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MEMORANDUM

January 17, 2014

TO: Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator 
Vernon Gerth, ACA Community and Economic Development
Lisa R. Clayton, Parks Director
Catherine Powers, Planning & Sustainability Director
Amanda Hall, Preservation Planner

SUBJECT: Consideration of Submittal of a Federal Preservation Grant Application to the Tennessee Historical Commission for the Completion of Ground Penetrating Radar Collection, Digital Mapping, Cemetery Roster Services, and Internet Hosting for Historic City and Rest Haven Cemeteries (COF #2014-0010)

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of the submittal of a grant application to the Tennessee Historical Commission for the completion of ground penetrating radar collection, digital mapping, cemetery roster services, and internet hosting for historic City Cemetery and historic Rest Haven Cemetery. The two historic cemeteries are owned by the City of Franklin and are located at the intersection of N. Margin St. and 4th Ave. N.

Background

The Federal Preservation Grant program is administered in our state by the Tennessee Historical Commission to assist with preservation-related surveys and studies for properties listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). As a Certified Local Government, the City of Franklin is determined eligible to apply for such preservation-related grant funding opportunities. Recently, a Federal Preservation Grant funded the completion of NRHP nominations for the City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery, and the Department of the Interior listed the two sites on the NRHP in November 2012 for significance in the areas of exploration/settlement, community planning/development, and art.

As the cemeteries have been determined to be historically significant resources and the Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission has recently identified their preservation and maintenance as one of its top three priorities on which to focus between now and the Battle of Franklin Sesquicentennial in November 2014, staff believes the data collected and mapped through this proposal will complement the previous and current preservation preparatory work conducted at these historic sites by providing staff invaluable documentation and survey information that can be maintained not only for record keeping but also for utilization for public education initiatives. The proposal includes the following:

- Onsite scaled GPS-GIS maps collected utilizing state plane coordinates;
- Ground penetrating radar of all open areas in the cemeteries;
- Digital (computer) drafting of all GIS field discovery;
- Digital cemetery roster including data confirmed, collated, and transcribed from markers; the upload of data to a new digital map of the cemeteries; and an alphabetized digital cemeteries roster database;
- Layout of all available burial spaces discovered and noted;
- Internet setup and hosting for digital maps of both cemeteries; and
- Additional expenses such as travel, supplies, printing, postage, etc.



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Financial Impact

A mapping consultant estimates the completion of ground penetrating radar collection and mapping of all cemetery features for both sites to cost approximately \$32,472.00. The Federal Preservation Grant program would reimburse 60% of the project cost, if awarded. Upon award of the grant, a formal Request for Proposals will be completed with a recommendation from Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission to the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

Recommendation

Approval of the submission of a formal grant application for the two historic cemeteries owned by the City of Franklin and located at the intersection of North Margin St. and 4th Ave. North is recommended.

RESOLUTION 2014-10

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF FRANKLIN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE FEDERAL PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Preservation Grant program is a competitive grant program that funds preservation-related projects such as surveys and studies of properties determined eligible for listing or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin maintains the historic City Cemetery and the historic Rest Haven Cemetery, which have been determined eligible for listing on the NRHP and are pending formal consideration of eligibility by the State Review Board ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin seeks to apply for a Federal Preservation Grant in order to finance the completion of ground penetrating radar collection, digital mapping, cemetery roster services, and internet hosting for City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the City has received an estimate for a project cost of approximately \$32,472615 for the completion of ground penetrating radar collection, digital mapping, cemetery roster services, and internet hosting, sixty percent (60%) of which the City would be reimbursed, if awarded such grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission has identified the preservation and maintenance of City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery as one of its top three priorities on which to focus between now and the Battle of Franklin Sesquicentennial in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find it in the best interest of the City to seek this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

That Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor, is authorized to sign and submit an application for the Federal Preservation Grant Program to the Tennessee Historical Commission that would fund completion of ground penetrating radar collection, digital mapping, cemetery roster services, and internet hosting for the historic City Cemetery and the historic Rest Haven Cemetery.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

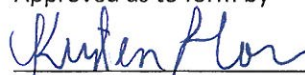
ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

BY: _____
ERIC S. STUCKEY
City Administrator/Recorder

BY: _____
DR. KEN MOORE
Mayor

Approved as to form by



Kristen L. Corn, Staff Attorney