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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2022

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER /s/

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Alexandria and the Tall Ship Providence Foundation to provide Capital Improvement Funding as Approved in the FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program.

<u>ISSUE</u>: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment) between the City of Alexandria and the Tall Ship Providence Foundation to provide capital improvement funding as approved in the FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement granting the Tall Ship Providence Foundation \$350,000 in FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program Funding.

BACKGROUND: On July 9, 2019, City Council adopted an ordinance to solicit proposals for a franchise to provide the docking of a historic or a replica historic tall ship in the City Marina area. Pursuant to the ordinance, the City Clerk placed advertisements in local newspapers over the course of two consecutive weeks. The preferred deadline which was published and made known to prospective bidders for the receipt of proposals was August 23, 2019. The City received one proposal from the Tall Ship Providence Foundation by the posted deadline.

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On March 14, 2020, the Tall Ship Providence Foundation received approval from City Council for Special Use Permit #2021-0001 to build a living history museum and tourist attraction open to the public for the scheduling of public cruises and private charters. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tall Ship Providence Foundation was delayed in raising the sufficient funding to begin the building of the docking facility.

The Tallship Providence Foundation began construction activities earlier this year on the docking facility and the approved FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program will support landside utility and infrastructure needs.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$350,000 FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program Funding.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum of Agreement

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