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Meeting Date: 7/12/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Donation to Fire Station No. 8 (River Park area)

Report ID: 2011-00618

Location: District 3

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution 1) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or his designee, to accept a gift card from a resident in the amount of \$500; and 2) authorizing the Fire Department to administer use of the gift card for purchase of items benefitting Fire Station No.8 in the River Park area.

Contact: Troy Malaspino, Deputy Chief, (916) 808-1602, Fire Department

Presenter: None

Department: Fire

Division: Operations Admin

Dept ID: 12001211

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Lan Wang
7/5/2011 3:58:22 PM

City Treasurer Review

Prior Council Financial Policy Approval or
Outside City Treasurer Scope
Russell Fehr
6/22/2011 4:41:13 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Ray Jones - 7/5/2011 2:18:24 PM

Assistant City Manager: Cassandra Jennings - 7/5/2011 3:45:20 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: An anonymous resident of the area served by Fire Station No. 8, in the River Park area, recently donated a gift card to the station employees in the amount of \$500. The resident expressed that the gift was in appreciation for the services and benefits to the neighborhood that the employees at the station provided. City Charter Article VIII, Section 98, states that no member of the Fire Department shall be allowed, without the consent of the City Council, to receive any gratuity or compensation for any service rendered as a firefighter. This report recommends accepting the donation, and assigning the department administrative control in the purchase of items benefitting the Fire Station No. 8 in the River Park area.

Policy Considerations: The recommendation is consistent with City Charter Article VIII, Section 98, which gives City Council exclusive and non-delegable authority and duty to define, interpret, and implement Section 98.

Environmental Considerations: This recommendation does not constitute a “project” and therefore is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA guidelines.

Sustainability: There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the accepting the donation to Fire Station No. 8.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: This recommendation requests acceptance of a donation from a member of the public for the benefit of the neighborhood fire station. This action is consistent with the City Charter.

Financial Considerations: The costs of administering the transactions and accounting processes can be supported within the Fire Department’s existing budget.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Any goods or services purchase as a result of approving this Resolution will follow the Procurement guidelines.



Background

In June of 2011, an anonymous resident of the area served by Fire Station No. 8, in the River Park area, donated a gift card to the station employees in the amount of \$500. Despite being told they could not accept the gift card, the resident was insistent and demanded they take it. The resident expressed that the gift was in appreciation for the services and benefits to the neighborhood that the employees at the station provided. Upon receiving the gift card, the station Captain immediately notified department senior staff, who secured the card.

City Charter Article VIII, Section 98, states that no member of the Fire Department shall be allowed, without the consent of the City Council, to receive any gratuity or compensation for any service rendered as a firefighter. In the past, the City Council has granted consent for donations from a community member for a specific station.

The department will administer the use of the gift card, providing an accountable process that documents the items purchased and their use in the station.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Donation to Fire Station No. 8 (River Park Area)

BACKGROUND

- A. An anonymous donor has donated a gift card in the amount of \$500 to the Fire Department's Station No. 8 (River Park).
- B. City Charter Article VIII, Section 98, states that no member of the Fire Department shall be allowed, without the consent of the City Council, to receive any gratuity or compensation for any service rendered as a firefighter. In the past, the City Council has granted consent for donations from a community member for a specific station.
- C. The department will administer the use of the gift card, providing an accountable process that documents the items purchased and their use in the station.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Interim City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a gift card donation in the amount of \$500
- Section 2. The Fire Department is hereby authorized to administer the use of the gift card for purchase of items benefitting Fire Station No.8 in the River Park area.