



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Michael Mallinoff, City Manager

Date: September 6, 2023

Subject: R-49-23: Commission to Plan Celebrations for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to create the United States of America semiquincentennial commission to plan celebrations in the City of Annapolis commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S.A.

Impact of legislation on operations

The City supports the intent of the legislation and heartily agrees that given the rich history of Annapolis, the semiquincentennial celebration is a wonderful opportunity. The Commission itself will not greatly impact the operations of the City, but the plans and products of the Commission will impact operations. Given that the Commission is not an independent legal entity, it cannot seek grants or hold donations on its own, and it does not have the authority to obligate the City for future expenditures. The City therefore recommends adding an additional item to the Commission's duties to be delivered early in the Commission's timeline: a framework for how the Commission will achieve consensus on planned activities and their costs, which entity will be responsible for tracking and appropriately reporting donations and disbursements, and how grant opportunities will be handled.

Impact of legislation on staffing

The Commission itself is not expected to impact staffing for the City.

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