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COUNCIL BILL 2018-217 RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION

1 DIRECTING the City Manager, or his designee, to use approximately \$14,356.00,
2 from the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood
3 Improvement fund to purchase four signs for use in connection with the
4 proposed “Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.”
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7 WHEREAS, the City of Springfield is engaged as a partner in the development of
8 the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail; and
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10 WHEREAS, said trail is anticipated to follow an existing greenway which runs
11 near several locations of historic significance to the City, including the Sherman Avenue
12 Corridor, the former Lincoln High School, Jones Alley Business District, and the Historic
13 Church Quadrangle; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Minor Neighborhood Improvement fund is a program fund
16 funded by proceeds of the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and such program
17 fund was budgeted by passage of Special Ordinance 27055; and
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19 WHEREAS, due to the expense of providing markers for these historic locations,
20 City Council desires to allocate a portion of funds from the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement
21 Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvement fund to purchase at least four signs to be
22 used as markers along the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
25 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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27 Section 1 – The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby directed to use funds
28 from the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvement
29 fund to purchase at least four signs for use as markers along the “Springfield-Greene
30 County African-American Heritage Trail” for historic locations. It is anticipated that the
31 funds will be provided from Council Zone 1’s portion of the minor Neighborhood
32 Improvement fund which was budgeted by passage of Special Ordinance 27055.
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34 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon
35 adoption.
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37 Passed at meeting: _____

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Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution: _____

Approved as to form: Richard T. Wiedner, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: Jason P. Hays, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-217

FILED: 09-05-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PURPOSE: Directing the City Manager, or his designee, to use approximately \$14,356.00, from the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvement fund to purchase four signs for use in connection with the proposed “Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City is a partner in the development of the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail, a trail that follows an existing greenway that runs near several of the historically significant sites, such as the Sherman Avenue Corridor, the former Lincoln High School (Springfield’s black high school before integration, now known as Ozarks Technical Community College’s Lincoln Hall), Jones Alley Business District and the Historic Church Quadrangle (Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Benton Avenue AME Church, Gipson Chapel Presbyterian Church, and Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church). There will also be signs directing people to other significant markers from the greenway.

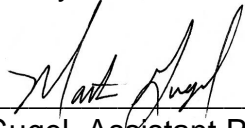
REMARKS: The organizers, which include business owner Lyle Foster, Missouri State University faculty Wes Pratt and Tim Knapp, NAACP Springfield President Cheryl Clay and Springfield Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott, plan to designate as many as 20 sites on the trail with distinctive, historical markers and have partnered with the City of Springfield, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Ozark Greenways, Missouri State and Drury universities to make the project a reality.

This Resolution supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal(s): Chapter 1, Arts, Culture and Tourism; Major Goal 3, Develop and sustain arts and culture educational opportunities at the local and regional level; Objective 3b, Strengthen existing local arts and cultural education programs; Chapter 5, Global Perspectives and Diversity; Major Goal 1, To pass a resolution of intent that emphasizes and promotes inclusion for the City of Springfield and Greene County; Objective 1c, Transition theory into practice: “Value Diversity.”

FINANCIAL: Due to the expense of the markers, both public and private funding is being used for the project. The Department of Public Works has committed to installing the markers, and the ¼-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program, Zone 1 funds are already budgeted.

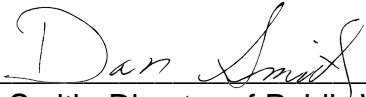
RECOMMENDATION: Public Works recommends passage of this Resolution.

Submitted by:



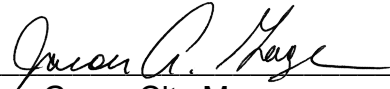
Martin Gugel, Assistant Public Works Director

Recommended by:



Dan Smith, Director of Public Works

Approved by:



Jason Gage, City Manager