



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager

Date: December 19, 2023

Subject: 5th Street Brick Piers and Ceramic Reliefs

On June 13, 2023, the City Council received a request from the Public Art Commission (PAC) to deaccession 32 ceramic reliefs from the City's Public Art Inventory and to demolish the 16 brick piers in which the reliefs are installed. These piers are located at intersections along Fifth Street between Pearle Avenue and Duff Avenue. The original report describing the request is attached to this memo.

The Council adopted a resolution approving the deaccession of the art and the demolition of the brick piers. In accordance with that direction, staff had planned to solicit contractor quotes in winter 2023/24 to complete the work. As part of this solicitation, staff intended to include a bid alternate for the contractors to attempt to remove the ceramic reliefs, which would then be preserved for a future public art project. The original report explains staff's concerns about the potential for success of either removing the reliefs or relocating the piers intact.

In response to feedback from the community, the City Council moved on November 14, 2023 to place the discussion of the removal of the piers and reliefs at a future Council meeting. The Public Art Commission discussed the topic again at its December 5, 2023 meeting and received public feedback regarding the topic. Representatives of the Public Art Commission will be in attendance at the December 19 Council meeting to respond to questions as the Council may desire.

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