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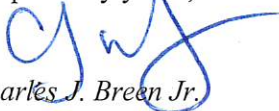
To the Honorably City Council:

The Mayor respectfully requests approval to accept and expend:

- **[Item 23-0186]** A \$45,406.77 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime-related equipment in order to strengthen response capabilities for maritime incidents.
 - o The Fire Department is currently evaluating and prioritizing its maritime equipment needs. Some items being considered for purchase under this grant are:
 - Personal protective equipment (e.g., personal flotation devices for personnel and victims, float coats, whistles, locator lights)
 - Water rescue equipment (e.g., deployable rescue ladder, rescue net, throw bags, life ring)
 - Boat equipment (e.g., emergency light, search light, binoculars, dewatering pump, flares)
 - Boat maintenance
- **[Item 23-0185]** A \$3,348.18 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the purchase of residential lock boxes that provide rapid and non-destructive emergency access to first responders.

The aforementioned grants are very time sensitive as both were awarded as part of the FF20 UASI grant year, a three-year period that requires the submission of final reimbursement requests to the grantor by May 31, 2023. The Fire Department appreciates the Finance Committee's consideration of the very narrow procurement window related to the above grants.

Respectfully yours,


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