

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: August 4, 2016
Re: Artist Contract

On your Council Agenda for Monday, August 8, is a contract with Frank Balluff, the artist we have commissioned to create the sculptured planned for downtown.

The proposed contract is based on one used by the City of St. Johns for the same grant program, and incorporates several edits as suggested by City Attorney Hitch in his review.

This contract would be executed prior to the city releasing any funds to the artist.

I have asked that this be placed on the Expedited portion of the agenda in order to move the project along quickly.

Mr. Balluff had submitted an initial proposal that our committee accepted, however he later withdrew that proposal and suggested an alternative.

That change delayed our committee's decision to move forward by several weeks, because we felt it was unfair to the other artists who submitted proposals. Therefore, we re-opened our request for proposals to ensure impartiality and transparency. In the end, Mr. Balluff's alternative was determined to be the best proposal, and the committee is happy with its choice.

Unfortunately, this has shortened the amount of time he now has for producing the artwork. I would like to get him started as soon as possible, so that we remain on schedule for an October 31 completion date.