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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Agenda Date: 07/25/05  
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Communication No.: 05-405  
Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

#### **SUBJECT—**

Transfer funds in the Woodland Cemetery Endowment Fund to an expendable City fund.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

This action approves the transfer of funds in the Woodland Cemetery Endowment Fund to an expendable City fund to be used for the restoration and maintenance of the Woodland Cemetery.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

The balance of \$2118 would be moved from the Woodland Cemetery Endowment Fund NE151 PKS901000 to Woodland Cemetery Maintenance SP725 PKS981800, an expendable special revenue fund designated for cemetery restoration and maintenance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

#### **BACKGROUND—**

In 1995, Gerald LeBlanc, a local cemetery historian and tour guide, requested that the City permit him to solicit funds to establish an endowment fund in which donations would be placed and the interest earnings would be used for the future maintenance and restoration of Woodland Cemetery. On November 18, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-3895, the City Council approved this request.

Between June 1997 and August 2002, Mr. LeBlanc raised funds totaling \$3030. That amount of principle only generated just over \$88 in interest income over the life of the fund. On March 20, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-776, City Council approved a request from Mr. LeBlanc and one of the four endowment fund

donors, John R. Grubb, to transfer funds donated by Mr. Grubb into the Woodland Cemetery Maintenance fund, an expendable cemetery restoration fund.

Mr. LeBlanc has subsequently contacted the other donors and received their consent to transfer the remaining endowment fund balance into an expendable fund. This action would allow the City to spend the principal and interest earnings currently held in the Woodland Cemetery Endowment Fund. Mr. LeBlanc has proposed using these funds to help restore forty-two markers in the Woodland Baby Cemetery which is located just west of the Savery Mausoleum.