

Louisville Metro Council City Agency Request

- Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF)
- Capital Infrastructure Fund (CIF)
- Municipal Aid Program (MAP)
- Paving Fund (PAV)

Primary Sponsor: Councilwoman Jessica E Green District 1

Amount: \$188.00

Date: 10/24/2016

Description of program/project including public purpose, additional funding sources, location of project/program and any external grantee(s):

Requesting the cost associated with a Honorary sign in honor of Rev. Dr A. Russell Awkard pastor of New Zion Baptist Church @ 1501 Louis Coleman Jr Drive ,Louisville ,KY 40211 . Celebrating his 44th pastoral anniversary and over 4 decades of community service in West end Louisville . The sign will be placed @ the corner in front of New Zion Church @ (1501 Louis Coleman Jr Driver & Southern Ave) , resolution drafted and included .

City Agency: Metro Public Works & Assets / Signs & Markings

Contact Person: Kenny Slaughter

Agency Phone: 502 574 2710

I have reviewed this request for an expenditure of city tax dollars, and have determined the funds will be used for a public purpose and have the attached documentation from the receiving department concerning the project/expenditure.

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District #


Council Member Signature

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Approved by: _____
Appropriations Committee Chairman Date

Clerk's Office & OMB Use Only:

Request Amount: _____ Amended Amount: _____

Reference #: _____ To OMB: _____

Budget Revision #: _____

Account #: _____

To Project Manager: _____ Completion Date: _____

Actual Cost: _____ Funds Returned: _____

NDF, CIF, MAP OR PAV INTERAGENCY CHECKLIST

Interagency Name: Metro Public Works / Signs & Markings	
Program/Project Name: Honorary sign Dr A Russell Awkard	
	Yes/No/NA
Request Form: Is the Request Signed by all Council Member(s) Appropriating Funding?	Yes
Request Form: If matching funds are to be used, are they disclosed with account numbers in the request form description?	NA
Request Form: If matching funds are to be used, does the amount of the request exclude the matching fund amount?	NA
Request Form: If other funds are to be used for this project, are they disclosed with account numbers in the request form description?	NA
Funding Source: If CIF is being requested, does Metro Louisville own/will own the real estate, building or equipment? If not, the funding source is probably NDF.	NA
Funding Source: If CIF is being requested, does the project have a useful life of more than one year? If not, the funding source is probably NDF.	NA
Ordinance Required: Is the NDF request to a Metro Agency greater than \$5,000? If so, an ordinance is required.	No
Ordinance Required: Is the request a transfer from NDF to cost center? If so, is the amount given for the fiscal year \$25,000 or less?	NA
Supporting Documentation: Does the attachment include a valid estimate and description of cost?	Yes

Submitted by: 

Date: 10/24/2016

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2016

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR.
A. RUSSELL AWKARD**

Sponsored By: Councilwoman Jessica Green

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard has been the Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church in Louisville since October 1972.

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard led the church in building a new edifice in 1973–1974, due to a devastating fire at the church before his arrival, and expanded the facility in 1985–1986.

WHEREAS, under Dr. Awkard’s leadership, numerous outreach projects have been developed by New Zion—at home and abroad—including television, jail and prison ministries.

WHEREAS, under Dr. Awkard’s leadership, New Zion sponsored a 122-bed nursing home (1983–2011), a 72,000-square-foot community center (2002–2011), and launched a free boarding school for middle school boys (2006).

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard served as President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention (1991–1994), Moderator of the Central District Association (1989–1995), and Moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (2004–2009).

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard is President of Rodgers-Awkard & Lyons Funeral Home.

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard is married to the Honorable Pamela E. Bridgewater Awkard, retired United States Ambassador to Benin, Ghana, and Jamaica.

WHEREAS, Dr. Awkard is the father to two daughters, Alicia and Alma, and stepson, Clarence Benboa (Venita). He also is the grandfather to four grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I: Dr. A. Russell Awkard’s service to Louisville Metro be honored with an honorary street sign at Southern Avenue and Louis Coleman Jr. Drive in Louisville, Kentucky designated as “A. Russell Awkard Way.” The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of the honorary street sign upon the passage of the resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David Yates
President of the Council

