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4/21/2021	1	Town Council	adopted	Pass

Town of Chapel Hill Poet Laureate Program Update.

Staff:
Susan Brown, Executive Director
Melissa Bartoletta, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Department:
Community Arts & Culture

Overview: Staff will update Council on the status of the Town's inaugural Poet Laureate program and propose a process for administering the Poet Laureate program in subsequent years.

Recommendation(s):

That the Council adopt proposed Guidelines for the Town of Chapel Hill's Poet Laureate program and extend C.J. Suitt's current term as Poet Laureate to December 31, 2022.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: Council approved a single $2,000 payment to the individual appointed to the two-year position of Town of Chapel Hill Poet Laureate. The proposed Guidelines would increase that payment to $3,000 for a two-year appointment.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Draft Staff Presentation
- Draft Chapel Hill Poet Laureate Program Guidelines
- Resolution appointing first Poet Laureate (2019-11-20/R-3.1)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL'S POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AND EXTENDING THE INITIAL POET LAUREATE'S TERM (2021-04-21/R-6)

WHEREAS, the Town appointed C.J. Suitt to the position of Chapel Hill's first Poet Laureate on November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the term of this two-year appointment is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town has no policies or procedures guiding its Poet Laureate program; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to continue the Poet Laureate program after the first Poet's term expires; and

WHEREAS, C.J. Suitt and town staff have collaborated to draft *the Town of Chapel Hill's Poet Laureate Program Guidelines* outlining its application and selection processes, appointment term, duties, and compensation; and

WHEREAS, these draft *Guidelines* have been reviewed and approved by the Cultural Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has diminished the first Poet Laureate's opportunity to perform duties for the Town during his tenure in the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council adopt the proposed the Town's Chapel Hill Poet Laureate Program Guidelines as described in the April 21, 2021 meeting materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town extend C.J. Suitt's current term as Poet Laureate to December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town compensate C.J. Suitt $1,000 for this extension of his duties as Poet Laureate to December 31, 2022.

This the 21st day of April, 2021.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

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PRESENTER: Susan Brown, Executive Director, Community Arts & Culture

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council adopt proposed Guidelines for the Town of Chapel Hill's Poet Laureate program and extend C.J. Suitt's current term as Poet Laureate to December 31, 2022 with an additional compensation of $1,000.