



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Rotary Sculpture *Unselfish Service Above All* as Public Art and to Accept the Donation of the Sculpture

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Work Session: August 18, 2025

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: August 19, 2025

Staff Work By: Committee

Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved the City will approve the sculpture *Unselfish Service Above All* as public art as defined in Sec. 2-413 of the Municipal Code and will accept the sculpture as a donation from the Rotary Club of Kingsport.

Several years ago Deborah Daugherty, Past President of the Rotary Club of Kingsport, began exploring ways to commemorate and celebrate the Rotary Club of Kingsport which would celebrate its 100th anniversary which took place in November 2023. The sculpture represents Rotary International's motto of, "Service Above Self" and represents Everyday Heroes and that we ALL have value in our community.

Ms. Daugherty emphasized this in the dedication speech stating, "Five years ago when the phrase "essential workers was so quickly branded into our vocabulary and we realized the value of ALL. Every cog in our community's wheel is necessary, although not always quick to be remembered." This sculpture represents and is a reminder of the Everyday Heroes of our community.

The sculpture is valued at \$25,000, located adjacent to Fire Station 2 and was dedicated on July 22nd. Per Sec. 2-413 of the municipal code Public Art is first considered by the Public Art Commission for a recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Public Art is defined as, "art commissioned by the Cultural Arts Commission utilizing public funds or art located on public property that is intended to be permanent or semi-permanent in nature". The sculpture was considered by the Public Arts Commission, being a permanent piece, on August 15th and received a positive recommendation for the BMA to approve the sculpture as Public Art.

Accepting the donation will add the sculpture to Cultural Services inventory of public art and will be responsible for future maintenance. Staff do not anticipate significant expenditures related to the maintenance of the sculpture. Any maintenance will be funded through the Public Arts Commission Fund.

Further details of the piece are provided in the attachment.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Bid Minutes

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—