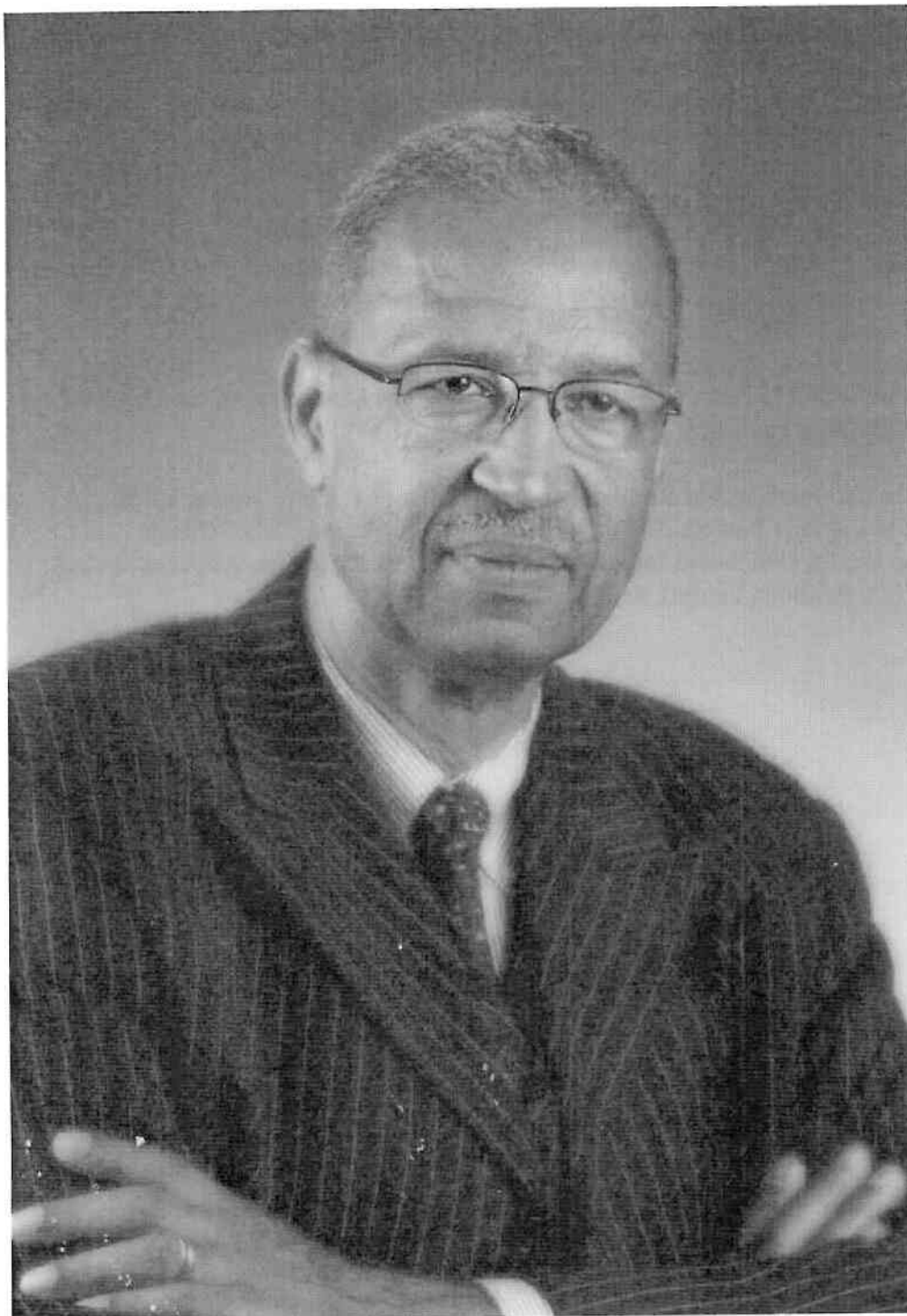
Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____



**A Photo and Brief Resume of Rev. A. Russell Awkard
Pastor, New Zion Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky**

CHURCH HISTORY

Forward by Faith - 1927 and Upward – Little Zion Baptist Church was organized on April 14, 1927, after a series of prayer meetings in this neighborhood that was then called "Little Africa." There were 25 Charter Members in the organizational meeting, during which **Rev. C. J. Cunningham** was elected as Pastor. Deacons, Trustees, Senior Choir and Little Zion Female Quartet were soon organized. A wood frame edifice was built at 3414 York Avenue in August of that year. The Pastor operated several small businesses in the community. He was married to **Mrs. Dollye W. Cunningham**, a noted author, instructor and organizer. Her missionary manual is still used by the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board. During this era, the church developed a rich music ministry. Over the years, New Zion has given thousands of dollars to Simmons in their honor.

1950's - In January 1950, Little Zion Baptist Church moved to a new brick sanctuary at 34th and South Ave; the name then changed to **New Zion Baptist Church**. At the height of his ministry, Pastor Cunningham was Central District Moderator, Trustee, Treasurer and Instructor at Simmons University (now Simmons College KY).

1970's - Rev. Cunningham died on March 13, 1971, after serving 43 years and 11 months as shepherd. In February 1972 the edifice was destroyed by fire. Worship services were moved to Magazine 7th Day Adventist Church. Shortly thereafter, **Rev. A. Russell Awkard** of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was called to be New Zion's second Pastor. He arrived on the 4th Sunday in October 1972. A new church facility was completed and dedicated in April 1974 (41 years ago this month).

