

Ordinance Authorizing Use of Hyatt Proceeds



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Background



- On September 5, 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 50-585 of the City Code, which authorized the use of Hyatt Regency Wichita sale proceeds to fund projects in Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Subsequent ordinances have authorized additional projects and allocations.
- District 3's allocation of funds has not yet been fully utilized.



Proposed Projects



- The proposed ordinance allocates \$17,000 to three District 3 projects.



Proposed Project 1



- A contribution of \$2,000 would be dedicated to the **Neighbors Indeed Program.**
- This program provides services to elderly, handicapped and low-income residents who have found themselves either in Environmental Court, or about to be cited for environmental violations.
- Volunteers assist with property clean up efforts to correct the property violations.



Proposed Project 2



- A \$5,000 contribution would go to the **Kansas Aviation Museum** in support of the Black Aviators Exhibit, in particular, the contributions of Ulysses Gooch, better known as “Rip” Gooch.
- A well-known politician and aviation entrepreneur, Gooch served the Wichita area as both a Wichita City Council Member and as a Kansas State Senator from the late 1980s to the early 2000s and continued to be a voice for the community well after his retirement.



Proposed Project 3



- Authorization of up to \$10,000 is proposed for studies such as an environmental review or Section 106 review for the Planeview facility exploratory project.



Recommended Action



It is recommended that the City Council place the Ordinance on first reading and authorize the necessary signatures.

