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To: The City of the Village of Douglas City Council

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Request from Hystopolis to Forgive \$2,000.00 in Equipment Costs for Halloween Parade

Date: September 3rd, 2024

Hystopolis, the organization responsible for coordinating the annual Halloween Parade, has submitted a request for the Council to consider forgiving \$2,000.00 in equipment costs. These costs were outlined in the breakdown provided by our Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Douglas Police Department, as per the Council's request for a comprehensive cost assessment for all city-supported events.

I would like to commend the DPW and Police Department for their diligent work in maintaining reasonable and fair costs, especially as this event continues to grow in popularity and scale. Their assessment appears to be both thorough and justifiable. I believe we can reasonably expect other organizations to request the same moving forward if this request is approved.

This matter involves a financial decision impacting the city, it falls within the purview of the City Council, not the administration. Therefore, I am bringing this request before you for final consideration and decision.

Suggested Motion: Direct the City Administration to authorize forgiving \$2000.00 in Department of Public Works and Douglas Police Department equipment costs for the Halloween Parade in October 2024.