



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Operations

DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: Grant Rosenberg

AGENDA SUMMARY

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a license agreement between the City and Downtown Knoxville Alliance for the installation and maintenance of small, bronze figures on specific locations on public property downtown for the long-term installation of the "Newts in Knoxville" scavenger hunt.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED

6th

BACKGROUND

The Knoxville CBID Management Corporation d/b/a Downtown Knoxville Alliance has developed a permanent scavenger hunt program similar to the Mice on Main program in Greenville SC. The Knoxville program will be Newts in Knoxville since one of the largest location of newts/salamanders in the world is located in the Great Smoky Mountains. Preston Farabow, local metal artist, has uniquely designed and fabricated 12 newts specific to each location. Each newt has its own name and background story. A local children's book author has also written a story book to compliment the scavenger hunt. Ten of the 12 newts will be installed on City property. Each location on City property has been reviewed and approved by City Engineering.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

June 2025

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

Land Acquisition Committee approved the use of public property for this program on 3/25/2025.

FISCAL INFORMATION

None