



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: City Manager's Office

DATE: May 2, 2024

RE: Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Javier Molinares.
(Councilman Foster)

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.

Councilman Randy Foster has nominated Javier Molinares 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 has received and reviewed the DD Form 214 and confirmed veteran status and honorable discharge. Mr. Molinares served in the US Army from 1995 through 1999, in the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper, a role that demanded bravery and dedication, is a testament to his adaptability and diverse experiences. Before diving into basic training, Javier prepared himself by undergoing an English program at the Defensive Language Institute (DLI), Lackland Air Force Base. He then completed rigorous infantry and airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, before being stationed at Fort Bragg.

Javier is a dedicated advocate for the Hispanic community in Palm Bay and surrounding areas. His role as the chairman of the Brevard Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)(6) organization, is a testament to his leadership and commitment to fostering inclusivity. Through his leadership, he bridges the gap between the Hispanic community and various stakeholders, facilitating communication and collaboration.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

City Manager's Office

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve Javier Molinares as a nominee for the City Council Flag Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DD Form 214