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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: December 10, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Kelly Thomas, Event Review Committee

ITEM TYPE: Special Event

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

SUBJECT: DeSoto Heritage Festival Grand Parade

SUGGESTED ACTION: Event Review Committee recommends approval with the following stipulations: FDOT Final Approval, BPD on-duty officers onsite, Public Works on-duty staff onsite and compliance of all COB Special Event Standards.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

DeSoto Historical Society has submitted an application for approval for the DeSoto Grand Parade to be held on April 25, 2026, along Manatee Avenue/S.R. 64. The parade has an anticipated audience of 25,000. The event will require FDOT approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the DeSoto Heritage Festival Grand Parade with the stipulations recommended by staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

DeSoto Heritage Festival Grand Parade Application and Site Plan