CITY OF WHITE HOUSE

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Agenda Special Session July 13, 2020 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda
- 4. Public Hearings
- 5. New Business
 - a. To approve or reject authorizing a maximum of \$75,000 of matching funds for a Tourism Enhancement Grant from the Tennessee Department of Tourism. If awarded, the grant will be used to build a replica stagecoach with a horse in front of the Visitor Center. The City Administrator recommends approval.
- 6. Adjournment

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

CC: Gerald Herman, City Administrator

From: Derek Watson, Administrative Services Director

Re: Tennessee Economic and Tourism Enhance Grant

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development is offering a Tourism Enhancement grant a 50/50 reimbursement for approved projects. The application requires an approval of matching funds up to a maximum of \$75,000. The grant will be used to build a replica stagecoach in front of the Visitor Center located at 412 Hwy 76 that houses the White House Inn Museum and White House Area Chamber of Commerce. The total cost of the project will cost roughly \$100,000 to design and install the stagecoach.

If matching funds are approved for the project by the Board, the attached letter will be included with the grant application. The grant application will be at your seat for the meeting.

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Department of Tennessee Tourist Development 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue Tennessee Tower, 13th Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Department of Tennessee Tourist Development,

I am pleased to announce that if City of White House is awarded a grant in the 2020-21 Tourism Enchantment grant program, the City has budgeted \$75,000 to match the maximum funds for the grant.

I am also pleased to announce my support for the City of White House's participation in the 2020-21 Tourism Enchantment grant program. I support my constituents' efforts to design, build, and maintain a stage coach for the City's Visitor Center and Museum. If our community is awarded a grant, I will ensure to either allocate City of White House resources to support the operation and maintenance of the stage coach once completed.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Arnold Mayor City of White House 105 College Street White House, TN 37188 615-672-4350, ext. 2111 Admin@WhiteHouseTN.Gov