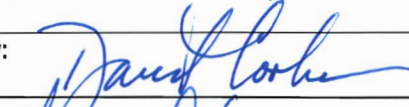



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It is proposed that:

1. A memorial designation be placed on West Risinger Road at its intersection with Burr Oak Lane in honor of the memory of Ben and Meg Arbour;
2. Waive the fee for the application in the amount of \$700 and find that the waiver carries out a public purpose and there are sufficient controls to ensure the public purpose is carried out;
3. Waive the street topper program requirements to submit names, addresses and signatures of all abutting property owners concurring with the memorial designation; and
4. Adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Honorary Designation on West Risinger Road at its Intersection with Burr Oak Lane for Ben and Meg Arbour.

DISCUSSION:

It is hereby proposed that a memorial designation be placed on West Risinger Road at its intersection with Burr Oak Lane, as depicted on the attached map, in honor of the memory of Ben and Meg Arbour.

Ben was born on May 14, 1981 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and died on November 6, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 39 years old.

Ben married Meg Anderson on July 23, 2003 in Boerne, Texas. Ben and Meg had four wonderful children, Wesley, Abby, Micah, and Noah. Ben excelled at everything he did: being a loving husband to Meg and father to his four children, living and witnessing to others his strong Christian faith and his exceptional knowledge thereof, opening his home and himself to his and his family's many friends as well as to strangers in need of counseling, guidance or a safe place to stay, passionately pursuing his academic endeavors, working at his job consistently and tirelessly to deliver outstanding results and provide for his family, all while displaying a true love of life, true happiness and a wonderful sense of humor.


Ben was an Eagle Scout and holds a degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets Company E-1 as well as Rudder's Rangers, the Ross Volunteers,

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Meg Arbour was born on April 13, 1981 in Azle, Texas. She passed away on November 6, 2020 in Fort Worth. She was 39 years old.

Meg's early years were spent in Abilene, Texas. She attended Cornerstone Christian School and Wylie High School. In 1996, when Meg was a sophomore, the family moved to Eldorado, Texas. She graduated with honors from Eldorado High School in 1999. She played in the band and was a cheerleader. While in Eldorado she also became a Certified Nurse's Assistant. She worked at the local nursing home, was on call for 911 emergencies and even drove the ambulance on occasion when needed.

Following graduation from high school, Meg pursued a degree in health education with an emphasis in special education from Texas A&M University. She graduated in 2003. While at Texas A&M she was involved in IGNITE Student Ministries, teaching Bible studies in dorms. In her sophomore year at A&M she met Benjamin Arbour on a "Beach Reach" mission trip to Corpus Christi, Texas.

By the time their children were of school age, Meg felt strongly committed to teaching them and preparing them for life through homeschool. After she began homeschooling, she teamed up with two other women to create the "Lesson Plan Ladies" home school curriculum. It has helped meet the needs for many homeschooling parents.

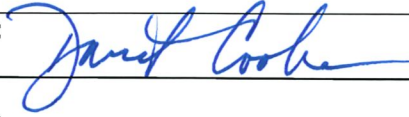
The impact Meg had on so many lives is incredible. She reached out in selfless love to everyone she met. By reputation, she was sought after for her counsel and prayer support. Dozens of women considered her their best friend. Meg and Ben were faithful members of Wedgwood Baptist Church.

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The street topper program requires a \$700 application fee and the submission of names, addresses and signatures of all abutting property owners concurring with the memorial designation. We propose that the application fee be waived. We also propose that the requirement for the submission of abutting property owners' signatures be waived, given the location of the memorial designation and that no adjacent property owners face West Risinger Road or Burr Oak Lane at this intersection.

By approving this Council Proposal, the City Council will find that the waiver of the application fee meets a public purpose. Given Ben and Meg Arbour's deep, positive impact on the lives of many Fort Worth residents and their ongoing legacy that continues to resound throughout our city, the fee waiver is appropriate and serves a public purpose. If approved, Transportation and Public Works Department staff will install the streets signs, ensuring that the public purpose is carried out.

