



Agenda Item No.: **32.**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 1, 2015

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTIONS:

R-16-2015 - For possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or the City Managers designee, to expend City funds for the purpose of making donations or grants that shall not exceed \$5,000 from any one Council office, to one or more nonprofit organizations that qualify under NRS 268.028 and enjoy tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code - (\$35,000 - General Fund) - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: Not-to-Exceed \$35,000 Annually

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: City Manager

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This Resolution will authorize City Manager or the City Manager's designee, to expend City funds for the purpose of making donations or grants to one or more nonprofit organizations that both qualify under NRS 268.028 and enjoy tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Not-to-Exceed \$35,000 annually). Such donations or grants shall not exceed the amount of \$5,000 for any one Council office. The source of the funds must be a discretionary fund allocated to an office of the member of the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider adoption of this Resolution

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Resolution No. R-16-2015

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Hold in abeyance to 6/3/2015

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

BOB COFFIN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN,
STEVEN D. ROSS, BOB BEERS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None);
(Excused-STAVROS S. ANTHONY)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BEERS stated he cannot support this item as he has a philosophic problem with government making charitable contributions. He received a telephone call from a constituent

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who is a senior citizen on a fixed income and plays pickle ball at the Veterans Memorial Leisure Services Center. COUNCILMAN BEERS was informed that fees to play pickle ball had been raised from being a free service to costing approximately \$150 per year. The constituent cannot afford this and the group who played has decreased from approximately 18 to 12 players. COUNCILMAN BEERS believed that if those types of fees are being raised that this item was not an appropriate way to spend taxpayer money.

MAYOR GOODMAN wondered how one charitable organization would be selected for funding over another. CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FREWELL explained that this item creates a mechanism for the City Manager to use a portion of a Council Office's discretionary budget, not to exceed \$5,000, for those 501c3 organizations that the Councilperson sees fit to meet the needs in their ward or throughout the city. Any corporate donation on the City's behalf has to come back to the City Council unless this resolution is adopted.

MAYOR GOODMAN agreed with COUNCILMAN BEERS and stated that in the past Councilpeople have used their PAC (Political Action Committee) accounts as they saw fit for their ward or globally.

CITY MANAGER FREWELL stated that sometimes the Council offices receive unique requests and gave as an example, a request to help fund bus transportation for at risk youth to go to Discovery Children's Museum. That kind of request could be considered under this resolution, and it would streamline the process allowing for a quicker response.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN supported holding this item in abeyance to allow for clean-up of the language.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that he requested this item be heard because he has been working organizations and schools regarding providing the youth with learning opportunities such as visiting museums. He would like to be able to sponsor transportation for a field trip so the youth can visit some of the cultural and science fairs in the community.

MAYOR GOODMAN thought that would be a worthy cause, but commented that this type of spending is very subjective. She uses her PAC and personally donates to causes like that.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW wished to hold the item in abeyance so staff could work out the structure of the item and it could be brought back at a future date for further discussion.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN believed further exploration was necessary and supported holding the item in abeyance.

COUNCILMAN BEERS reminded the Council that there are several processes already in existence to which 501c3 and non 501c3 organizations can apply and have their application vetted through boards in order to receive grants. He confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that

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he would support holding this item in abeyance, but would probably not vote to discretionarily give away money.

See Item 12 for related discussion.

