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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

TO: CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: HON. MAYOR RONNIE FELDER

SUBJECT: CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – PUBLIC ART REQUEST

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2020

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

The premise of this memorandum is to seek City Council authorization to proceed with the public art mural of civil rights and civil justice leaders throughout this nation's rich history and memorialize their likeness, with their encouraging and inspiring words on the utility district water tank at the corner of Blue Heron Boulevard and Pres. Barack Obama Hwy., as discussed. On September 2, 2020, in Regular Meeting of the City Council, the Office of the Mayor of Riviera Beach advocated for the water tank to be repurposed and viewed as a public art piece for generations to enjoy commemorating the journey that African-Americans have made throughout history. This public art project is intended to be consistent with the ideologies and successful journeys that have made our community and our nation stand against oppression, civil unrest, and equal protection under the law. It is to be a public art piece that is admired and revered by anyone who stands in its presence. In order to get the support necessary to move forward, I Mayor Felder felt it only appropriate to garner the support of the entire City Council in a formal agenda item so that we may move forward.

This piece will look to commemorate the life and legacy of exceptional civil rights leaders and athletes, actors, musicians all those that have made a resounding impact on pursuing social justice and equality for all. The figures will be memorialized on this art project are still being finalized but some names that have been considered are as follows:

- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Mohammed Ali
- Jackie Robinson
- Rosa Parks
- Harriet Tubman

- Mary McLeod Bethune
- The Tuskegee airmen
- Frederick Douglass
- Thurgood Marshall
- Chadwick Boseman – Black Panther.
- Etc.

City Goals:

- Community engagement and empowerment

Fiscal/Budget Impact:

The projected fiscal impact will be in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and the appropriate procurement and solicitation processes will be deployed in order to proceed.

Recommendation

The Office of the Mayor will like to obtain the City of Riviera Beach City Council authorization to proceed forward with the repainting of the water tower, and to expend \$25,000 from legally available funds to facilitate the rebranding of the utility district water tank.