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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 7 Ordinance/Resolution# 11-054 Council District:

For Meeting of September 7, 2010
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE TWO BRONZE SCULPTED LIONS LOCATED AT CITY HALL, 700 NORTH MAIN STREET, AS "E.J." FOR THE MALE AND "MABEL" FOR THE FEMALE.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

The purpose of this action is to officially name the bronze sculpted lions donated to the City by the Stern family.

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Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Facilities Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2651	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2107
Other			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2128	City Manager		541-2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces received a donation of two bronze sculpted lions, one male and one female, on August 9, 1968, from Mr. E.J. Stern. These sculptures were originally installed at the previous City Hall location, 200 N. Church Street. The two lions were relocated to 700 N. Main Street, in order to be prominently displayed at the entrance of the new City Hall site. A rededication ceremony was held on April 5, 2010, coupled with the grand opening celebration of the new facility.

The Las Cruces Sun-News recently conducted an on-line poll to solicit votes on possible names for the two bronze sculpted lions. According to the Las Cruces Sun-News, a total of 1,088 votes were tallied. The top vote recipient being "E.J. and Mabel" with 349 votes, which constitutes 32.07% of the respondents.

The Stern family was contacted regarding the naming and they are in concurrence with the selection of "E.J. and Mabel" as the names for the sculptures. The Stern family indicated they would be honored to have the two lions bear the names of their benevolent relatives.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution
2. Las Cruces Sun-News On-line Poll Results, Attached as Exhibit "A"

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	X	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.		
Does this action create any revenue?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

FUND SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A					

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the Resolution and authorize staff to proceed with the naming of the two bronze sculpted lions as "E.J." and "Mabel".
2. Vote "No"; this will reject the Resolution and leave the two bronze sculpted lions with no official names.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this would approve the Resolution and authorize staff to proceed with naming the two bronze sculpted lions with alternate names as directed by Council. The Second Place names in the Las Cruces Sun-News poll were "Freedom and Justice", and these names could be one possible option.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Not applicable

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces received a donation of two bronze sculpted lions, one male and one female, on August 9, 1968 from Mr. E.J. Stern, and

WHEREAS, the two lions were relocated from 200 N. Church Street to 700 N. Main Street, in order to be prominently displayed at the entrance of the new City Hall site, and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Sun-News recently conducted an on-line poll to solicit votes on possible names for the two bronze sculpted lions, and

WHEREAS, a total of 1,088 votes were tallied, with the top vote recipient being "E.J. and Mabel", receiving 349 votes, constituting 32.07% of the respondents, and the Second Place names were "Justice and Freedom", and

WHEREAS, the Stern family indicated they would be honored to have the two lions bear the names of their benevolent relatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces names the two bronze sculpted lions located at City Hall, 700 N. Main Street, as "E.J." for the male and "Mabel" for the female.

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THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

APPROVED:

Mayor

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

ATTEST:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

Name the lions	
Readers proposed the following names for the lions in front of City Hall. Which names do you prefer? Total Votes = 1088	
E.J. and Mabel (named for the Sterns, who provided the lions in 1968)	(349 Votes) (32.07 %)
Samson and Delilah	(67 Votes) (6.158 %)
Red and Green	(59 Votes) (5.422 %)
Don and Ana	(96 Votes) (8.823 %)
Elsa and Christian	(5 Votes) (0.459 %)
Elsa and Simba	(14 Votes) (1.286 %)
Freedom and Justice	(230 Votes) (21.13 %)
Justice and Fortitude	(33 Votes) (3.033 %)
Samson and Olympia	(10 Votes) (0.919 %)
Patience and Fortitude	(47 Votes) (4.319 %)
Lucy and Crucey	(48 Votes) (4.411 %)
Other	(130 Votes) (11.94 %)