

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG**

City Council Meeting of August 19, 2021

TO: The Honorable Ed Montanari, Chair, and Members of City Council

FROM: Chris Ballestra, Managing Director, City Development Administration *CB*

SUBJECT: A Resolution recognizing a donation in the amount of \$120,000 from the Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation, Inc. to support the restoration of the original 1940's Entrance Building and surrounding area, as well as to cover the cost of equipment for use in the newly created Sunken Gardens History Center to be housed in the 1940's Building; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207), resulting from the above donation, to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Sunken Gardens Division (282-2461), Sunken Gardens History Center Interpretive Displays Project (TBD); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the above donation, to the SG Entrance Improvements Project (16720); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: Sunken Gardens' original 1940 Entrance Building will be restored and reintroduced to the public as a much-needed dedicated space for historic interpretation and educational programming. In keeping with the 2013 Master Plan recommendations, this space will provide Sunken Gardens with increased opportunities to highlight the site's significance as a historic attraction, its importance as a representation of the evolution of Florida's tourism industry, and its extant natural and man-made resources. Located in the highest trafficked area of the gardens, the flamingo habitat, this prime spot, will be an even greater draw with an air-conditioned, educational respite from the elements.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends City Council approve a resolution recognizing a donation in the amount of \$120,000 from Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation, Inc. to support the restoration of the original 1940's Entrance Building and surround, as well as to cover the cost of equipment in the newly created Sunken Gardens History Center to be housed in the 1940's Building; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207), resulting from the above donation, to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Sunken Gardens Division (282-2461), Sunken Gardens History Center Interpretive Displays Project (TBD); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the above donation, to the SG Entrance Improvements Project (16720); and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: Revenues in the amount of \$120,000 will be received from the Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation, Inc. and deposited into the Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207) (\$20,000) and the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001) (\$100,000). Funds will be available after approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207), resulting from the above donation, to the Sunken

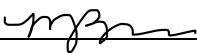
Gardens Division (282-2461), Sunken Gardens History Center Interpretive Displays Project (TBD) and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the above donation, to the SG Entrance Improvements Project (16720).

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS:

1st Chris Ballestra for Alan DeLisle

Administration



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Resolution No. 2021- __

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FROM THE SUNKEN GARDENS FOREVER FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE SUNKEN GARDENS ENTRANCE BUILDING AND TO COVER THE COST OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE NEWLY CREATED SUNKEN GARDENS HISTORY CENTER; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF SUNKEN GARDENS OPERATING FUND (1207), RESULTING FROM THE ABOVE DONATION, TO THE ENTERPRISE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, SUNKEN GARDENS DIVISION (282-2461), SUNKEN GARDENS HISTORY CENTER INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS PROJECT (TBD); APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (3001), RESULTING FROM THE ABOVE DONATION, TO THE SG ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (16720); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is restoring and reintroducing to the public the Sunken Gardens original entrance building as a much-needed dedicated space for historic interpretation and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, the space will provide Sunken Gardens with increased opportunities to highlight its significance as a historic attraction, its importance as a representation of the evolution of Florida's tourism industry, and its extant natural and man-made resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation is donating \$100,000 to support renovation and construction costs associated with the transformation of the 1940's original entrance building and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation is also donating \$20,000 to cover the cost of equipment for use in the newly created Sunken Gardens History Center to be housed in the entrance building; and

WHEREAS, a supplementation appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207), resulting from the above donation, to the Enterprise Facilities Department, Sunken Gardens Division (282-2461), Sunken Gardens History Center Interpretive Displays Project (TBD) and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the above donation, to the SG Entrance Improvements Project (16720) are needed to spend the donated funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that a donation in the amount of \$120,000 from the Sunken Gardens Forever Foundation to support the restoration of the Sunken Gardens entrance building and to cover the cost of equipment for use in the newly created Sunken Gardens History Center is hereby recognized by this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207), resulting from the donation, the following supplemental appropriation for FY21:

<u>Sunken Gardens Operating Fund (1207)</u>	
Enterprise Facilities Department, Sunken Gardens Operations	\$20,000
Division (282-2461), Sunken Gardens History Center Interpretive Displays Project (TBD)	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the donation, the following supplemental appropriation for FY21:

<u>General Capital Improvement Fund (3001)</u>	
SG Entrance Improvements Project (16720)	\$100,000

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

/s/ Christina Boussias
City Attorney (Designee)

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