



## Council Agenda Form

<b>MOTION #</b>	<b>DRAFT #</b>
<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 2/2/2021	<b>DATE TO GO BEFORE COUNCIL:</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY: Robert Croslin</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT: Public Works</b>	

<b>TITLE OF MOTION: FY22 Budget Initiative: Memorial Bench Program</b>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> I move the Mayor and Council include \$30,000 in the FY22 budget for a cost sharing project to install memorial benches the in the City.</p>
<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b> Several years ago a resident asked about the feasibility of creating a memorial bench program to honor long-time residents who have passed on. Since that time, our Public Works Director Lesley Riddle and her staff have been evaluating similar programs in surrounding communities and the costs associated with implementing the program. I think it is time to strongly consider making this program a reality. The bench program parameters, application form, bench type and design need to be evaluated. The program would be implemented as a shared cost. The family of the deceased loved one would pay a portion of the cost for the bench and the standardized dedication mounted plaque. Completed benches could be placed in parks, at bus stops and other areas in the City to keep the names of residents who have passed on, in our hearts and minds.</p>
<p><b>ANTICIPATED STAFF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT:</b> DPW will oversee the administration of the program including application review, approval, bench and plaque design, placement and installation.</p>
<p><b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR / DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENT:</b> (must be approved by City Administrator):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Cost sharing is estimated at a rate of 50% with a cost per bench of \$1,000.</p>
<p>_____</p> <p><b>Tracey E. Nicholson, City Administrator</b></p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC GOALS AND ACTIONS:</b> Goal 5 – Strengthen the City’s Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:</b></p>
<p><b>CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACT:</b></p>