Department:	Central Services Department
Presenter:	Ron Lampkin, Director and Charles Jackson, Deputy Administrator
Caption:	Approve Marquis de La Fayette Historical Marker on Municipal Grounds
Background:	During the June 4,, 2024 Commission meeting, the Office of the Administrator was tasked with performing due diligence regarding the placement of a historical marker along the Augusta Municipal Building grounds (facing Greene Street). The marker would commemorate General Lafayette's historic visit to Augusta in March 1825. Specifically speaking, historical records indicate that a much-publicized banquet in honor of General Lafayette was held on the current Municipal Building Grounds. Historical accounts indicate that hundreds attended the event.
Analysis:	The "Friends of La Fayette" is requesting to place a historical marker on the Municipal Building grounds commemorating the banquet held in General La Fayette's honor. There will be no fiscal cost to Augusta-Richmond County Government if markers are erected on the Municipal Building grounds. The marker will be funded by The Friends of La Fayette and other supporters. Maintenance of the marker requires minimum maintenance. Lastly Augusta-Richmond County will not be liable for damages to the marker. The marker shall read:

LA FAYETTE'S TOUR

FROM MARCH 23 TO MARCH 2, 1825

GENERAL LA FAYETTE WAS HOSED IN AUGUSTA

HE WAS HONORED AT A BANQUET HELD HERE

AT THE CITY HALL, AND ENTERTAINED AT

A GRAND BALL AT THE PLANTERS HOTEL

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Financial Impact:	No financial impact for marker, pole and shipping.
Alternatives:	Do not approve Marquis de La Fayette Historical Marker on Municipal Grounds.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Marquis de La Fayette Historical Marker on Municipal Grounds.

Funds are available in the following accounts: N/A

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: Takiyah Douse, Interim Administrator.