

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: City Management of Veterans Memorial at City Hall

Requested & Presented by: Jasen Glasbrenner

Meeting Date: Common Council on 02-04-2025

Committee Review: Public Works Committee on 12-19-2024 and 01-16-2025

Background:

In December 2024, Richland County Veterans Honor Roll, Inc. (RCVMHR) representative Leonard Frye requested the city to assume full management of the Veteran's Memorial on Municipal Building grounds. Anticipating an eventual transfer of management responsibility, in 2016 the Common Council executed an agreement outlining the transfer process. The Public Works Committee reviewed the request in December 2024 and January 2025.

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2024:

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Walters request to refer to City Attorney Michael Windle for further research. To be brought to the next PW meeting. Melby requests clarification regarding the budget line item for a Veteran's Memorial carry-over fund. Walters explained that the City can restrict the budget item to be used strictly for this purpose. Directive from the Committee to get Attorney Windle involved and bring it back.

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2025:

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The Public Works Committee was provided with an update from Attorney Michael Windle regarding the ownership transfer and nonprofit dissolution. Motion by Fruit to recommend to the Common Council to establish a timeline for transitioning the management of the memorial to the City. Seconded by Melby. Motion carried unanimously.



Financial Impact: Ongoing maintenance and management costs. Insurance is currently provided by the City.

Funding Source: Upon the dissolution of RCVMHR, approximately \$31,000.00 will be transferred to the City for the ongoing management of the memorial.

Requested Council Action: Motion to approve assuming full management responsibility of the Veteran's Memorial upon the formal dissolution of the RCVMHR and transference of funds.