

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community
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.

Discussion and action to direct the City Manager to work with Cielo Vista/ Simon properties and Cielo Vista Walmart on any immediate or future plans regarding the items at the Cielo Vista Walmart Community Makeshift Memorial; and to secure the victim's families and surviving victims of the August 3, 2019 Walmart shooting and Cielo Vista Walmart employees are given priority and be the first to be offered all items that the community has taken to be placed at the memorial in loving memory of the victims.

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? My office along with the Zaragoza Rotary Club and community volunteers have been maintaining on a weekly basis the Cielo Vista Walmart Community Makeshift Memorial. We have also been joined by some of the victims' families and I have been asked what will happen to the items and who will get to keep them. Out of respect to the victims' families, surviving victims and Walmart employees, I want to recommend that they are given priority and be the first to be offered the items that the community of El Paso has taken to be placed at the memorial in loving memory of the victims.

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? N/A Has the item been budgeted? N/A If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. N/A Does it require a budget transfer? N/A

El Paso

WALMART TO REOPEN CIELO VISTA STORE ON NOV. 6 ALONG WITH PERMANENT SHOOTING MEMORIAL

By:

• [Jim Parker](#)

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A woman touches a cross at a makeshift memorial for victims outside Walmart, near the scene of a mass shooting on Aug. 3 which left at least 22 people dead in El Paso.

EL PASO, Texas - Walmart plans in early November to reopen the east El Paso store where 22 people were killed, the retail giant said Thursday, noting that construction work on the interior of the building was "progressing smoothly."

ADVERTISING

"We are currently working toward re-opening the store on Wednesday, Nov. 6," Walmart spokesman Randy Hargrove told ABC-7. "Our associates will be completing their temporary store assignments over the next few weeks and returning to the Cielo Vista location in early October to help prepare their store to serve the community again."

About 93% of the hundreds of workers at the store were assigned to temporary jobs at multiple locations across the city following the Aug. 3 mass shooting.

The renovated Cielo Vista store will include a permanent on-site memorial honoring the shooting victims and "convey a message of unity," Hargrove explained, indicating that Walmart was in the process of finalizing design plans for that memorial.

"We look forward to sharing additional details about the store's re-opening and construction of the memorial in the coming weeks," he said.

The announcement from Walmart comes on the heels of a [ruling by an El Paso judge allowing lawyers for a couple injured in the shooting attack to briefly inspect the store](#) site as part of a lawsuit against the retailer alleging lack of security.

Hargrove said that suit would not impact the timeline for reopening the store.

"The court has consistently denied the plaintiffs' request to halt construction on our store and nothing has changed with that," he said.

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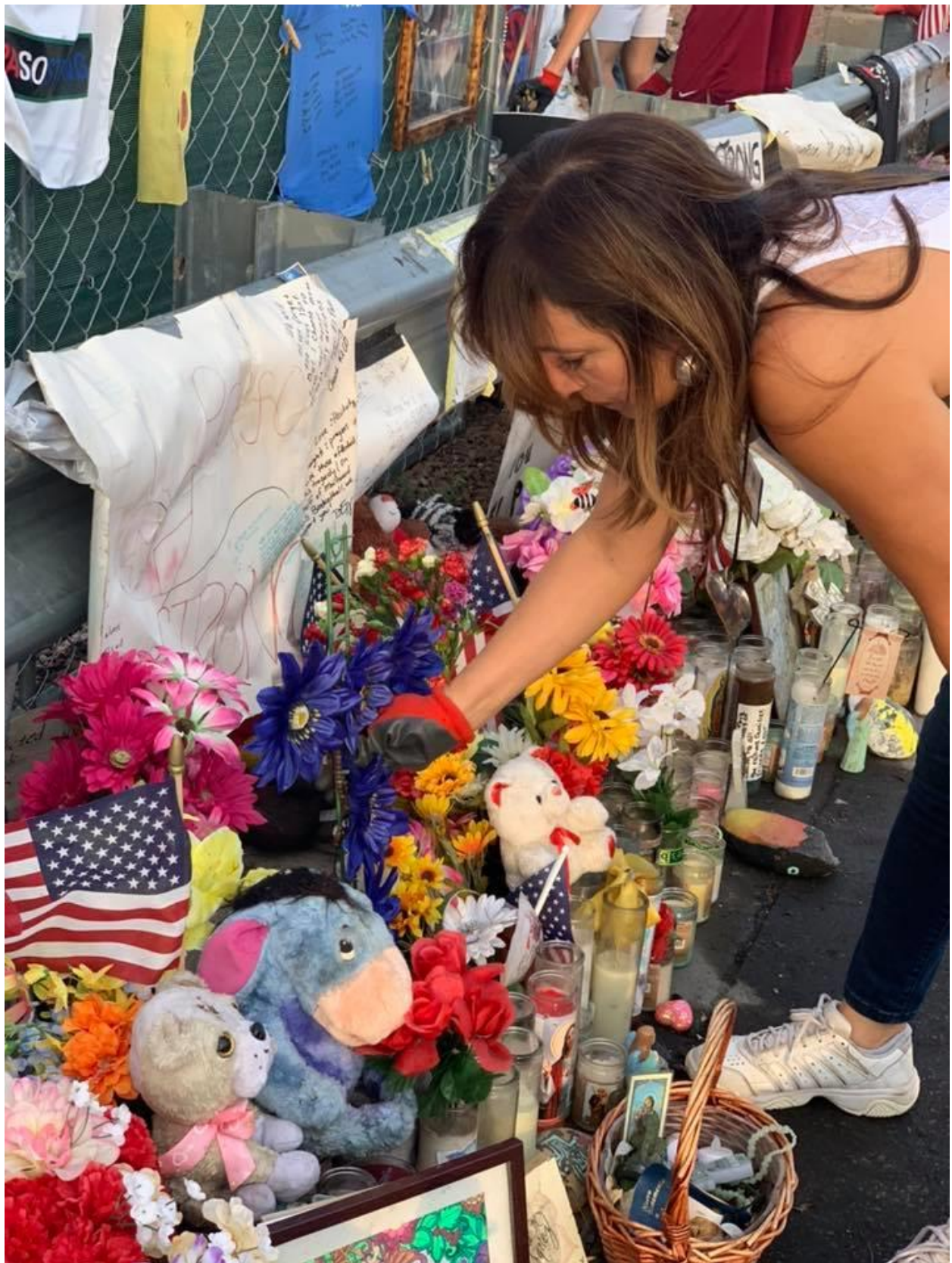
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