

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges
AGENDA DATE: July 31, 2012
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., Director, 915-533-7428
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8 and 3

SUBJECT:

THAT the City Council, in accordance with the provisions of City Code Subsection 12.056.020 F, hereby exempts city-wide the regularly designated parking meter fees on Friday, August 17, 2012, and Saturday, August 18, 2012, from the hours of 7am and 6pm, for the special downtown and city-wide Sales Tax Holiday. **(Districts 3 & 8)** [International Bridges Dept., Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., 915-533-7428]

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The State of Texas will offer the Tax-Free week end August 17 -19, 2012. The Tax-Free week end will help consumer save money on purchases of clothing, footwear and school supplies and backpacks. The DMD and CBA are planning special promotions and giveaways as well as a "soft" launch or sneak preview of the new DWNTWN Shopping Circulator. This should encourage retail and cultural activities in the downtown area where 99% of the parking meters are located.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Municipal Code Section 12.56.020.F allows for the exemption of parking meter fees by City Council resolution for special downtown events.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Source of Funding: N/A

The revenue shortfall for the Friday and Saturday free parking at the meters event will be moderated by an increase in bridge tolls for the week end.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

Said Larbi-Cherif, Director
International Bridges