

STAFF REPORT

Date: December 11, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of artist Mike Burke for the City Hall Outdoor Art Project in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. (ARPA Fund)

From: Megan Berner, Arts and Culture Manager

Department: City Manager’s Office – Arts and Culture

Summary:

On November 18, 2024, the Reno Arts and Culture Commission (RACC) approved the recommendation from the Public Art Committee to commission artist Mike Burke for the City Hall Outdoor Art Project. Mike Burke's proposal was selected out of three finalists.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		x
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		x
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	x	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.0001%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

March 8, 2023 – Council approved a \$1,000,000 allocation to the City Hall ADA Accessibility Improvements and Deaf/Hearing Communication Devices from State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and directed staff to use any remaining funds for artwork in front of City Hall.

Background:

After the ADA improvements were completed for City Hall, a total of \$90,000 remained in the project allocation for artwork outside City Hall. The locations determined for the artwork are the south side of City Hall along 1st Street and the west side of City Hall to the north of the entrance on Virginia Street in the dirt area behind the flag poles. A call for artists went out on July 19, 2024 and closed on September 30, 2024 requesting preliminary proposals for sculptures. A total of 17 qualified submissions were received and the Public Art Committee reviewed these at their October 14, 2024 meeting where they recommended 3 finalists to the RACC. The finalists were approved by the RACC on October 21, 2024. Staff gathered feedback based on the initial proposals by the three finalists from City staff and stakeholders on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), lighting, and thematic concepts. This feedback was given to the artists to prepare a more in-depth proposal for the sculptures. The finalists presented their proposals at the November 18, 2024 concurrent Public Art Committee (PAC) and RACC meeting. The PAC and RACC voted to recommend artist Mike Burke for the project.

Discussion:

The City Hall Outdoor Public Art Project call for artists followed the required public art process approved and adopted by Council in 2009. The PAC and RACC took the selection process seriously, selecting an artist with experience to successfully execute this project and bring a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere to the area around City Hall.

Financial Implications:

\$90,000 of funding from ARPA allocation.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve artist Mike Burke for the City Hall Outdoor Public Art Project.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

City Hall Outdoor Public Art Proposal - Mike Burke
City Hall Outdoor Public Art Call for Artists
Mike Burke Agreement City Hall Outdoor Public Art