



MEMO

Item No. 31

To: Mayor and Ames City Council

From: Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

Date: April 21, 2023

Subject: Funding Request For Airport Renaming
And Juneteenth Celebration

At the March 14, 2023 meeting, Council Member Betcher shared her desire for the City Council to allocate up to \$10,000 for a ribbon-cutting event at the James Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport as well as other enhanced Juneteenth activities. Gloria explained, “While the nature and extent of the activities have yet to be determined definitely, allocating the funds will make it possible for the events to possibly include bringing in a traveling educational exhibit on Mr. Banning and a play about his transcontinental flight with Thomas Cox Allen.”

In response to Gloria’s statement, the City Council passed a motion to place on a future agenda for discussion a request to allocate \$10,000 for this purpose. If the City Council decides to support this request, I would recommend that the City Council’s Contingency Account be the source of funding.

From: [Betcher, Gloria](#)
To: [City Council and Mayor](#)
Cc: [Schainker, Steve](#); [Phillips, Brian](#); [Schildroth, Deb](#)
Subject: Allocation of Funds
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:23:01 PM

All,

After speaking with Steve and Vanessa today, I wanted to let you know that I plan to ask Council to allocate \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for a ribbon-cutting event at the J Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport in conjunction with some enhanced Juneteenth activities. While the nature and extent of the activities has yet to be determined definitely, allocating the funds will make it possible for the events to possibly include bringing in a traveling educational exhibit on Mr. Banning and a play about his transcontinental flight with Thomas Cox Allen.

I also would like to ask staff to work on getting the new signage installed at the airport by June 16. Steve believes this is possible.

I hope that you will all support these requests.

Best,

Gloria

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