



RESOLUTION 10-324

A Resolution committing the City of LaCenter to be a primary sponsor of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute and dedicating public support to bring the Wall to LaCenter in the summer of 2010.

The LaCenter City Council finds that:

WHEREAS, the City and several of its officials have been asked to support and become a sponsor of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute – The “Wall” – that is touring the country and scheduled to be in LaCenter in the summer of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously agreed to be a sponsor of this event, provide logistical support in the form of city employees, contribute \$2,500 as the deposit for this community event honoring American veterans, and allow the use of the City park as a venue for The Wall while it is in the area; and

WHEREAS, planning for this community event has generated a substantial amount of local and regional support among individuals, local governments, businesses and veterans organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have come forward to work on the traveling Wall memorial, and public, private and individual donations of money have been made to defray the expenses of this traveling memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes a substantial public benefit for the City’s citizens in hosting The Wall memorial in the City’s park, a public benefit that warrants a modest expenditure of public resources in the form of public employee time and effort and financial support if donations fall short; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a separate account for the receipt of donations to The Wall memorial to help defray the expenses of hosting the exhibit in the City during Summer 2010.

WHEREAS, the local organizing committee for the American Veterans Traveling Tribute have asked for a formal statement of City sponsorship and a commitment to help make-up any financial short-falls should donations not be sufficient to pay the hard costs of the traveling memorial.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, based on the foregoing Recitals, the City Council of LaCenter Washington resolves that the American Veterans Traveling Tribute – The Wall traveling memorial – is a significant public benefit in terms of honoring the City’s veterans, educating the public as to the sacrifices that our veterans have made in the course of military service to the Nation. The Wall also stands to attract a significant number of visitors to the City, which benefits the City’s businesses and community organizations. As such, the City Council declares that support of The Wall traveling memorial is a public purpose to which it is appropriate to commit limited public resources in the form of city employees and limited public funds in the event that private donations are insufficient to pay the expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council hereby commits the City as a principal sponsor of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute – The Wall traveling memorial – while it is in LaCenter.

Passed, adopted and effective this 10th day of March 2010, by a majority of the LaCenter City Council.

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

James T. Irish, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk

Daniel Kearns, City Attorney