

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Barron, City Manager

FROM: James Kunke, Community Relations and Tourism Director

DATE: January 28, 2019

SUBJECT: **Consideration of an Amendment to Policy Statement 1.0 – Administration, Section VII – Public Art, to Clarify When City Council Approval is Needed for a Proposed Public Art Project**

BACKGROUND

City Council approved Policy Statement 1.0 – Administration, Section VII – Public Art, in April 2016. The policy sets out goals and general processes for the City’s Public Art Collection. The policy establishes a need for City Council approval of certain specific actions related to Public Art, such as temporary art installations or loaning art to other agencies.

However, while working on the proposed commission of a public art bench in Lonestar Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park, staff discovered that the Policy does not state when City Council approval is needed for a public art purchase or commission. Purchases valued at \$50,000 or more require City Council approval under State purchasing law, but art valued at less than \$50,000 would not normally require City Council approval under state law.

ANALYSIS

The proposed amendment specifies that City Council approval is required before adding any art or group of related art to the City’s Public Art Collection, but makes an exception for art or groups of related art with a market value of less than \$5,000.

Because of the high-profile nature of Public Art, staff believes City council approval should be required for all art acquisitions valued at more than \$5,000. Smaller purchases would remain under the discretion of staff and the Arts Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the amendment as described in the caption above.