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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 15, 2023
To: Joshua Krintzman, Chair of Programs & Services
From: Perry Rosenfield, Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis
Cc: Maureen Lemieux, CFO & Jonathan Yeo, COO
Subject: Request for Actual Expenses for the 2023 Boston Marathon

President Albright requested information on the costs incurred by City Departments for the 2023 Boston Marathon.

City Departments do a lot to prepare for, host and clean-up after the Boston Marathon. Especially after the 2013 bombing, we work hard to provide a safe and joyous experience for thousands of runners and spectators on the longest stretch of the Marathon in any city or town.

In 2023, the direct overtime costs for the Marathon were:

Public Works:	\$ 45,011.88
Parks, Recreation & Culture:	\$ 9,988.00
Police:	\$ 32,599.51
Fire:	\$ 16,219.18
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$103,818.57</i>

In 2023, the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) compensated the City for costs associated with the Marathon with a payment of \$140,600. As part of the budget process, those funds are applied as revenue to next year’s General Fund.

Due to the pandemic, we had an unusual year with two Boston Marathons in one fiscal year. The funding in docket # 155-23 pertains to the BAA payment from the October 2021 Marathon. The City had only appropriated one BAA payment (April 2022) toward the FY2023 revenue budget, and therefore, has a surplus in that fund. Per the docket item, the \$140,000 request is for \$50,000 for the installation of permanent poles for a “Heartbreak Hill” banner as well as \$90,000 for playground improvements.