LEGALITY:

The Law Department finds that this proposal is legal and within the authority of the City Council.

FISCAL NOTE:

The following costs are anticipated to be incurred to implement this Council Proposal:

1. Direct appropriation or expenditure required: \$1,298.81
2. Estimated (A) number of staff hours (6), (B) average total-employee per-hour cost (\$27.00), and (C) staff costs (A x B) (\$162.00)
3. Total estimated costs (1 +2)

Of the above-identified amount, \$1,460.81 is within currently budgeted resources and \$0 would need to be appropriated.

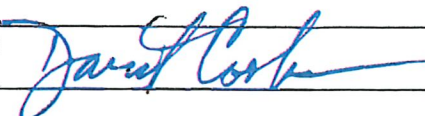
Based on the above and the attached financial checklist, the Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated for the Transportation and Public Works Department, of the General Fund to support the approval of the proposed action.

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CURRENT FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,460.81
Fund: 10100
Dept: 0208002
Account: 5610502

ONGOING FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$0.00

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

PROPOSED BY:



Jared Williams
Council Member



Mattie Parker
Mayor



Leonard Firestone
Council Member

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Risinger Memorial Designation

Council & Mayor Project Limit Map

Burr Oak Lane and W Risinger Road



A Resolution

NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION ON WEST RISINGER ROAD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH BURR OAK LANE FOR BEN AND MEG ARBOUR

WHEREAS, Ben was born on May 14, 1981 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and died on November 6, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas; he was 39 years old.

WHEREAS, Ben married Meg Anderson on July 23, 2003 in Boerne, Texas and have four wonderful children, Wesley, Abby, Micah, and Noah.

WHEREAS, Ben excelled at everything he did: being a loving husband to Meg and father to his four children, living and witnessing to others his strong Christian faith and his exceptional knowledge thereof, opening his home and himself to his and his family's many friends as well as to strangers in need of counseling, guidance or a safe place to stay, passionately pursuing his academic endeavors, working at his job consistently and tirelessly to deliver outstanding results and provide for his family, all while displaying a true love of life, true happiness and a wonderful sense of humor.

WHEREAS, Ben was an Eagle Scout and held a degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets Company E-1 as well as Rudder's Rangers, the Ross Volunteers, the Corps Chaplains and IGNITE Student Ministries.

WHEREAS, after college, Ben and Meg completed missionary training with Heart of God Ministries, served for six months as missionaries among an unreached people group in East Asia and remained passionate about mission and the unreached thereafter.

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WHEREAS, while in Eldorado Meg also became a Certified Nurse's Assistant; she worked at the local nursing home, was on call for 911 emergencies and even drove the ambulance on occasion when needed.

WHEREAS, following graduation from high school she pursued a degree in health education with an emphasis in special education from Texas A&M University, graduating in 2003.

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WHEREAS, the impact Meg had on so many lives is incredible; she reached out in selfless love to everyone she met; by reputation, she was sought after for her counsel and prayer support; dozens of women considered her their best friend.

WHEREAS, Meg and Ben were faithful members of Wedgwood Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide for the honorary designation on West Risinger Road at its intersection with Burr Oak Lane, as depicted on the attached map, for Ben and Meg Arbour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

In recognition of their contributions to the City of Fort Worth, West Risinger Road at its intersection with Burr Oak Lane is hereby designated in recognition of Ben and Meg Arbour.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

C.P. Checklist

City Programs and Priorities:

- Explain whether the subject matter is under the purview of an existing program of the City. **Memorial street toppers are managed by Transportation and Public Works, and is a program that is initiated by the public, City management, or City Council. This CP is an appropriate tool for the initiation of a memorial street topper.**
- Identify which strategic priority of the City Council that the CP will address. **This CP will address the priority of Community Safety, as the memorial street topper not only celebrates the legacy of the Arbours but also serves as a reminder of, and deterrent from, the illegal street racing that caused their loss of life.**