Radio and Television ministries began in the 1970's. Live radio services were broadcast over WLOU, beginning in February 1975. Early morning services started in March 1977. **Prison Ministry** was launched in 1978. Television services began on Channel 32, four months after the church mortgage was liquidated in December 1979. Television ministry is now seen three times a week on the Faith Channel 19.

1980's – From 1983 to 2010, the church was Sponsor of **James S. Taylor Memorial Home**, a 122-bed intermed and skilled care facility. The church's expansion project was completed in 1986, adding a chapel, administrative offices, and second-story educational wing with a library.

1990's – New Zion began operating an after-school program, and continued the summer youth day camp. A capital stewardship campaign elevated our stewardship commitment. Yet, **Tithing (10%-Plus)** remains the cornerstone of our church's financial support.

The 21st Century -- A six-million-dollar reconstruction was completed on the **James S. Taylor Memorial Home** now Christian Care West. **New Zion Community Development Foundation** purchased the old Virginia Avenue elementary School in 2002. A food pantry, clothes store, and summer day camp and other services were operated 10 years. **West End School** was established at the historic site in 2004 as a free boarding school for middle-school boys.

Including 2014, the **Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention** has held its Annual Session five times in Louisville. New Zion was the Host Church in 1977, 1984, 1992, and 2003. Pastor Awkard was President of Lott Carey (1991-1994). New Zion established a \$50,000 endowment with Lott Carey for foreign students in 2002.

Like his predecessor, Pastor Awkard is an entrepreneur -- President of **Rodgers-Awkard & Lyons Funeral Home**. He also served as Moderator of Central District Baptist Association (1989-1995) and Moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (2004-2009). His wife, **The Honorable Pamela E. Bridgewater Awkard** (retired) is the former U.S. Ambassador to Benin, Ghana, and Jamaica.

In June 2013, a 21-member delegation traveled to Kingston and Montego Bay, Jamaica, visited Ambassador Bridgewater, and introduced the new concept of "Voluntourism" through their outreach to the **Jamaica National Children's Home**.

New Zion Baptist Church



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Weathers, Charles

From: Slaughter, Kenneth G.
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Weathers, Charles
Cc: Sparks, Stuart; Jennings, Patricia A
Subject: RE: Emailing - SKMBT_36161012092200.pdf

We are more than happy to fabricate and install the one sign; I just wanted to inform you of what the usual process entails. All we need to kick off this initiative is a copy of the executed resolution and the cost center number that CW Green would like to bill this to. We won't bill this project until it has been fully completed. Please be advised that the price of (\$188) will cover all fabrication and installation cost. If I can provide further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Kindly,

Kenny Slaughter

Louisville Metro Government

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From: Weathers, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Slaughter, Kenneth G.
Subject: RE: Emailing - SKMBT_36161012092200.pdf

Mr Slaughter, thank you for getting back to me about the signage , we need only 1 sign and if possible and have the honorary sign attached to the wooden pole right in front of the church @ Louis Coleman Jr Drive & Southern Ave because there isn't a street sign on that side of the street, I will have to ask Councilwoman Green if she is willing to pay for 2 signs . The county Attorney has already done the resolution and I was trying to get the cost estimate so I can submit it all at the same time along with the NDF request to pay for the sign , in the pass I would receive a bill from your division to attract to the paperwork and if that has changed just let me know what I need to do . I have been in contact with a board member from the church and they will set the unveiling date after I present this to the Appropriations committee , If you have any questions please give me a call . Thank you C Weathers

From: Slaughter, Kenneth G.
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 2:53 PM
To: Weathers, Charles
Cc: Roades, Bonnie J; Hall, Barbara C; Sparks, Stuart
Subject: RE: Emailing - SKMBT_36161012092200.pdf

Good Afternoon Charles!

Weathers, Charles

From: Weathers, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Slaughter, Kenneth G.
Cc: Roades, Bonnie J
Subject: Emailing - SKMBT_36161012092200.pdf
Attachments: SKMBT_36161012092200

Mr Slaughter , Councilwoman Jessica Green is seeking the cost for having a Honorary sign placed at 1501 S 34th Street in front of New Zion Baptist Church for Dr. A Russell Awkard . There isn't a street sign pole at the location but there is a wooden utility pole right in front of the church on Southern Ave @ (South east corner) . The County Attorney has done the resolution honoring Dr. Awkard for the signage and I will need the estimate and paperwork from your division to move forward , if you have any questions please give me a call @ 574 1101 Thank you C Weathers

