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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOSHUA TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: 250TH AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2026

In November 2025, a community came to the City Council to discuss a possible celebration of the United States' 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in July 2026. At the time, I recommended that the City could possibly help form the committee that may oversee the celebration, but that the City itself not be directly involved in the planning or funding. The City Council agreed.

Since that time, staff have been reaching out to various organizations and people across the City to gauge interest in being on the committee, including leading the ultimate committee. The people and groups that staff have reached out to are those that have historically been involved in community efforts. Since that time, there have been three people who have expressed interest in being on the committee, and little to no desire to actually lead. There have not been any organizations who have expressed a desire to be heavily involved.

My question to the City Council, is how much further should staff pursue this initiative? Presently, the City does not have any dedicated funding to give to the organization, nor is there any planned staffing time available to be more than a committee organizer. The original plan was to organize the committee and then back away.