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TO: Stephanie Reyes, City Manager
FROM: Jamie Lee Case, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lisa Morris, Recreation Programs Manager/VAAC Staff Liaison
DATE: April 14, 2025
RE: **Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee**
Recommendation Resolution 2025-01RR-PRB

SUMMARY:

Recommendation Resolution was passed by the Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) on January 28, 2025. The purpose of this Recommendation is to request the City Council support services and funding for issues affecting Veterans.

BACKGROUND:

March 11, 2024 – The VAAC held a discussion regarding annual goals/projects. The conversation identified that one of the duties of the committee is to make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues that are important to Veterans. The committee identified issues to be explored including homelessness, rental assistance, transportation, healthcare, and improvements to the Veterans Memorial.

The VAAC held meetings on June 10, July 24, September 9, October 21, and December 9, 2024. During these meetings, the committee shared and examined data from the annual Point-In-Time Count, shared data from the Hays County Veteran Service Office regarding numbers of Veterans served, received updates from Hope 4 Hays County Vets Program regarding service requests, and a presentation by Code Enforcement outlining their efforts to address homelessness and home repairs affecting Veterans.

January 28, 2025 – The VAAC approved Recommendation Resolution 2025-01RR-VAAC.

Fiscal Note: There is currently not an identified funding source to fund recommendations. The committee has expressed interest in creating a fundraising campaign to implement improvements to the Veterans Memorial which would need council approval.

Implementation: The implementation of adding personnel, transportation needs, and maintenance/improvements to the Veterans Memorial will have to be addressed through the budget process.

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