

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

**DATE:** May 24, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Consider Update Regarding Proposed Memorial and Monument Policy (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Alexander and Stewart)

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**PREPARED BY:** Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council consider an update for the proposed memorial and monument policy and provide general direction regarding the same.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 9, 2021, Council Member Stewart requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to consider the creation of a memorial and monument policy. On December 14, 2021, the City Council approved the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Council Members Alexander and Stewart to work with staff on the creation of a memorial and monument policy. On February 15, 2022, the subcommittee met with staff to do the following: (1) Review the existing Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy, Art in Public Places Ordinance, and previous memorial and monument approvals, (2) Review current opportunities for recognitions (i.e., certificates, proclamations, pins, Wall of Honor, veteran pavers and flags, trees), and (3) Provide direction on the types of information they would like to see in research from other cities for public recognition programs and policies (i.e., framework and criteria for recognitions, nomination process, phasing for different recognitions based on type and years of service, qualitative and quantitative data points to support the nomination and/or recognition from the perspective of the Council and residents). Based on subcommittee direction, staff conducted research in March 2022 and gathered information from approximately 30 other cities. On March 29, 2022, the subcommittee met with staff to do the following: (1) Review the research results from cities inside and outside of California, (2) Compare the information to the current practice of similar recognitions in the City of Temecula, (3) Provide general direction on nomination forms, residency requirements, contribution criteria, evaluation process, and form of public recognition based on tenure, and (4) Provide general direction on medal of honor and pending public recognitions as identified by the City Council under the new policy process. It is now recommended that the full City Council consider the proposed framework for public recognitions and provide staff general direction regarding the same. The final policy will be placed on a future agenda for full City Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** None