



Public Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Augusta, Georgia and the Aiken-Augusta Swim League (ASL)

Department:	Augusta Recreation & Parks Department
Presenter:	Tameka D. Williams, Director of Recreation & Parks
Caption:	Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Augusta, Georgia and the Aiken-Augusta Swim League (ASL) outlining responsibilities, programming coordination, lane usage, fees, and operational expectations at the Augusta Aquatic Center, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU.
Background:	The Augusta Aquatic Center has long collaborated with the Aiken-Augusta Swim League to expand access to competitive swim programming for youth in the Augusta area. The proposed MOU formalizes roles and responsibilities for both parties related to staffing, safety, lane usage, operational procedures, insurance, rental agreements for swim meets, and annual coordination meetings. This updated MOU replaces all previously executed agreements between Augusta and ASL and incorporates operational, safety, and administrative provisions aligned with departmental standards and community needs.
Analysis:	<p>The MOU outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASL staffing requirements, including CPR/First Aid certifications, background checks, and maintaining appropriate staff-to-youth ratios during programming.• Requirements for maintaining ASL's 501(c)(3) status and annual reporting obligations.• Annual meetings to set lane allocations, practice times, and planned meet schedules.• Monthly usage fees, rental fee schedules for swim meets, and prorating rules.• Augusta's responsibilities for facility access, maintenance, staffing, utilities, and public programming balance.• Mutual adherence to safety guidelines, federal/state/local laws, and reporting requirements.• Term, termination provisions, and insurance requirements.

The agreement strengthens community access to high-quality aquatic programming and ensures operational clarity between both organizations.

Financial Impact:

The MOU establishes:

- Monthly usage fees paid by ASL (\$4,675 for designated months).
- Rental fees for swim meets, based on meet duration and facility usage.
- Potential concession revenue sharing during meets (25% statement credit for ASL on Augusta-operated concession sales).
- No cost increases to Augusta beyond standard facility operations.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the MOU as submitted.
2. Request modifications to specific terms.
3. Decline approval, limiting coordinated programming opportunities at the Aquatic Center.

Recommendation:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Augusta, Georgia and the Aiken-Augusta Swim League.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

N/A - Revenue-generating agreement.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

N/A