

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: May 5, 2009
Public Hearing: May 12, 2009

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E./858-3842

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Approve an ordinance amending ordinance number 016971 for the purpose of setting the quorum as a majority of currently appointed commissioners.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The current Ordinance sets the quorum as a majority of the commission make-up or five members. There have been many instances where the Commission was unable to meet because existing vacancies and absences make it very hard to achieve a quorum of five. The recommended change will set the quorum as a majority of currently appointed members but not less than three. Currently there are only five appointed commissioners. This change will make it easier for the commission to meet and deliberate.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____
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Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 016971 TO SET A QUORUM AS A MAJORITY OF CURRENTLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2008, the City adopted Ordinance Number 016971 which restated the ordinance creating the City of El Paso International Bridge Commission and assigned the support responsibilities to the Department Head or designee of the City of El Paso International Bridges Department to serve as secretary.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to set the number of members of the commission required to constitute a quorum as a majority of the number of the currently appointed commissioners.

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

1. That Ordinance Number 016971, dated August 19, 2008, is amended by adding section 3 to read as follows:

3. A quorum of the International Bridge Commission shall consist of a majority of the total number of members currently appointed by city council at the time of the commission meeting; provided however that a quorum shall not be less than three. The chair shall have a vote in all matters. No final action shall be taken on any matter except pursuant to a simple majority vote of members present.

2. Except as herein amended, Ordinance Number 016971, dated August 19, 2008 shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

(Signatures on following page)

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2009.

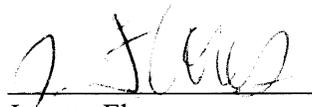
THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E.
International Bridges Director

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