

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Barron, City Manager

FROM: Claire Swann, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 9, 2018

SUBJECT: **Approval of Lighting Agreement by and Between the City of Lewisville, Main & Mill Business Association, and Victor Ballas to Allow the City to Install and Maintain LED Lights on 190 W. Main Street; and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Agreements.**

BACKGROUND

The City of Lewisville and the Main & Mill Business Association (“Main & Mill”) are working to upgrade the lights currently installed on the rooflines of buildings facing Main Street between Charles and Mill Street (the “Old Town Center”). The existing string lights were paid for by the City of Lewisville through a grant given to the Old Town Business Association (now Main & Mill). Under that grant agreement, the Old Town Business Association was responsible for installation and maintenance of the lights.

In 2016, Main & Mill proposed that the city take over the maintenance and electricity costs. To provide a more sustainable solution, the city offered to replace the existing lights with a professional architectural lighting system called Inception Lighting. Grapevine’s downtown currently uses this same lighting system. Lewisville has already installed the system on City Hall and the MCL Grand Theater.

The system would be owned and operated exclusively by the City of Lewisville, which better ensures that the system will be maintained. Furthermore, this will allow the City to program the lighting consistent with the lights already on the MCL Grand Theater and City Hall. The Inception Lighting system also uses significantly less energy, thereby reducing electricity costs and furthering the city’s sustainability goals. Main & Mill have agreed to continue to pay ongoing electricity costs.

ANALYSIS

For the city to install and maintain public lights on private property, each property owner must sign a Lighting Agreement and give the City a voluntary easement. City staff have been working with the property owners since August 2016. At the August 6th City Council meeting, City Council approved several lighting agreements with other property owners from the Old Town Center. We received a signed lighting agreement from Victor Ballas (owner of the Emporium

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located at 190 W. Main Street) after that council meeting. Upon receiving City Council approval, the City Manager will sign the lighting agreement for 190 W. Main and file the documents in deed records. Staff has already hired the contractor to install the lights on Phase I buildings (buildings that were approved for lighting at the August 6th City Council meeting). If approved tonight, the lighting on the Emporium will also be included in this first phase of installation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the Lighting Agreements for 190 W Main Street and authorize the City Manager to execute such agreements.