CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 19, 2019

ITEM: Motion – Approval of Funding Request – Historic Valley Junction Foundation LIGHT Valley Junction Project

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total of $100,000 in City funds including $25,000 in Hotel/Motel funds previously approved by Council. An additional $75,000 is being proposed from available Capital Improvement Program funds. These funds were originally budgeted for the Railroad Park Restroom in FY 19-20. The construction of that project will be delayed until after preliminary planning confirms that it is feasible.

BACKGROUND: The Historic Valley Junction Foundation (HVJF) has been partnering with KCL Engineering to design and install a unique lighting display in the Historic Valley Junction business district. The ultimate plan includes LED light installations outlining buildings on 5th Street and side streets, interactive light displays in the four pedestrian walkways between 5th Street and the public parking lots, and lighting in Railroad Park, on the arch over the south end of 5th Street, and in street trees.

The requested City funds are proposed to be used for Phase 1 of the LIGHT Valley Junction project which includes lighting on public property in Railroad Park and on the arch which is within City right-of-way. An additional $30,000 has been received from Prairie Meadows and is earmarked for lighting in Railroad Park. These two funding sources will cover the estimated $130,000 cost of Phase 1. Grants, private donations and budgeted Foundation funds are expected to cover the cost of future phases.

The HVJF will be responsible for installation, maintenance, and insurance of the lighting. A Pre-Application has been submitted to the Development Services Department and is on the August 20 agenda for consideration by the Development Review Team.

Representatives from the Historic Valley Junction Foundation will be attending the Council meeting to provide additional background if requested.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Motion.

Lead Staff Member: Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks and Recreation

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks and Recreation
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
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Agenda Acceptance	

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