



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase the “Watermelon Slices” Sculpture

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF- 208-2023

Work Session: July 17, 2023

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: July 18, 2023

Staff Work By: Kristie Leonard

Presentation By: Michael Borders

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

Approval of the Resolution will authorize the purchase of the “Watermelon Slices” sculpture by Craig Berbue-Gray located at the Kingsport Farmer’s Market.

The sculpture is currently on a 2-year agreement as part of our sculpture walk program. The sculpture has been in the Office of Cultural Arts’ Sculpture Walk for the last two years and has received great praise for its artistic merit and location. The artist is coming into town this summer to touch up the sculpture. Further maintenance of the sculpture will be performed by local artists.

Per Sec. 2-413 of Kingsport’s Municipal Code all matters concerning public art, monuments, and murals will first be referred to the Public Art Committee for consideration and a recommendation made to the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

The Public Art Committee Considered at a called meeting on July 14, 2023 voted to send a favorable recommendation to the board for the acquisition of the “Watermelon Slices” sculpture.

This purchase of \$6,500 comes from the public art project fund of GP2217 and Tennessee Arts Commission Special Opportunities fund of NC2304.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Pictures

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