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Report to Mayor and City Council

August 5, 2014

Unfinished Business

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A TRUSTEE ACCOUNT FOR THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MONUMENT COMMITTEE

I. SUMMARY

This item is being placed on the agenda the request of Mayor Dear. The City Treasurer has received a request through Mayor Dear to establish a Trustee Account for the purpose of collecting donations on behalf of a group of citizens wishing to raise funds for a monument honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be placed in the City's International Sculpture Garden. In accordance with Council Policy & Procedure (CPP) 1.6.01 adopted September 17, 2013, this matter is presented for City Council approval.

II. RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the City Treasurer to establish a Trustee Account for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Committee.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE other action as the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2013, the City Council adopted CPP 1.6.01 which authorizes the City Treasurer to establish Trustee Accounts for the purpose of overseeing donations and disbursements for activities that are supported by the city but are not necessarily city funded. These activities must be community related in nature and the Trustee Account must be approved by the City Council. On June 24, 2014 the City Treasurer was informed by staff of a request received via Mayor Dear to establish a Trustee Account for the purpose of raising funds sufficient to erect a statue honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to be placed in the City's International Sculpture Garden. On July 15, 2014 this matter was continued at the request of the City Treasurer to allow additional time to work with the Committee on finalizing their request. The City Treasurer has met with co-chair of the Committee, Mayor Jim Dear and a proposal has been finalized. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Committee wishes to establish a Trustee Account for the purpose of collecting funds through private donations and grants so that a monument can be constructed and erected

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in the City's International Sculpture Garden to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Committee is currently in the process of receiving proposals from artists on a design for the monument; an initial budget of \$80,000.00 for this project has been set. The Committee consists of a number of Carson community members including but not limited to: Geneva Phillips-Beaver, President of the Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club, City Commissioner Betty Addison and is co-chaired by City Commissioner Marvin Clayton and Mayor Jim Dear. All disbursements from the fund will be authorized by both co-chairs. The Committee requests that this account be opened for an initial period of two years. Should funds insufficient to reach their goal be raised; funds held in the account will be refunded to their original donors or donated appropriately as recommended by the Committee and subsequently approved by the City Council.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

City Council Policy 1.6.01 (page 3-4).

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