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Item #28

AN ORDINANCE **96592**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FUNDING CONTRACT WITH THE WITTE MUSEUM PROVIDING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO UPGRADE EXHIBITION SPACE TO ENABLE THE WITTE TO PRESENT "AMERICAN ORIGINALS: TREASURES FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES" FROM MAY 31 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2003; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, from May 31 through September 1, 2003, the Witte Museum ("Witte") will host a critically acclaimed exhibit entitled "American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives," which contains selections of the nation's most significant and compelling historical documents including the Emancipation Proclamation, Louisiana Purchase Treaty and President Kennedy's Inaugural Address; and

WHEREAS, the Witte is the only museum in the Southwest to host this exhibit, ensuring that it will draw visitors from throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the Witte's ability to receive this exhibit is contingent on improvements to the HVAC system and enhancements to the lighting and security in the exhibition area where the documents will be displayed, which must be done to strict specifications established by the National Archives and completed by the end of November 2002; and

WHEREAS, once these improvements are in place, the Witte will be able to secure other prominent exhibitions that will draw additional cultural tourists to San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, as part of the budget approval on September 19, 2002, City Council allocated \$400,000 to this project from the \$4.87 million that originally had been held for hosting responsibilities for the Pan Am Games; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of a funding contract with the Witte Museum providing funding in the amount of \$400,000 for capital improvements to upgrade exhibition space to enable the Witte to present "American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives" from May 31 to September 1, 2003, are hereby approved.

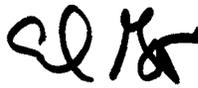
SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized for the next 45 days following the effective date of this Ordinance to execute such a funding contract with the Witte. A copy of said contract, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I.

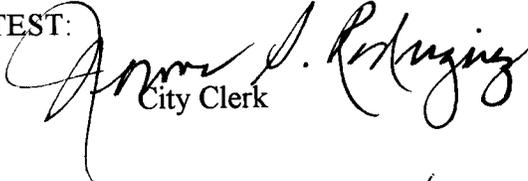
SECTION 3. Funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 are authorized for encumbrance in Fund 29-005000 (Miscellaneous Special Revenue-Hotel Motel Tax Fund) in Index Code 753509 entitled "Fees of Professionals-Witte Museum" and made payable to the Witte Museum.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2002.


M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney