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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Lisa Raschke, Special Events Manager

Department(s): Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Requested Motion

Motion to approve an Standard Services Agreement (SSA) between Full Spectrum, LLC and the Town of Apex to operate a drone aerial light show, consisting of 250 LED drones, in the Town of Apex for a public performance on July 3rd, 2026, and authorize the Town Manager, or their designee, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

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Requesting approval of a Standard Services Agreement with Full Spectrum, LLC for a drone aerial light show as part of the July 3, 2026 Independence Day celebration.

Costs for fireworks and drone shows have increased nationwide in 2026 due to the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the event falling on a prime weekend date (Friday, July 3), resulting in higher demand and pricing.

The Town's previous vendor proposed doubling the cost of last year's show without increasing the number of drones and had limited creative capabilities and coordination concerns. After evaluating alternatives, staff recommends Full Spectrum, LLC, which proposed a 250-drone show at a comparable cost, enhancing the scale and overall quality of the display while reducing coordination needs.

The agreement includes a 10-12-minute aerial drone show, custom patriotic imagery, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance, certified pilots, and full installation and operational services. The total contract amount is \$40,000, with payments structured as 40% upon contract execution and 60% on the event date.

Approval of this agreement allows the Town to provide an enhanced Independence Day celebration while remaining competitive in a year of elevated national demand. This agreement is budgeted and spans across multiple fiscal years which requires Town Council action.

Attachments

- CN2-A1: Standard Services Agreement - Full Spectrum LLC - Town of Apex 250 LED Drone Public Performance on July 3, 2026

