



STAFF REPORT
6/16/2026

TO: Parks and Recreation Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Andrew Simmons, P.E., Public Works Director/ City Engineer

SUBJECT: Provide Recommendations to City Council to Approve the Draft Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues and .

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Chair and Commissioners provide a recommendation to City Council to approve the Draft Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coachella maintains and operates sports fields at Bagdouma Park and Las Flores Park, including soccer fields, football fields, baseball fields and softball fields. The City has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with multiple sports leagues for the rules, use and management of the sports fields.

The sports leagues that currently participate in the MOU include Coachella Youth Baseball & Softball Association (hereinafter "CYBSA"), Coachella Valley Soccer League ("CVSL"), Coachella Youth Sports Association — Soccer (hereafter "CYSA-S") and Coachella Little Arabs Youth Football (hereinafter "CLAYF").

The Thirteenth amendment to the MOU was signed by all parties on July 10th of 2024 which covered the 2024 nd 2025 sports seasons. The MOU and was automatically extended for a one year period in accordance with Section 10 of the MOU, on July 1st of 2025 for the 2025/2026 sports seasons.

On May 19th of 2026, A presentation to discuss possible changes to the MOU was publicly discussed at the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The comments from the public and from the Commissioners were considered and a final draft of the modified MOU has been produced. The Final draft of the MOU has been received and reviewed by the City Attorneys to conform with legal requirements therein.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The draft fourteenth Amended MOU is attached for reference and all changes to the previous document are highlighted in RED. The primary changes proposed within the final draft include, but are not limited to:

- Recitals and sections 2 “Access to City Park Areas by Sports Leagues”: Additional field use days have been allocated to CYBSA in section 2.1 to account for their all-star season which extends till late August. Schedule modifications and field allotments have been modified in sections 2.2 and 2.3 to better align the soccer league schedules with required maintenance schedules so that maintenance will have less impact on the playable seasons.
- Section 5 – “General Liability Insurance and Business License”: The previous section 5 has been stricken in its entirety and is replaced with legal conforming language as approved by the City attorneys.
- Section 6 – “Record Keeping”: Section 6,8 has been updated to insure better record keeping between all parties.
- Section 9 – “Code of Conduct and Enforcement”: The previous section 9 has been stricken in its entirety and is replaced with legal conforming language as approved by the City attorneys.
- Section 10 – “Term”: the Term of the agreement has been updated to last for 5 years instead of 1 year.
- Exhibits: Both Exhibits showing the park use areas have been updated.

It should be noted that no changes have been made or proposed to section 7, regarding user fees. Per the existing and adopted MOU as signed by all the sports league partners and the City of Coachella, Sports leagues are required to pay regular sports field use fees. It has been noted that City Council has waived all sports field use fees in each the years since 2022. Prior to 2022, The City Council had waived 50% of the sports field use fees. It should also be noted that the City Council has the sole authority to approve fee waivers at this time.

It is recommended to retain the language in section 7 that requires the payment of sports field user fees. In each year of the contract the sports leagues may petition the City council at that time for a fee reduction or a fee waiver. However, it is recommended that this decision should be decided on an annual basis by the City Council.

The above changes were all discussed at previous public meetings and have been reviewed by the City Attorneys. As such, it is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commissioners approve the draft MOU and provide a recommendation to City Council for the adoption of the Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Parks and Recreation Chair and Commissioners provide a recommendation to City Council to approve the Draft Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues.
2. Recommend minor modifications to the draft MOU prior to providing a recommendation to City Council to approve the Draft Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues.
3. Provide a recommendation to NOT approve the MOU and extend the existing MOU for an additional year per section 10 of the existing approved MOU.
4. Other.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Coachella Sports League 14th Amendment.