City of Rockville

MEMORANDUM

November 8, 2010

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Scott Ullery, City Manager

SUBJECT: Replacement of Mayor photo mural in City Hall lobby

The mural of mayors was removed during the recent City Hall renovation. Over time, the mural had deteriorated. The frame and matting were in need of repair or replacement, and the photos had become discolored and damaged. When the mural was taken down, it was decided that it would have to be redone before it could be rehung. The project was not completed due the expense. In its place, the Town Square painting was hung.

The mural of mayors occupied the wall space between the front desk and the Chambers' entrance. If the mural of mayors were reproduced, the painting of Town Square would have to be removed or relocated.

The estimated cost of recreating the mayor mural is $2,615 – 3,150. Because this is not a budgeted project, funding for it would come from the contingency fund (current balance – as of November 9 - is $195,800)

It is recommended that the mural be replaced with individual framed photos of each mayor. Individual photos would allow more flexibility to hang the photos. It would be easier to add photos in the future, and when wall space runs out, photos can be hung on two walls if necessary. The mural would be large and heavy, and difficult to install. Overall, the individual photos would be less expensive.

Mural costs:

Producing 24 photos (scanning and printing) of historic mayors -	$500
Taking and producing photos of three modern mayors -	$500
Brass nameplates identifying each mayor -	$400
Framing of mural -	$1,500
Installation of mural -	$250
Total	**$3,150**

Individual photo costs:

Producing 24 photos (scanning and printing) of historic mayors -	$500
Taking and producing photos of three modern mayors -	$500
Brass nameplates identifying each mayor -	$400
Framing 27 individual 5X7 photos ($45 each) -	$1,215
Total	**$2,615**

Another less expensive option for the wall space would be to hang professional photos of the current Mayor and Council. The cost for this would be:

Taking and producing photos of the Mayor and Council -	$750
Brass nameplates -	$75
Framing five 11X14 photos ($80 each) -	$400
Total	**$1,225**

City staff is ready to begin the work associated with recreating the mural, creating a wall of individual pictures of the mayors, or hanging photos of the current Mayor and Council, pending your direction.