



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 9/13/2022

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to increase the voluntary Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission donation on residential utility bills.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA

FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Resident's bill includes the services of water, sewer, garbage, and recycling. There are three voluntary charges included in the bill which residents may terminate at any time (Fire Department \$2.00, Ambulance \$4.50 & Keep Angleton Beautiful .50 cents). Residents are given the option to pay the voluntary charges.

The Keep Angleton Beautiful voluntary donation has been .50 cents for over fifteen (15) years. In fiscal year 2019-2020, \$24,141 in donations were received. In fiscal year 2020-2021, \$23,043 donations were received.

Staff is proposing voluntary donations be increased to \$1.00 to help support various Keep Angleton Beautiful projects, programs, and events including:

- Fall Sweep & Spring Cleanup where residents can drive-thru and drop-off items like large debris and solid waste disposal, tire recycling, electronics recycling, paper shredding, and tree pickup. The expense of contractors is becoming more expensive;
- Mayors Monarch Pledge where the City of Angleton commits to eight conservation initiatives each year to promote monarch habitats throughout the City of Angleton;
- TxDOT traffic controller art wraps to transform traffic signal controller cabinets in Angleton from functional infrastructure into colorful and inspired works of art revolving around Texas wildflower, birds and/or butterflies. The goals of this program are to beautify the right-of-way, welcome visitors, enhance the downtown district, support the City of Angleton's reputation as a place to see art, brighten the drive for commuters, and build the capacity of local arts organizations;
- Gateway Signage Master Plan which focuses on city gateway signs and landscaping to guide motorists into the community;

- Waterway Cleanup provides support and supplies for waterway cleanups across Texas. This program is open to ALL affiliate and non-affiliate communities located within 30 miles of an H-E-B or Central Market store location and helps make Texas waterways the cleanest, most beautiful waterways in the nation. The City will begin a Waterway Cleanup Program to help keep Lakeside Park pond clean by conducting regular cleanup activities with community partners;
- Adopt a Roadway Program helps to eliminate litter coming from major roadways blown by the wind and washed away by stormwater. This litter will eventually make it to fields, creeks, storm drains, and neighborhoods. The City will begin an Adopt a Roadway Program to help stop it where it starts by monitoring roadside areas and conducting regular cleanup activities with community partners;
- Outdoor and environmental educational programming will be expanded to offer programs to the public and through ISD partners. Additional funding will help support these programs to offset material costs.

At the August 22, 2022 KAB meeting, the commission voted to recommend increase the voluntary donation for Keep Angleton Beautiful on residential utility bills from \$.50 to \$1.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve a \$.50 increase in the voluntary donation for Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission on residential utility bills to a total of \$1.00.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move we approve a \$.50 increase in the voluntary donation for Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission on residential utility bills to a total of \$1.00.