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TO: DDA Board Members

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: October 15, 2025

RE: **APPROVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATION @ ELY PARK**

DISCUSSION:

For several years, the Hartford Lions Club and Hartford Township have partnered to decorate Ely Park for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The City of Hartford, along with the Downtown Development Authority, has contributed to these decorations. However, last year, the Hartford Lions Club notified us that they would no longer lead this project, and the Hartford Township Board decided not to contribute to the funding of the Ely Park decoration.

Last year, former commissioner Frank Dockter took the initiative to solicit donations from downtown business owners, and the city covered the remaining balance.

Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape Management has submitted a proposal for decorating Ely Park. This company has successfully decorated both Ely Park and City Hall for several consecutive years. Due to limited staff capacity, the City is unable to manage this task effectively. The comprehensive quote for the decoration of Ely Park is \$3,293.50.

The City Manager is requesting that the DDA fund the decorations at Ely Park, as the City Commission did not take action on this matter during their September meeting.