate, to regulations of the El Paso City Code affecting development of the Mountain Development Area;
3. Make recommendations for future acquisition of properties in the mountain Development Area that are of interest and concern to the City; and
4. Assist local and state agencies, as needed, in the long-term planning for the Franklin Mountains State Park.

Section 3. Except as herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.08 (City Plan Commission) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2009.

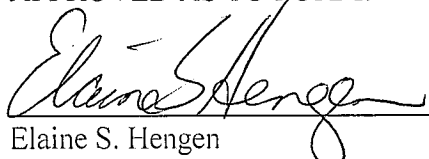
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney