


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: March 16, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Vice Mayor Sarah Gurney
Subject: Consideration of Approval of Release of Flags Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote to the Museum of the West Sonoma County Historical Society
Recommendation: City Council Approval
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No XX N/A

Account Code (if Applicable) authorized in City Approved Budget AK (N/A) (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

This item is for City Council to Discuss and Consider Approval of Release of Flags Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote to the Museum of the West Sonoma County Historical Society.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2019, the City Council approved a request for sponsorship of banners for the 100 Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. These flags were installed by the Boy Scout Volunteers and Former City Councilmember Michael Carnacchi on August 26, 2020.

Sebastopol displayed these flags in celebration of the 100 years of the passage of the 19th Amendment, Women's right to vote. You may notice gold-white-purple horizontal tricolor flags on Main St., which is the flag of the American suffrage movement.

Since then, the flags have been stored in the corporation yard at our Public Works Department. It is anticipated that the City doesn't have a future use for these flags while the WSCHS and Museum do, for their upcoming exhibit, publicity, and possible fundraising.

DISCUSSION:

The West County Museum on So. Main Street created an exhibit to honor the 100th anniversary but it was closed due to Covid-19. Donna Pittman, the Museum Director, hopes to open it once allowed.

I thought this would be an opportune time to release the flags to the Museum, for their anticipated re-opening of the Suffragist Exhibit, so I checked with Teresa Ramondo, Chair of WSCHS, and Donna Pittman, Museum Director, to see if they were interested. Donna replied as noted below:

Feb. 19, 2021

Hi Sarah,

Teresa and I talked about this and she asked me to get back to you. We agree this is a great idea, and she will put on agenda with our Board for the Tuesday March 2 meeting. We'd like to discuss how best to put together an event..., especially in light of the fact that we might be getting close to a reopening with our Suffragist Exhibit. Perhaps we could coordinate something with that occasion.

We are excited about this idea and look forward to seeing it on the CC agenda.

Thanks very much,

Donna Pittman
WSCHS
West Co Museum Director
261 So Main St
Sebastopol, CA 95472

The request tonight is to release these flags for display at the West County Museum and later use the flags as the Museum and Historical Society see fit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item tonight. The City had approved funding for the flags purchased. The total cost for the flags was \$3460.95.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council Release of Flags Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote to the Museum of the West Sonoma County Historical Society.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photo of Flag

