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

DEPARTMENT: **Office of Economic Development**

AGENDA DATE: **Regular Agenda – August 17, 2010**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Kathryn Dodson, PhD, Director 541-4670**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: [ALL]

SUBJECT:
A resolution nominating El Paso Healthcare System, LTD. to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an Enterprise project for Del Sol Hospital located at 10301 Gateway Blvd W; El Paso, TX 79925. [All Districts][Economic Development - Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director 915 541 4670]

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:
El Paso Healthcare System, LTD. has asked for designation as an enterprise project for Del Sol Hospital and meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City on the grounds that it is located at the qualified business sites, will retain or create jobs, and maintain economic activity and stability.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?
Yes – May 26, 2009 Ordinance signaling our intent to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program

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?
No impact on the General Fund

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A.
N/A

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: If RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also). ***Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager***

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER:_____ **DATE:** _____

A RESOLUTION NOMINATING EL PASO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, LTD. AS A TEXAS STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso ("City") has previously passed Ordinance No. 017116 on May 26, 2009, electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the local incentives offered under this Resolution are the same on this date as were outlined in Ordinance No. 017116; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Texas Government Code ("Act"), El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. d/b/a Del Sol Medical Center has applied to the City for designation as an enterprise zone project; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism ("EDC") through the Economic Development Bank ("Bank") will consider El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd., as an enterprise project pursuant to a nomination and an application made by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to pursue the creation of the proper economic and social environment in order to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in the City and to provide employment to residents of enterprise zones and to other economically disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

1. El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. is a "qualified business" under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site located in an enterprise zone and at least twenty-five percent (25.0%) of the business' new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone or economically disadvantaged individuals; and

2. There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities within the area; and

3. The designation of El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the City for development and revitalization of the area.

WHEREAS, the City finds that El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City and nominates El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. for enterprise project status on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the City to nominate El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. as an enterprise project pursuant to the Act.

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

1. That El Paso Healthcare System, Ltd. is a "qualified business", as defined in Section 2303.402 of the Act, and meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project, as set forth in Section 2303, Subchapter F of the Act;

2. That the enterprise zone project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by the agency and terminate five years after date of designation; and

3. That the City Manager or her designee be authorized to sign any and all documentation required by EDC to complete the nomination process.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Kathryn B. Dodson, Ph.D., Director
Economic Development Department