Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: June 12, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Supporting Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC) Hamilton's Basketball Program for Hamilton Youth

WHEREAS, Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC) Hamilton is a non-profit organization dedicated to elevating youth from equity-deserving communities through athletic, academic, and life-skill opportunities. It breaks down barriers to high-quality athletics and education and builds inclusive communities in the heart of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, STAC Hamilton's youth programming reinforces social connection by supporting youth from Wards 2, 3, and 4, including 200 youth from Ward 4 alone;

WHEREAS, STAC Hamilton's youth mentor works closely with youth aged 12+ to ensure they have all of the proper information, guidance and accessibility to apply to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, in the last two years, 17 youth who participated in STAC Hamilton's basketball program were signed to a college or university on a full-scholarship, unlocking access to post-secondary education and bridging the gap between the equity-deserving youth and education; and

WHEREAS, STAC was recently informed that one of their consistent lines of funding was not renewed and they are well into the planning and execution the 2025 summer camp season and need funding to keep their programming on target;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC) Hamilton to subsidize costs of registration for low-income youth for its basketball program be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed to Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC) Hamilton to subsidize costs of registration for low-income youth for its basketball program be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund for the years 2025 and 2026; and

(c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents associated with the allocation of funds to Steeltown Athletics Club (STAC) Hamilton to subsidize costs of registration for low-income youth for its basketball program, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.