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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director
SUBJECT: ITEP Resolution
DATE: November 2, 2017

Summary: Staff seeks approval of the attached resolution pledging the City's support for an ITEP streetscape grant application and commitment to the City's match of \$224,046 if the project is awarded by IDOT.

Background: As you know, staff will be submitting a grant application to IDOT for its Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) following discussion at the October Committee of the Whole and Public Works Committee meetings. The project would construct streetscape modifications on the Square with a focus on sidewalk restoration, access to the interior portion of the Square from the north and south, and electrical enhancements. As with the previous application completed in 2016, a streetscape project could be considered in the "Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities" category since it would be used for surface transportation activities, has a historic designation, and is located on publicly-owned and operated property. Please note that projects that are solely routing maintenance or sidewalk repairs are ineligible.

The program provides for 80% of the eligible costs with the city responsible for the 20% share. The city has been fortunate to have received ITEP funding three times for trail projects. The streetscape project has been reduced to a cost of roughly \$1.12 million, including all engineering and design expenses. The city would be responsible for about \$224,046 of this cost with funds budgeted through TIF. All of the necessary right-of-way is in place for this project. This project includes sidewalk improvements on all four sides of the Square, brick crosswalks and refuge islands providing better access to the interior of the Square from the north and south, consistent pedestrian-scale lighting near the perimeter sidewalks, electrical upgrades, site furniture, parking lot landscaping, and wayfinding signage.

The application is due by December 1 and IDOT anticipates the announcement of project awards next spring. IDOT recently indicated there is \$40 million in funding for this cycle compared with \$29 million available in 2016. The maximum award is \$2 million per project. The resolution is on the Council agenda for the November 6 meeting to formally support the city's grant request.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

(Adoption of this resolution would support an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant request for the construction of streetscape modifications on the Square)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST ON THE HISTORIC WASHINGTON SQUARE

WHEREAS, the City of Washington currently has a well-defined downtown Square; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington desires to continue enhancing the pedestrian and customer shopping experience through streetscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, all of the necessary right-of-way has been acquired to make the streetscape modifications;

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has the funds and pledges to pay \$224,046.20 for the project, which is the required 20% local match; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has determined that the pursuit of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation will help meet these objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

That the City supports the grant request to construct the streetscape modifications on the Historic Washington Square roughly located along Main Street, Peoria Street, and Walnut Street.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk