

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	June 24, 2021 Special Meeting
Action Required:	Vote (by Unanimous Consent) to Add Item to Special Meeting Agenda: Introduction/ First Reading of Resolution to Appropriate Funds To be used for Removal, Storage or Covering of Statues
Staff Contact:	Chip Boyles, City Manager Ashley Marshall, Deputy City Manager
Presenter:	Chip Boyles, City Manager
Title	Resolution Appropriating Funds (\$1,000,000) for removal, storage, and/or covering of the statues/sculptures of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and Sacagawea/ Lewis & Clark

Background and Discussion:

On June 7, 2021 Council adopted a Resolution to remove, relocate, contextualize or cover the statue/sculpture of Robert E. Lee located in Market Street Park and a Statue/sculpture of Stonewall Jackson located in Court Square Park. Council has also previously approved removal of the statue/sculpture of Sacajawea/Lewis & Clark located at the intersection of West Main Street and Ridge Street. This appropriation resolution will officially earmark funds and make them available to be spent at the discretion of the City Manager, to pay for any related costs for removing, storing and/or covering the statues.

Whether or not funds will need to be expended in relation to the removal of any particular statue will depend on various circumstances. Pursuant to City Council's June 7, 2021 resolution, the statues/sculptures of Lee and Jackson will not be removed, covered or contextualized until a 30 day offering period has expired. The attached appropriation resolution is necessary, in order to assure that funds are available to the City Manager commencing in early July, to cover the costs associated with carrying out actions previously authorized by City Council, including removal, in the event that the cost of removal is not anticipated to be covered by any third party. (As previously discussed with Council, none of the sculptures/ statues can be conveyed to any third party without City Council approval of the conveyance).

Per City Code 2-42(b) City Council may, by unanimous consent, add the introduction and first reading of this resolution to the agenda for its June 24, 2021 special meeting. City Council cannot vote on the Resolution until a second reading is conducted.

Community Engagement:

Numerous public hearings have been held related to the removal of the three statues/sculptures.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Priority Areas: Yes.

Budget Impact:

The funds being designated were previously appropriated to the City's budget (Capital Projects Contingency Fund), after a public hearing, as part of the year end appropriation. The purpose of the attached resolution is to identify specific purposes for which this particular dollar amount may be expended.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

Alternatives:

City Council may choose not to appropriate funding for these purposes at this time.

Attachments:

Appropriation Resolution

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING
(ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00))
FOR COSTS OF REMOVAL, STORAGE, AND/OR COVERING OF THE
STATUES/SCULPTURES OF CONFEDERATE GENERALS ROBERT E. LEE AND
STONEWALL JACKSON, AND THE STATUE/SCULPTURE OF SACAJAWEA/LEWIS &
CLARK**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$1,000,000 from the CIP Contingency Fund is hereby designated to be available for expenditure, at the discretion of the City Manager, for costs associated with the removal, storage and/or covering of the statues/sculptures of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, located in City public parks (as authorized by Resolution of City Council dated June 7, 2021) and for costs associated with the removal and/or storage, if necessary, of the statue/sculpture of Sacajawea/Lewis & Clark, located at the intersection of West Main Street and Ridge Street.

Expenditures

\$1,000,000 Fund: 426 WBS Element: CP-080 G/L: 599999