



April 29, 2022
Mayor and City Council
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Dear Mayor and Council,

In June 2018, the Type A Board approved \$2 million to restore the Water Garden. However, City staff later determined that more funds were needed to fully restore the Water Garden. In 2019, City staff hired LNV to design the Water Garden and it was determined that it would cost \$10 million to fully restore the facility. Subsequently, City staff approached the Type A Board in June 2020 to request an additional \$8 million for the project. The request for an additional \$8 million for the project was not approved. Instead, the Type A Board asked staff to provide a different solution.

Following this request, City staff engaged in a value engineering exercise and developed a design concept that City staff believed could be implemented for approximately half of the previous cost estimate.

On July 19, 2021, City staff approached the Type A Board with an amended cost estimate that reduced the projected cost from \$10 million to a total of \$4.5 million. As a result, the Type A Board unanimously approved the item to be funded through the Seawall Capital Fund.

At the next City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, there will be an agenda item to approve an agreement with Fulton Construction to restore the Water Garden. Because it is the mission of the Type A Board to promote and enhance the economic base of the city, I feel it pertinent to share that all seven members of the Type A Board are in favor of restoring the Water Garden Facility to full operational status. In addition, the Type A Board has agreed to fund the entire project in the amount of \$4.5 million, as listed in the Seawall Capital Improvement Program. On behalf of the Type A Board, we recommend that the City Council approve this item as presented.

The Water Garden is a landmark destination in the City's downtown area. Restoration of the facilities could attract more local and out-of-town visitors to the surrounding areas and businesses.

I am available for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Lee Trujillo

Type A Board President