AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 04/28/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to waive fees for the Juneteenth Mass Gatherings permit and authorize use of Bates Park pavilion.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: N/A **FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Juneteenth Celebration Committee has submitted a Mass Gathering Permit application for the annual Juneteenth Celebration, scheduled for June 19, 2026, at Bates Park.

The event is planned as a community-wide celebration featuring food vendors, informational booths, music, and family-friendly activities throughout the day. The event is structured as a "come and go" format from approximately 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and is expected to approximately 200 attendees from the Angleton community and surrounding areas.

The Juneteenth Celebration is a longstanding community event that recognizes and celebrates the historical significance of June 19th and promotes cultural awareness, community engagement, and inclusivity.

City departments, including Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works, have historically supported the event through coordination of logistics, public safety, and maintenance needs. Support typically includes trash receptacles, site preparation, and staff assistance during and after the event.

The applicant has requested that the City waive the Mass Gathering Permit fees and authorize use of Bates Park to support the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend City Council approve the waiver of fees for the Juneteenth Mass Gathering permit and authorize use of Bates Park for the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration.