



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

**THRU:** City Manager's Office

**DATE:** August 29, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Tristen Wright. (Mayor Medina)

### SUMMARY:

The approval criteria for the City Council Flag Program was established at the July 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The program allows for each member of Council to nominate up to three (3) individuals from the stated categories of first responders, military personnel, veterans, and those that have served and lived in the community. The nomination could be active, retired, or deceased individuals. The flag will be raised at City Hall and flown for one day or less. At the end of the time, the flag will be lowered, folded, and be given to the individual or family members along with a certificate with the dates that the flag was raised. This Program will run once a year and will be reviewed and considered annually. All flags purchased must be made in America.

All nominees will be submitted for consideration to the City Council for a vote at a Regular Council meeting.

Mayor Medina has posthumously nominated U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tristen Wright to be a recipient of the Flag Program, under the category of Veteran, which is further defined as: nominee shall be a veteran as defined under Title 38 U.S.C 101 (2), an individual who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. DD Form 214 shall be provided for proof of veteran status.

Staff Sgt. Wright, 28, a resident of Palm Bay, died August 15, 2024 in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron and was deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He originally enlisted in August 2016 and received a U.S. Air and Space Force Commendation Medal, a U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters and "C" devices, among other recognitions.

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**REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:**

City Manager's Office

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to posthumously approve U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tristen Wright as a nominee for the City Council Flag Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. None