

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2020

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:
City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: N/A

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.

Presentation, discussion and action on a resolution expressing the City of El Paso's most sincere regret of El Pasoan Charles Ponzio, Jr passing; honors his life and memory; and acknowledges and extends its profound appreciation to him for his leadership as one of the founders and first president of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and creating a legacy by establishing an organization that serves Hispanics, changed the paradigm of city business leadership, includes Hispanics in the process, and reflects the population demographics of the community.

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?

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?n=charles-ponzio&pid=196520914>

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

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*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio served as a primary leader in the fight to open doors of opportunity for Hispanics in the El Paso and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio was one of the founding members of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber and served as its first President; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio led the fight to get El Paso city and county government to be more reflective of the cultural makeup of the population; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio led the fight for better access to capital for Hispanic and all minority business; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio strived to create a more level playing field in city government procurement for Hispanic and all minority businesses; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio led the efforts to have more Hispanic and minority department leaders within the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio fostered a Hispanic leadership pipeline within the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other organization to prepare them to run for public office; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio led a group of Hispanic leaders to represent and speak for the needs of the El Paso Hispanic and underserved community; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio, along with others, fought to foster an educational environment that better addressed the educational needs of all students in El Paso; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio was an integral part of the local Hispanic leaders that changed the paradigm of the leadership of the city and the business community; and

WHEREAS; Charles “Charlie” Ponzio’s dedication and work helped champion access to business for women and minorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of El Paso with this expresses its most sincere regret at the passing of Charles “Charlie” Ponzio, Jr., honored in life and memory as an outstanding El Pasoan and fearless advocate for the Hispanic community; and acknowledges its profound appreciation to him for his many years of selfless services and personal sacrifices; honors his life, leadership, and recognizes its profound gratitude to him for his many contributions to the community.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Oscar G. Gabaldon, Jr.
Assistant City Attorney