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**MEMORANDUM**

**Community Services – Council Memo No. CS08-003**

**DATE:** JULY 26, 2007

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**THRU:** W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER 

**FROM:** MARK M. EYNATTEN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR 

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO CHANDLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve payment to the Chandler Historical Society in the amount of \$105,000 as allocated in the FY 2007-08 budget.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chandler Historical Society was formed by a group of citizens interested in preserving and interpreting Chandler's history in 1969. Through the years, there have been many accomplishments, one of which was the establishment of a museum in Chandler. Attendance has increased steadily each year. Volunteers, board members and staff have worked hard to keep the museum open and growing. The museum exists to serve the citizens of Chandler and to provide a place to research and learn about Chandler's history.

The FY 2006-07 approved budget for Community Services included an ongoing allocation of \$75,000 for the Chandler Historical Society. This monetary support from the City is used for staff salaries, expanding exhibits, public programs and publications at the museum. In addition to the monetary support, the City provides janitorial support, utility costs and maintains the major building systems. The City provides the museum building to the Chandler Historical Society for a one dollar per year lease.

For FY 2007-08, an additional \$30,000 in funding was approved as a one-time Council amendment to the budget. The additional funds will be used to complete a number of tasks prior to opening the new museum. Items that are of highest priority include collections accessioning and processing, grant writing, community outreach programs and improving the interior maintenance of two historic houses. The higher priority items must be completed in order to gain more participation and awareness from the community and to better organize the museum collections.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** FY 2007-08 funding totaling \$105,000 for the Chandler Historical Society will be from the General Fund, Administration Cost Center, Historical Society Account, 101-4300-5227.

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**PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve disbursement of FY 2007-08 funds in the amount of \$105,000 to the Chandler Historical Society.