



COUNCIL AGENDA: 9/12/2023

ITEM: 2.17

FILE NO: 23-1222

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Tower and Rotunda Lighting as San José Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend Sponsored by Council District 7 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on September 6, 2023, approve the Tower and Rotunda Lighting for recognizing September 15-17, 2023 as San José Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend scheduled from September 13-14, 2023 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Doan)

[Rules Committee referral 9/6/2023 - Item B.3]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Bien Doan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 08/23/2023

Approved

Date 08/23/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ROTUNDA AND TOWER LIGHTING ON SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2023 TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023 AS SAN JOSE FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND, SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER DOAN'S OFFICE AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Tower and Rotunda Lighting on September 13-14, 2023 to recognize September 15-17, 2023 as San Jose Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

BACKGROUND

The United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year. National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend took place in May of this year, however San Jose did not participate in the national memorial.

ANALYSIS:

To honor our fallen fighters, San Jose will proclaim September 15-17, 2023 as San Jose Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend for the year 2023 in concurrence with the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial Event which adds the names of 574 fallen fire fighters from the United States and Canada to the Wall of Honor. This event takes place in Colorado Springs, CO on September 16, 2023.

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allows Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved

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by City Council. It also allows for extended lighting beyond one cycle between sundown and sunrise.

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. Approval of this memorandum will enable Council Mayor's Office, City departments, and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the August 30, 2023, Rules Committee Agenda and the September 12, 2023, City Council Agenda.