



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. CG
8/3/2021

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution accepting a donation from the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber for a monument honoring former City Manager James D. Couch, to be placed at the James D. Couch Municipal Building, 420 West Main Street in downtown Oklahoma City, and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Oklahoma City and the Chamber.

Background:

Oklahoma City's longest-serving City Manager, James D. Couch, began his career with the City of Oklahoma City in 1989 and retired January 2, 2019. During his tenure, Mr. Couch played a significant role in the reinvention of Oklahoma City, including helping secure long-term access to dependable water sources, managing taxpayer investments, implementing landmark capital improvements like MAPS and bringing the NBA to Oklahoma City.

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber has been an invaluable partner to the City and has helped many of these accomplishments come to fruition. Members of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber wished to acknowledge Mr. Couch's contributions to the community by contributing \$32,000 for the fabrication of a monument in his likeness to serve as a lasting tribute to his service. On December 11, 2018, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber hosted a retirement reception for Mr. Couch, during which Rhonda Hooper, 2017-2018 Chair of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and Clay Bennett, former Chamber Chairman presented this gift to him.

This Resolution accepts the donation of the monument, which will be placed in front of the James D. Couch Municipal Building at 420 W. Main Street in downtown Oklahoma City. The accompanying Memorandum of Understanding states that the Chamber is responsible for the coordination and costs associated with permitting, approvals and installation of the monument on City property, and upon installation, the City accepts ownership and maintenance responsibility for the monument.

Review:

City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.