



## ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2022  
**FROM:** Andrea McCue, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** City Partnership with American Legion Post 258

### BACKGROUND

In June 1999, The City Council authorized an agreement with the American Legion Post 258 to lease two (2) lots in the Original Section for a term of sixty years, through May 2059 at a rate of \$1.00 per year. Through this agreement the American Legion built a 1,500 sqft Legion Hall building and associated parking.

Sometime in 2015, The City was approached by American Legion Post 258 representatives to purchase the lots leased from the City to allow the Legion flexibility in addressing financial matters without the constraints of the existing lease. On October 5, 2015, the City Council authorized the sale of the two (2) City lots to the American Legion Post 258 and the termination of the Lease Agreement upon closing of the sale of the two lots. In February 2016, the American Legion Post 258 sold the Legion Hall building to JM Contracting Group LLC who subsequently sold it to the United Pentecostal Church of West Palm Beach, Inc.

### ANALYSIS

The City did not have a lot of contact with American Legion Post 258 following the sale of the property and was not aware of a new Legion Hall location in the City. In an effort to re-establish the Post, the City has offered space to the American Legion at a discounted not-for-profit rate and the Legion has sporadically rented space in the Community Center for meetings.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

No financial cost to the City and space is provided at a not-for-profit rate.

### LEGAL

The City Attorney has reviewed this Item Summary for legal sufficiency and compliance.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City recognizes the value of having American Legion Post 258 in the City and the benefit a local location can be to City veterans and their families. The City does not have dedicated space to offer the Legion at no cost. Staff is recommending that we continue to provide space to the Legion at the not-for-profit rate and partner with the Legion however possible in support of re-establishing Post 258 in the City.