Partnerships/Coordination:

- Explain whether any other governmental entities/agencies or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) will be involved. If so, explain what legal agreements will be required and what coordination should be achieved. **None. Street toppers for city streets are wholly within the purview of the City of Fort Worth.**
- Explain whether the subject matter is known to be under the purview of an existing program or priority of any other governmental entities/agencies or NGOs. **None. Street toppers for city streets are wholly within the purview of the City of Fort Worth.**

Finances:

- Identify whether funding is available in the current budgeted appropriation or whether additional appropriations will be necessary. **The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated for the Transportation and Public Works Department, of the General Fund to support the approval of the proposed action.**
 - If currently budgeted, the CP must identify the FIDS and the funding must be reflected in attachments verifying the funding availability. **This information is set forth in the CP and attachments.**
 - Identify the funding source, including whether the funding involves the following, which is not intended to be an exhaustive list:
 - Operating funds
 - Capital funds
 - Debt funds, such as bond funds, certificate of obligations, tax notes
 - Departmental funds (identify all departments' budgets that will be impacted)
 - Grant funds**The funds are departmental funds from Transportation and Public Works Department**
 - Explain whether ongoing funding is necessary **Ongoing maintenance funds will be included in future Transportation and Public Works Department budget**
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- Verify whether there are grants available **None**
 - Explain how any debt required will impact the City's debt capacity. **No impact.**
 - Explain whether any City fees may be charged or waived, such as development fees, impact fees, etc. **Application fee of \$700 will be waived.**
 - Explain whether the program or funding requested or waived is to address a financial hardship for an individual or group, and identify the individual or group. **Application fee is not waived to address a financial hardship. The fee is waived because the street toppers are being initiated by City Council and not members of the public.**
 - Identify whether economic development incentives are available. **None.**
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Expenditures	Current Budget	Pre-Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Remaining Budget	% of S
Profits	\$862,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259,789.18	\$603,160.82	
Tr & Maint	\$555,081.00	\$0.00	\$97,058.21	\$214,937.78	\$243,085.01	
PW Department Rollup	\$555,081.00	\$0.00	\$97,058.21	\$214,937.78	\$243,085.01	
0208002 TPW Southwest Routine Maint	\$555,081.00	\$0.00	\$97,058.21	\$214,937.78	\$243,085.01	
10100 General Fund	\$555,081.00	\$0.00	\$97,058.21	\$214,937.78	\$243,085.01	
5330201 Other Contractual Services	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,106.28	\$3,893.72	
5410105 Cellular Phone Charges	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$990.02	\$1,509.98	
5430102 Veh/Equip Repr & Maint Parts	\$46,308.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,865.51	\$19,442.49	
5430103 Veh/Equip Repair & Maint Labor	\$95,553.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,810.60	\$61,742.40	
5430300 Fleet Svc Outside Rep & Maint	\$30,810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,919.95	\$21,890.05	
5500101 Professional License/Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
5500105 Misc Employee Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
5550102 Outside Printing & Binding	\$134.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134.00	\$0.00	
5550106 Office Copy Services	\$326.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$261.30	\$64.70	
5580103 Training/Workshop	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	
5610101 Office Supplies	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$334.75	\$219.25	
5610108 Safety Materials & Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
5610109 Minor Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	
5610201 Uniforms	\$5,135.00	\$0.00	\$879.12	\$1,159.00	\$3,096.88	
5610502 Traffic & Sign Materials	\$36,741.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,741.00	
5610510 Paving Materials	\$181,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,179.09	\$68,289.30	\$64,531.61	
5610900 Operating Supplies	\$11,958.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,667.03	\$5,290.97	
5624101 Fuel Oil & Lubricants	\$41,962.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,400.04	\$22,561.96	
Total Expenditures :	\$1,418,031.00	\$0.00	\$97,058.21	\$474,726.96	\$846,245.83	