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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 011598, 011902, AND 015748 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NAMING THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR DESIGNEE FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES DEPARTMENT AS SECRETARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the CITY OF EL PASO, ("City") on October 19, 1993, adopted Ordinance Number 011598 which established the International Bridge Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1994, the City adopted Ordinance Number 011902 which Ordinance amended Ordinance Number 011598 by adding a representative from the General Counsel of Mexico or his designee as an additional ex-officio member of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2004, the City adopted Ordinance Number 015748 which revised the effective dates of the terms of the members appointed to the International Bridge Commission, revised the ex-officio membership of the International Bridge Commission and named the City's Street Department as secretary to the International Bridge Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to assign the support responsibilities to the Department Head or designee of the City of El Paso International Bridges Department who will serve as secretary without the right to vote.

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

That Ordinance No. 011598, dated October 19, 1993, Ordinance No. 011902 dated May 10, 1994 and Ordinance No. 015748, dated April 6, 2004 are amended to read as follows:

That an advisory Commission to the Mayor and City Council is created which shall be named the International Bridge Commission.

Commission shall be composed of the following:

1. The Commission membership shall be composed as follows:

    a. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. Each District Representative and the Mayor shall nominate one (1) individual to serve as a member of the Commission. All nominees will be appointed by City Council.

    b. Each member nominated by a Representative must be a resident of the same district as the City Representative making the nomination.

2. There will be three (3) ex-officio members of this Commission who will serve without the right to vote and will not be counted for purposes of constituting a quorum. The three (3) ex-officio members may include Homeland Security, the International Boundary and Water Commission and the General Counsel of Mexico.

The members of the Commission will serve staggered terms. The Commission members' initial terms will be established by lot at the first meeting. The initial board will be composed of five members, including the Chair, who will serve for two years, and four members who will serve for one year. Each successive term thereafter shall be for a two-year period. Initial terms will all run from the date of the first meeting in 2004 of the Commission. Commission members shall serve until a qualified successor is appointed unless otherwise provided for in the El Paso Municipal Code. Commission members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. The members of the Commission shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting, and again annually thereafter. The Commission member chosen as Chair at the first meeting shall have an initial term of two years.

The Commission shall perform the following duties:

a. The Commission shall represent a positive, collective effort to gather information regarding concerns about international bridge safety, aesthetics and commerce from various individuals and organizations including but not limited to civic, consumer, business; public agencies, private agencies and governmental agencies. The Commission may notify various individuals and organizations regarding Commission meetings in order to encourage participation from these sectors of the community.

b. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in a positive attempt to improve matters affecting the aesthetic appearance, safety and efficient flow of commerce and people across the international bridges in El Paso. The Commission shall make their recommendations as required, but at a minimum, once annually.

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Each year, members of the Commission shall elect from their membership two (2) individuals who will serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Department Head or designee of the City's International Bridges Department shall serve as the secretary for the Commission and shall serve without the right to vote and shall not be counted for purposes of constituting a quorum. Other City departments will support the efforts of the Commission as required.

(Signatures on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2008.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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Mayor

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