



Legislation Text

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Request for City Commission Contingency Funds for the Bo Diddley Memorial Service and Community Tribute at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center (B)

This item involves a request for City Commission Contingency funds for the security staffing and facility rental of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center for the Bo Diddley Memorial Service and Community Tribute on June 7, 2008.

On June 2, 2008, long time Alachua County resident and legend, Bo Diddley passed away. The family members, through Alachua County Commissioner, Rodney Long, requested security assistance from the City for the Memorial Service held on Saturday June 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. as well as the facility use of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a Community Tribute. As part of the request, the City was asked to waive the fees for this event. The event, which was free to the general public, included a musical tribute which included local and national entertainers. Approximately 560 people attended the memorial service and 600 individuals attended the community tribute.

The cost for staffing the event, which included Gainesville Police Department security at the memorial service and community tribute, Traffic Engineering for signage, and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staffing of the event totaled \$5,844.79. The cost of \$863.00 for the facility use of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center was waived. The balance as of June 19, 2008 is \$51,845.

The City Commission approve the request for City Commission Contingency Funds in the amount of \$5,844.79.

Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission deny the request.