



**MOTION:** FRYE

November 12, 2019  
Regular Meeting  
Resolution 19-102

**SECOND:** DUFFY

**RE:** Approving a Loan Agreement with the Fredericksburg Area Museum for the Slave Auction Block

**ACTION:** APPROVED: Ayes: 6; Nays: 1

The City is the owner of a circular-shaped sandstone plinth located at the northwestern corner of the intersection of William and Charles Streets in Fredericksburg, Virginia, colloquially known as the "auction block" or "slave block," as described in "Archaeological Testing of the George Street Tunnel and Intersection of William and Charles Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia," prepared by Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, dated January 2019, pp. 63 et seq. ("Dovetail January 2019").

City Council has decided to relocate the auction block from the corner of William and Charles Streets to the Fredericksburg Area Museum (FAM) for purposes of display to the public in a museum exhibit located in the "River Gallery." FAM has agreed to continue to provide opportunities for free admission and after-hours access to the exhibit; to engage a professional in the field of museum interpretation and design to ensure the final exhibit meets accepted standards for scholarship, accessibility, and design; and to seek and consider input on exhibit content and design from the Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission and other community organizations as appropriate. Interpretation will maintain the association of the block and the larger Planter's Hotel site at 401-405 William Street. Final exhibition content and design is subject to the FAM's sole approval.

FAM and City staff have prepared a "FAM Incoming Loan Agreement" dated November 12, 2019 for purposes of making this loan. The term of the agreement is 20 years with reviews scheduled every five years, as stated in more detail in the loan agreement.

City Council has determined that the exhibit of this historic artifact at FAM will further the public interest in historic preservation and the telling of the City's history.

Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute, deliver, and carry out the FAM Incoming Loan Agreement in substantially the form submitted for approval.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Greenlaw, Withers, Devine, Duffy, Frye, Graham

**Nays:** Kelly

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

**FILED**

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CIRCUIT COURT**

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**Clerk's Certificate**

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 19-102, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held November 12, 2019, at which a quorum was present and voted.*



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**Tony L. Lacey, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**