1497 S 34th St

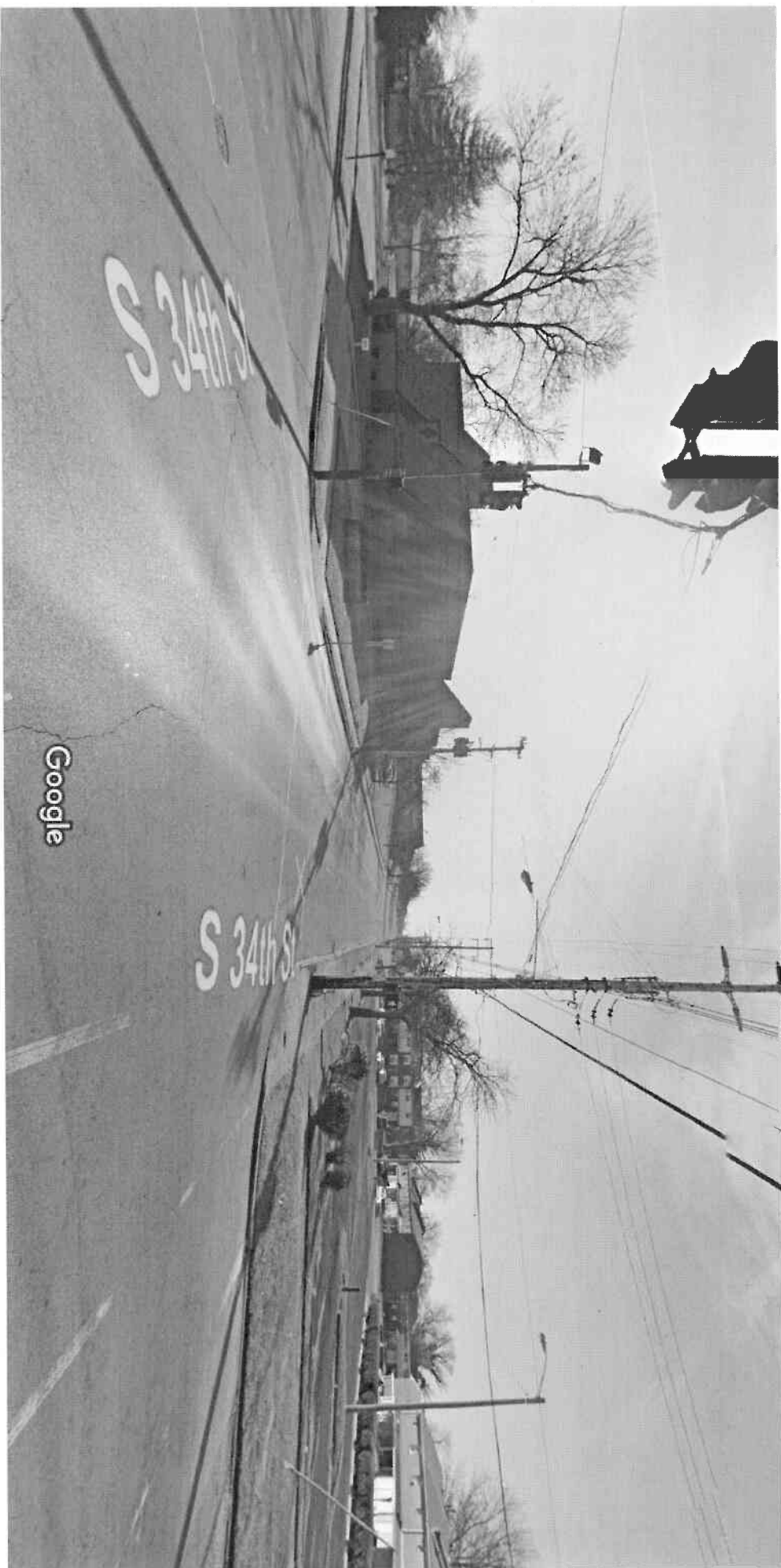


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Louisville, Kentucky

Street View - Dec 2015



New Zion Baptist Church



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Weathers, Charles

From: Roades, Bonnie J
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Weathers, Charles
Cc: Slaughter, Kenneth G.
Subject: RE: Honorary sign

Mr. Weathers,

I believe that the cost for one sign is \$188.00.

Also, Mr. Graves is no longer with Metro. Any inquiries regarding signage request should now be addressed to Mr. Kenny Slaughter at 794-6862 or Kenneth.slaughter@louisvilleky.gov.

I have copied Mr. Slaughter on this response. He would be able to confirm that the cost I still \$188.00 or if it has changed.

Thank You.
Bonnie

From: Weathers, Charles
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 10:10 AM
To: 'Graves, Derek'
Cc: Roades, Bonnie J
Subject: Honorary sign

Ms. Roades , I was asked by Councilwoman Green to inquire about the cost of 1 Sign or is the price the same as last year \$178.88 . Thank you C Weathers