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**City Donates to the Tom Rowland Exhibit**

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Cleveland City Council unanimously approved a one-time donation of \$5,000 to the Museum Center at Five Points to fund the Mayor Emeritus Tom Rowland Exhibit.

The donation represents a commitment by the City to support a fund-raising campaign by the Museum Trustees to create an exhibit that will preserve the Emeritus Mayor's legacy for future generations with the objective of documenting how his leadership has shaped Cleveland's contemporary history.

The campaign's first objective will be to create a working office for Mr. Rowland at the Museum which will permit him to continue serving as an ambassador for the City, and also display for public viewing the memorabilia from his tenure as Cleveland's longest serving mayor.

The trustees also intend to solicit contributions to fund the production of a state-of-the-art interactive exhibit, which will feature a television-ready documentary collecting prior as well as new interviews with Tom Rowland and other civic leaders showcasing his and the community's most important accomplishments and how those successes have transformed Cleveland.

As a lasting tribute to the former Mayor's service to Cleveland and the State of Tennessee, the Trustees will solicit contributions to create and provide civic educational programs for middle school students in our region to learn about the fundamental that shape local government.

"We look forward working with City leaders, patrons of the Museum and friends of Tom Rowland all over the state of Tennessee to accomplish these goals and objectives," said Joe Mason, President of the Museum Center at Five Points. "Patrons of the Museum and friends of Tom Rowland can make contributions to support these objectives by calling the Executive Director, Janice Neyman, or by visiting [www.museumcenter.org/donate](http://www.museumcenter.org/donate) .

"Mayor Emeritus Rowland devotedly served our community for over twenty-seven years and was a tremendous advocate of Cleveland which helped ensure the city's continued success and accomplishments during his tenure, said Mayor Kevin Brooks." "I believe this token of appreciation and support will preserve his legacy and demonstrate how his commitment to our community played a significant role in our past as well as positioned our city for the future."

The Cleveland City Council unanimously voted to declare Mayor Emeritus Rowland's desk, credenza, chair, computer and other memorabilia as surplus property at a City Council meeting in August 2018. These items were donated to the Museum Center at Five Points for the Tom Rowland Exhibit.

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