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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: April 12, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Honorary Naming of Veterans' Monument Park

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve the naming of Veterans' Monument Park in honor of Manatee County veteran, Donald Courtney.

Is this item Quasijudicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The City has been approached by Manatee County Community and Veterans Services with a request to rename Veterans' Monument Park in honor of Manatee County distinguished veteran Donald Courtney. Mr. Courtney is a Korean War Veteran and a 2019 Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee; 2022 Presidential Lifetime Achievement honoree in recognition of over 5,500 hours of veteran-related volunteerism (only the 5th Floridian to receive this honor; and 2004 Manatee County Veteran of the year. In addition, the Manatee County Board of Commissioners designated July 26, 2016 as "Don Courtney Day" in Manatee County, a distinction bestowed on no other veteran. Mr. Courtney has been instrumental in all of the Veteran-led initiatives and programs in Manatee County for decades and oversaw the move of the monuments from around town to the Veterans Monument Park and coordinates the events at the park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the renaming of Veterans' Monument Park in honor of Donald Courtney.

ATTACHMENTS: