



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 28, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Mary Lou Cook Estate – Library Donation

BACKGROUND:

Mary Lou Cook left a donation to the Independence Public Library in her Last Will & Testament, but it should have been stated as the Independence Public Library Foundation.

The attorney who prepared the Last Will & Testament has signed an affidavit that Mary Lou Cook intended for this to be left to the Independence Public Library Foundation. Said affidavit is attached for review.

DISCUSSION:

This is a formality to obtain the Council's permission for me to sign the attached service of Petition, consent to the Petition in Equity, request the Court enter an Order for Declaratory Judgment adopting the proposed language as set forth in the Petition, and waive a hearing in this matter.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by respecting the wishes of Mary Lou Cook.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

No financial consideration as the City is not filing these documents, only acquiescing to the request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the attached Acceptance of Service, Waiver of Hearing, and Consent to Petition.