

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; AND APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF THE SAME. (F&BC 12-4-17)

(Note: First Read by Council on December 14, 2017.)

Issue/Request:

Consideration of an Ordinance Creating the City of Lee's Summit Community Foundation within the organization of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

Key Issues:

Occasionally the City receives inquiries regarding donating to the City for a specific purpose; trees for a beautification project or donating to the Animal Shelter, for example. The creation of the Community Foundation assures individuals that funds will be used for the designated purpose and provides the benefit of the 501(c)3. The benefit of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation is the non-profit infrastructure is already in place, including financial accountability and administration.

The Truman Heartland Community Foundation has been an active participant on important community issues in Lee's Summit. It is through this positive working relationship that they have provided an opportunity to create the Lee's Summit Community Foundation and related sub-funds. Typically this number of sub-funds would not be allowed without significantly higher funding levels, however they understand the importance of accountability and choice for our citizens.

Attached is the fee schedule for the administration of the funds. City staff has reviewed the schedule and has determined the fees to be reasonable.

Proposed Committee Motion:

I move to recommend to City Council an Ordinance creating the City of Lee's Summit Community Foundation.

Background:

LSCF Statement of Purpose:

The mission of the Fund is to provide funding for special projects of interest to the citizens of the City of Lee's Summit from the donations made to the Fund held by the Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

Board of Trustees:

The number of Trustees of the Fund shall be five (5). The Trustees shall be the individuals holding the following offices: The City Manager of the City of Lee's Summit, the Finance Director of the City of Lee's Summit, the Chief of Police of the City of Lee's Summit, the Fire Chief of the City of Lee's Summit and the City Attorney for

the City of Lee's Summit. The Trustees shall elect from its membership annually, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Descriptions of the Five Sub-Funds:

1. Cultural Arts. This sub fund shall be utilized to advance cultural arts within the City, including but not limited to public art, facilities whose primary purpose is the arts and performance art available to the public.
2. Public Safety. This sub fund shall be utilized to enhance public safety and/or emergency services in the City, including but not limited to training, capital, and equipment.
3. Animal Welfare. This sub-fund shall be utilized to advance animal welfare in the City, including but not limited to support of the Animal Shelter, educational programs and animal adoption.
4. Environment and Beautification. This sub-fund shall be utilized to enhance environmental protection and beautification within the City including but not limited to water and air quality, erosion control, and landscape and planting of public facilities.
5. K-9 Unit. This sub-fund shall be utilized to provide funding for K-9 Units for the City including but not limited to purchase and training of K-9 units, officer training, housing and feeding, veterinary care, and capital equipment necessary to utilize the K-9 Unit.

Presenter: Stephen Arbo

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

Committee Recommendation: A motion was made by Vice Chair Edson, seconded by Councilmember Faith, that this Ordinance be forwarded without recommendation to the City Council - Regular Session due back on 12/14/2017. The vote was unanimous.