

City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Mario Guerrero Jr., Recreation Manager

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SUBJECT: Approval of Joint Use Agreements with Lompoc Unified School District for

Community Recreation Facilities at Lompoc Valley Middle School

Gymnasium and Athletic Fields, and for Use of the Civic Auditorium

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the Joint Use Agreements (Attachments 1 and 2) with Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD) to provide Community Recreation Facilities at Lompoc Valley Middle School (LVMS) Gymnasium and Athletic Fields and to allow LUSD use of the Civic Auditorium.

Background:

On June 20, 2010, the City and LUSD entered into a ten-year agreement for the use of athletic fields located at LVMS. In addition, LUSD and the City have had a longstanding verbal agreement which allows LUSD to use the City-owned Civic Auditorium¹ and the City to use the LVMS Gymnasium both at no charge to one another.

Discussion:

The athletic field agreement expired on June 30, 2020, although staff has been working on a year-to-year extension with LUSD's interim superintendents and business managers. At this time, City staff and LUSD have tentatively agreed on a new ten-year agreement (Attachment 1), subject to City Council approval, which will allow the City's continued use of the LVMS athletic fields.

In addition, City staff and LUSD have tentatively reached a five year written agreement (Attachment 2), also subject to City Council approval, which addresses usage and operations of the Civic Auditorium and LVMS Gymnasium.

¹ The Civic Auditorium, while owned by the City, is located on the LUSD-owned LVMS campus.

Fiscal Impact:

If the proposed agreements are approved, the City will not be required to pay an annual rental rate for the athletic fields or the gymnasium located at LVMS. The City will have areas to maintain at the athletic fields and staff costs for programs held in the gymnasium at the LVMS campus, which are already incorporated into the Parks and Recreation current budget. Many of those costs are offset by user fees for programs and the Youth Sports Organizations who pay direct costs associated to their programs. In exchange, the City will not charge LUSD for use of the Civic Auditorium.

Conclusion:

The Joint Use Agreements will continue a community benefit that allows youth to recreate and be healthy through safe and affordable community programs

Respectfully submitted,
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Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:
Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachments: 1) Joint Use Agreement for Use of Athletic Areas at Lompoc Valley Middle School

2) Joint Use Agreement for Use of the Gymnasium and Civic Auditorium Located on District-Owned Land at Lompoc Valley Middle School