

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

VOTE

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER,

To repurpose a portion of funding from an Earmark accepted by the City Council on March 26, 2019 to support a 9-11 Memorial in the City of Lowell

ORDERED,

By the City Council of the City of Lowell, as follows:

That the amount of twenty five thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000) Dollars be transferred:

FROM: 20080005-588400-VTRNS – Grant Account as described in “Attachment A”

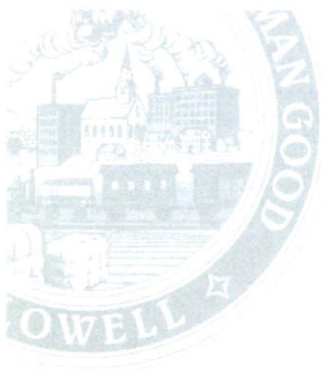
TO: 20080005-588400-00911 as described in “Attachment A”

ORDER RECOMMENDED AND INTRODUCED BY:



Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager

V: fy2021.year-end.trans.911.memorial



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

June 23, 2020

Mayor John Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the City Council vote to transfer \$25,000 from the Veteran's Memorial Park project account to support the 9-11 Memorial project at Liberty Park.

The City of Lowell was the recipient of state earmark funding for a new Veterans Park to appropriately honor those in our community who have served their country. The City is already working on plans to create a Veteran's Park on Douglas Road and has been presented with an opportunity to assist in the creation of a 9-11 memorial site.

The intention of the earmark funds was a way to help the City create memorial locations to appropriately honor those in our community who have volunteered to serve their country. The 9-11 Memorial will also honor many who made the same decision, while also recognizing those who lost their lives to the tragic terrorist attacks. We believe visitors of both the Veterans Park and the 9-11 Memorial will find both locations to be beautiful memorials and worthy locations for this investment of funds.

The Veterans Park on Douglas Road will recognize all five branches of the military and provide a location where veterans of all military branches can be honored and remembered. The space will be a place to honor and remember our City's brave veterans.

In June 2017 the Lowell 9-11 Memorial Monument Committee was established for the purpose of raising funds and erecting a monument to honor the lives lost of first responders, veterans and civilians who died on 9-11 and resulting conflicts. The Committee has worked on several design ideas for the monument and explored several possible sites. On April 13, 2020, the 9-11 Memorial Monument Committee received approval from the City's Monument Committee for installation at Liberty Park.

Liberty Park is a small passive park across the street from the JFK Civic Center plaza, home to many of the City's existing cultural monuments. This site can provide easy access to visitors, and will provide a peaceful location for reflection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen M. Donoghue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "D".

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Conor Baldwin, CFO
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director