

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CREATION OF A BRONZE STATUE HONORING THE GOLD STAR MOTHERS FOR THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE VINELAND MOTHER'S GARDEN IN LANDIS PARK.

WHEREAS, in 1928, Grace Darling Seibold founded the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. which represented and recognized the sacrifice of families who lost loved ones to the service of the United States during World War I; and

WHEREAS, in 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a Proclamation for the United States to observe the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day" for those mothers of service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and its values; and

WHEREAS, in 1920 Wilbert H. Fenton, Vineland, New Jersey along with a committee of Vinelanders designed and built the Gold Star Mothers Garden in Landis Park which was described at that time to be intensively beautiful and an everlasting tribute to the mothers of Vineland which has, over the years, fallen into disrepair; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Al Vargas and Vinelander Steve Lewis spearheaded a campaign to rebuild and rededicate the Gold Star Mothers Garden and have suggested a bronze statue of a mother embracing the American Flag be created and placed in the Garden; and

WHEREAS, Beacon Art Avalon Bronze Studio, Stone Harbor, New Jersey has extensive experience in creating bronze statues and has provided several for other municipalities and have presented a proposal to commission the creation of a bronze statue of a mother embracing the American flag, including a stone pedestal base in the amount of \$50,500.00 as per the attached proposal.

WHEREAS, the creation of said statute is exempt from public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(k); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the statue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the Gold Star Mothers Statue with Beacon Art Avalon Bronze Studio, Stone Harbor, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$50,500.00 in accordance with the proposal attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



January 22, 2022

Contract for Gold Star Mother Bronze Statue
Between the City of Vineland and
Artist Gary Jacketti

The payments will be distributed as follows:

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| First installment-Initial deposit of 1/3 total cost of bronze statue (\$48,000) | \$16,000 |
| Second installment made at final approval of the clay version of the statue | \$16,000 |
| Third installment made at final installation of statue | \$16,000 |

At an additional cost of approximately \$2,500, the statue may be placed on a stone pedestal base with the choice of color made by the city representatives.

Gary Jacketti
Sculptor

Printed Name

Representative of the City of Vineland

Printed Name

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