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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Operation Downtown Reimbursement

SYNOPSIS—

Reimburse Operation Downtown for a series of beautification and maintenance projects that were made on Nollen Plaza and along Court Avenue in preparation for the National Governor's Association meeting held in Des Moines this past July.

FISCAL IMPACT—

A one-time expense of \$58,605.31.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

In preparation for the National Governor's Association meeting held in Des Moines this past July, then City Manager Eric Anderson committed to reimbursing Operation Downtown for a series of beautification and maintenance projects on Nollen Plaza and Court Avenue. All of the work completed by DCA was done in a timely fashion. Additional information on the agreement with DCA is included in the Council packet, but the projects that were completed are summarized below.

The projects included the following:

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| 1. New Planters | \$27,159.00 |
| 2. Finials for Light Poles | 6,880.00 |
| 3. Landscaping at 5 th & Court | 993.75 |
| 4. Painting (Light poles, Traffic lights, Crosswalk poles) | 9,420.00 |
| 5. New Benches; Refinish Old Benches | 6,000.00 |

6.	Plant Material	8,583.56
7.	Landscaping: 4 th & Court Parking Lot	\$3,969.00
8.	Electrical Work: Nollen Plaza	600.00
	Subtotal:	<u>63,605.31</u>
	Downtown Community Alliance Contribution:	5,000.00
	Total:	<u>58,605.31</u>

In total, \$63,605.31 was spent on beautification on Court Avenue and Nollen Plaza specifically for the NGA Conference. Over the entire summer, DCA spent approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 on live plants, \$70,000 for new planters on Locust Street, \$52,000 on landscaping and beautification on the ING parking lot, and \$11,000 on Nollen Plaza. These amounts are included in a total of \$250,000 spent on beautification in the downtown area this year, over and above the amount requested to be reimbursed by the City.