

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** City Council, District 1 & District 8

**AGENDA DATE:** November 28, 2017

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Rep. Peter Svarzbein at 212-1001 &  
Rep. Cissy Lizarraga at 212-0008

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**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 & Action resolving to reaffirm the El Paso-Ciudad Juarez Sister Cities agreement as proposed during the Joint City Council meeting held Oct. 30, 2017; establishing a Binational Task Force; and re-activating the Committee on Border Relations.

**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?**

El Paso & Ciudad Juarez Joint City Council (Oct. 30, 2017) proposed creation of a bi-national task force comprised of two city council members and relevant staff from each city that will work on bi-national issues and projects. The creation of this task force will be approved by each city council within 30 days.

<http://agenda.elpasotexas.gov/sirepub/cache/2/cbcms1zsnnfx54toxje4juo1/20744811142017061501380.PDF>

<http://agenda.elpasotexas.gov/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=465&doctype=AGENDA>

[https://issuu.com/pgsvarzbein/docs/joint\\_meeting\\_presentation](https://issuu.com/pgsvarzbein/docs/joint_meeting_presentation)

The Committee on Border Relations enabling Ordinance 008262; subsequent Ordinances 05-12-92 and 017208 establish the standing committee to include additional duties.

[http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/muni\\_clerk/detail.asp?id=22](http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/muni_clerk/detail.asp?id=22)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXKLyjIcNMw>

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

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

Agenda for Regular Council Meeting, Feb. 7, 2017 (33.2)

Discussion and action directing the City Manager to identify funds for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a transnational transportation multi-modal pedestrian-oriented project on the U.S.-Mexico border (El Paso-Juarez Corridor).

Minutes: Motion made by Representative Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Ordaz, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager to work with the Mayor's office on outreach between the two cities, El Paso and Juarez, and on the creation of a binational task force to make recommendations to City Council.

**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**

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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

**Enter appropriate comments or N/A**

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

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