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ADD-ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF AMTRAK BUILDING & PARKING LOT LEASE TO MONUMENT TO WOMEN VETERANS INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the final draft Lease Agreement for the Amtrak building and parking lot between the City of Pensacola and the Monument to Women Veterans Inc. Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all necessary actions to execute and administer the Lease Agreement.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In March 2013, City Council approved the surplus of the Amtrak building. Subsequent attempts to dispose of the property via sale and to re-establish Amtrak service were unsuccessful. Michelle Caldwell of the non-profit Monument to Women Veterans organization has lobbied on several occasions for leasing the property to establish a museum and venue in tribute to women service veterans. In November 2020, City Council authorized the Mayor to enter into negotiations to lease the property to Ms. Caldwell’s organization.

This item is requested as an add-on due to City Council feedback from a prior meeting regarding the terms, requesting staff to move quickly to finalize the agreement and bring back to the City Council for approval.

PRIOR ACTION:

April 11, 2013 - City Council approved the declaration of the Amtrak property as surplus.

September 13, 2018 - Presentation and discussion with Michelle Caldwell, Monument to Women Veterans Inc.

October 5, 2020 - Presentation and discussion with Michelle Caldwell, Monument to Women Veterans Inc.

November 12, 2020 - City Council approved the negotiation of a lease for the Amtrak property with Monument to Women Veterans Inc.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For the first 18-month period a monthly rate of \$1.00 will be paid to the City of Pensacola while the organization secures funding and develops a construction plan for the renovations and improvements to the property. After the 18-month period the organization will pay the market rate of the lease payments. Credit for all documented funds expended for improvements to the property will be applied towards the lease payments.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

12/7/2020

STAFF CONTACT:

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator
Amy Lovoy, Finance Director

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PRESENTATION: No