

4. Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Michael Knight. (Deputy Mayor Felix)



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

**THRU:** City Manager's Office

**DATE:** August 13, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Michael Knight. (Deputy Mayor Felix)

### 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.

Deputy Mayor Donny Felix has nominated Mr. Michael Knight to be a recipient of the Flag Program. Mr. Knight is submitted 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. Staff Sergeant Michael David Knight served in the U.S. Air Force for 11 years. Mr. Knight was born in Charleston South Carolina. His father is a former US Air Force fighter. He moved to the Palm Bay area back in 1994. Sergeant Michael Knight graduated from Melbourne High School in 2000. He joined the United Air Force in 2003 after September 11<sup>th</sup>, and spent 11 years between Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio Texas and Andrews Air Force Base in

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Upper Marlboro, Maryland in the Civil engineer squadron. He did 2 tours to Al-Udeid, Qatar.

For these reasons, Mr. Knight is recommended for approval as a City of Palm Bay Flag Program recipient.

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:**

City Manager's Office

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve Michael Knight as a nominee for the City Council Flag Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. DD 214