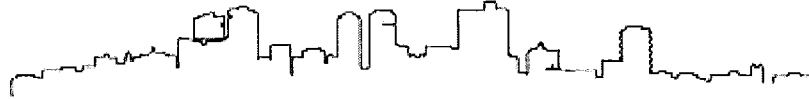
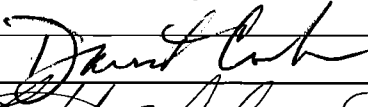



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It is proposed that City Council waive the fees associated with the use of certain streets (including University Drive) and use of Trinity Park, including the pavilion near the Police and Fire Memorial (2247 W. 7th Street), for Carry the Load's Memorial May Event on May 28, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

On Memorial Day, Americans pause to honor the women and men that gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. This tradition dates back to the end of the Civil War when a group of formerly enslaved people decorated the graves of fallen Union soldiers in Charleston, South Carolina in 1865. Since then, communities across this country have organized their own efforts to honor local heroes.

Carry the Load is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide active ways to honor and remember our nation's heroes by connecting Americans to the sacrifices made by our military, veterans, first responders, and their families. Carry the Load started as a single march in 2011 and has grown to over 70 rallies in 46 states. Since 2011, Carry the Load has raised \$32.9 million to bring awareness, education and continuum of care for our veterans, fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines and their families. In the words of one participant, "It is easy to forget that Memorial Day is celebrated with family and friends at barbeques and picnics in the park, but the reason to celebrate is about remembering the folks who volunteered to give us what we have today."

Carry the Load's Memorial May campaign, which occurs during the entire month of May, raises awareness and provides active ways to connect Americans to the sacrifices made by our military, veterans, first responders, and their families. Beginning at 11:00 am on May 28 in Parking Lot 6 at Amon G. Carter Stadium, Carry the Load participants will march 3.6 miles along the Trinity River and University Drive, ending at Trinity Park by the Police and Fire Memorial at 2247 W. 7th Street.



Carry the Load has requested a waiver to the fees associated with the use of certain streets (including University Drive) and use of Trinity Park, including the pavilion near the Police and Fire Memorial. The City currently employs thousands of first responders, along with military personnel and veterans, so the City shares in Carry the Load's mission to provide awareness to the sacrifices of these individuals. Therefore, the City Council finds that the waiver of the fees associated with

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this event will serve a public purpose of bringing awareness to the sacrifices of the individuals listed above.

LEGALITY:

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

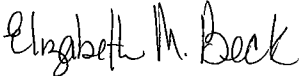
FISCAL NOTE:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

PROPOSED BY:



Elizabeth M. Beck
Council Member



Gyna M. Bivens
Council Member

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