

DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: Joliet Land Use and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Approval of the Poet Laureate Contract for the City of Joliet for 2024-2026

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: Joliet Arts Commission

OWNER: City of Joliet

PURPOSE: To obtain City Council approval of the contract for the City's Poet Laureate for the 2024-2026 term.

LOCATION: Citywide

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

- The Arts Commission requests approval of the Poet Laureate contract for the term of July 2024-June 2026.
- The City proposes a payment schedule of four \$1,500 payments. Funding for the final three payments is dependent upon continued receipt of Illinois Arts Council grant funding.
- The Poet Laureate is expected to complete the following tasks by the end of the term:
 - Create at least two original literary works for and about Joliet.
 - Give ten public readings and workshops that are free and open to the public.
 - Be present and read poems created especially for certain events as directed by City staff.