Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to apply for a grant of up to $400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2025.

WHEREAS, the Mid-America Orchid Congress is a regional organization that promotes orchid conservation, education, and appreciation, and provides support to public institutions dedicated to the display and preservation of orchids; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-America Orchid Congress offers a yearly grant of up to $400 for the purpose of orchid conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, serves a vital public purpose by providing year-round educational, cultural, and environmental enrichment through its living plant collections and horticultural displays; and

WHEREAS, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory would utilize this grant money to purchase species of orchids to add to their existing neo-tropical orchid collection; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of species of orchids to be seen in the public displays at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will enhance educational offerings and expand opportunities for public enjoyment and leisure; and

WHEREAS, the City is not expected to match the grant funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory staff to apply for a grant of up to $400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress for the purchase of species orchids in the year 2025.